

## Kenya HIV/Aids Project Description

I will be volunteering on a local HIV/Aids project in Kenya for seven months between September 2011 and March 2012. The organization arranging my volunteer program is called Advance Africa. This is an international non-governmental organization based in Nairobi, Kenya. Its mission is to foster the economic development of African communities through the provision of scholarship and further education opportunities for African students. Advance Africa also arranges volunteer abroad programs in communities throughout Africa, in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

Placements are arranged based on how a volunteer's skill sets and experiences match with existing community needs. As a pre-med gap year student, I have been placed to work on a HIV/ Aids project either in Matunda (near Eldoret) or Meru, Kenya. As a volunteer with the HIV/Aids project, my duties will include assisting with home-based care of HIV patients, educating the public on HIV/Aids through schools, churches, and public gatherings, and assisting at the local clinic with patient management and history taking. I will also have the opportunity to work with the youth at a local HIV/Aids orphanage.