

## **RE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD HERITAGE VOLUNTEERS CAMPAIGN 2024 IN UGANDA - NYERO ROCK AND OTHER HUNTER –GATHERER ROCK ART SITES IN EASTERN UGANDA**

The Nyero Rock paintings site consists of three tier rock shelters with primitive paintings on their inner surfaces. Archaeologically the site is of a later Iron Age period dating back to 3000 years ago

The makers of the paintings cannot be traced but the ingenuity in which the Rocks were painted demonstrates a high degree of appreciation of their aesthetic values and the quiet environment surrounding the site.

This year, Cities Development Initiatives Uganda in Partnership with UNESCO, Ministry of Tourism and antiques, Ministry of Gender, labour and social Development is organizing the WHVI Volunteer Campaign beginning 16th to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Being a follow up project, the project aims at **Raising Awareness** of different stakeholders about the importance and need to protect, conserve and promote historical heritage sites and engage youth; Empower and equip young people with knowledge and skills as well as encourage youth involvement in Kees village, Nyero sub county, Kumi district, to create synergies between Iteso Culture and other communities in Uganda and the Diaspora at large.

The World Heritage Volunteers Initiative Campaign 2024 and more particularly, *the World Heritage Volunteers 2024 Campaign Theme of “ Working for the Future ” towards World Heritage, in the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme.*

This programme aims to increase awareness and reinforce the involvement of youth, at the local and global level in the implementation of the 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. AS you are aware, **Article 27** of the convention requests States parties to endeavour, in particular by means of Educational Programmes, to strengthen appreciation and respect of Historical, cultural and Natural Heritage. The WHV Initiative is one of the flagship activities of the programme. In the 12 years since its launch in 2008 , it has developed into a rich and diverse endeavour involving the remarkable work of Organizations ,young Volunteers, and Communities mobilized around Heritages Conservation which is being celebrated through the UNESCO Publication ‘ Working for the Future’ ; **contributing to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of world Heritage Education Programme, which provides unique opportunity to advocate the importance of Education,Empowerment of youth and concrete actions towards protection, preservation and promotion of World Heritage.**

### ***The World Heritage Volunteers Initiative Aims to:***

- *Raise Awareness among young people, volunteers, local communities as well as concerned authorities of the need to protect, conserve and promote World Heritage*
- *Empower young people allowing them to learn skills in basic conservation, promotion and protection*
- *Involve young people in World Heritage preservation, promotion and conservation through concrete projects at sites*
- *Strengthen sustainable cooperation between non- profit organizations , site management ,communities and authorities*
- *Identify best practices and develop non –formal educational tools to facilitate stakeholders participation in World Heritage education*
- *Mainstream gender equality in all stages of the projects and geographical diversity among the World Heritage properties where the Youth camps take place*

*As a Volunteer, you will learn more about the site and its development through guided tours and interaction with local communities who will share insight and social Entrepreneurship experiences. They*

will also participate in a training that focuses on various themes , such as information,Education and Communication materials on protection, conservation and promotion,communication skills among other themes .Volunteers will be involved in other hands on activities on the site's preservation and promotion including tree planting ,painting ,IEC material Exhibition, Art exhibition, Trash Action cleaning up of the environment and reconstruction, cultural music gala, sports gala among others

**NOTE: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PARTICIPATION**

International Volunteers will be required to pay a participation fee of \$ 150. You will have to communicate your arrival and departure dates (flight bookings) to help us arrange transport from Entebbe Airport to Kampala and eventually to the site approximately 340 kms and its Five hours drive.

In the context of Covid 19 Pandemic, every volunteer will be required to submit a Covid 19 test certificate to the airport authorities.

Please take note, while in Uganda Volunteers will cater for their own accommodation , the organizers will only help you in the booking process, you will also be required to arrange for your own international travel together with other documentation that follow such as VISAs, etc. A maximum of 30 international volunteers and a minimum of 20 volunteers will be accepted along side 20 National volunteers selected from Kampala region (**whom will be supported under our youth empowerment programme if confirmed**). Local transport will be arranged from Kampala to the site, any volunteer not at the set off point of National Theatre on the agreed time will cover his or her costs to the site.

Participation is entirely on voluntary basis no remuneration will be paid such as transport refund, VISAS and any other. Tents will be provided for shelter, volunteers are advised to come along with sleeping bags and heavy /cold weather coats/blanket

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