

Ukonga Public Library

LOCAL PARTNER

Ukonga Basketball Academy (UBA)

ADDRESS

Bookfeeding Ukonga
Denis Lipiki,
P.O. Box 1572,
Dar Es Salaam

HOW TO GET THERE

Ukonga's newest library is located only 5km away from the Julius Nyerere International airport in Dar Es Salaam. Bring your books and pay this community a visit! The library is mainly used by the basketball players and kids and students living nearby. It is rather a small library but the heart of all involved people is huge and that is what counts.

LANGUAGES

Swahili, English

ESTABLISHED

January 2017

VOLUNTEERING

Up to two volunteers can be hostee

Duration? Under a tourist visa a stay up to three months is possible. Minimum stay is up to the volunteers.

Volunteers are encouraged to teach, to learn our culture, to get to know our historical events and to engage with teachers on capacity building and international relations building.

ACCOMMODATION

There are two possibilities for accommodation:

- a room next to the library where volunteers can stay for free: It has electricity, toilet and bathroom are outside.
- a hostel that is three minutes away from the library that costs 15,000 tsh per night (~6€ / 7\$)

The project is run by local volunteers which is why we cannot provide payment to volunteers.



FOOD

There are three possibilities regarding food at this library:

- Option one is to eat all meals with Coach Dennis and his family. This costs 50,000tsh (~19€/21\$) per month.
- Option two is to buy and cook your own food using wood or charcoal.
- Option three is to eat at local restaurants or buy street food. Fulfilling meals cost no more than 3,000tsh (1,20€/1,30\$).

COMMUNITY

Ukonga is a vibrant community on the outskirts of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. More than 100,000 inhabitants live there and among them a very promising young generation.

The Ukonga Basketball Academy (UBA) is a recent informal organization that took up the challenge of inspiring this young generation. The library was a dream for UBA because its mission is to engage youngsters in basketball, but moreover to guarantee that all of them will be able to fight for a brighter future. The players themselves take part in organising activities within the library such as English classes, life skills workshops focusing on nutrition, or study sessions as preparations for national exams.

The founder and the heart of this organization, Denis Lipiki, has donated one room of his house to transform into the Library of Ukonga, the first of its kind in the surroundings. The library is open to the whole community and overseen by some of the young basketball players, giving them the chance to learn some new skills and use the time to read or do their homework. Our aim is to reach as many other people in the community as possible and to develop workshops and study sessions accessible to everyone.