

# Hope Teams (Kenya) Fact Sheet

**Tentative Dates:** see page 3

***Hope teams are looking for educators, doctors, nurses, painters, seamstresses, caregivers, counselors, social workers, carpenters, welders, cooks/chefs, bakers, pastors, youth workers, and plenty of adults.***

**Sending Agency – Unafaa International:** seeks to minister to orphans, widows, victims of human trafficking, and underserved young adults in Kenya by being the catalyst to break generational poverty. You can also find more information on our website: [www.unafaa.org](http://www.unafaa.org)

**Safari (Optional Experience):** For an additional \$100 you will be able to spend the whole day in Nairobi for an amazing safari! The team will have their private driver and safari vehicle with a top that opens for a spectacular standing view of the wildlife. Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the orphanage. Lunch will be packed and provided for you while you enjoy it on your safari overlooking the sights and sounds of Kenya's wildlife.

**Climate:** The weather is very mild (cool temperatures – especially at night). Kenya is a coastal country with very high altitudes. However, Gilgil is located on the equator so the sun can be intense during the daytime.

**Location:** Gilgil, Kenya and FIWAGOH orphanage home to 320 children. This is located two hours north of Nairobi (capital) and the airport where we travel in and out of (we will have connecting flights in Europe or England). A beautiful American compound is just an hour away from the orphanage that includes an amazing hospital facility (Kijabe, Kenya). Kenya is a beautiful country and has amazing wildlife, trees, and a beautiful lake.

**Lodging:** We have amazing sleeping and bathing facilities on the compound at FIWAGOH. Teams stay in visitor lodging provided at the orphanage. Typically, team members will be sharing a room with one or more people of the same gender with one bathroom per room.

**Food/drinks:** We will go on a vegan diet for most of our meals (fruits, veggies, rice, beans, soups, salads, bread ONLY), eggs will be provided for each breakfast. Hot water and milk will be provided for tea, coffee, and oatmeal/cereals each morning. As a team, we will supply large filtered water to refill your water bottles every day. Packing American food is encouraged to help offset the diet or add more protein to your meals.

**Passport and Visa:** will be needed for travel (**cost out of pocket**) Passport **MUST NOT** expire in the year you are traveling to Kenya; a renewal will need to be issued before flight tickets can be purchased. In order to be accepted on a Kenya team you must have a valid passport by the end of February.  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

**Vaccinations:** Please always use CDC for Kenya traveling requirements. **However, oral Malaria medication IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to travel.** Your Physician may recommend more or even boosters for traveling. A Covid vaccine is NOT required at this time. There are NO other required vaccinations to travel to Kenya.  
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/kenya>

**Dress Code:** Due to the conservative culture of Kenya and the orphanages, it is **mandatory** that females on the team will wear **loose**-fitting pants (no leggings permitted) or ankle-length skirts, appropriate t-shirts (no V-necks permitted), and wear basic/simple jewelry as well as minimal make-up. Males may never be in cut-off shirts; appropriate t-shirts, shorts will be acceptable at times, however, loose-fitting athletic and dress pants will be required.

**Age Requirement:** to travel alone, you must be 16 years of age by the time we travel to Kenya (without a legal guardian). Anyone under the age of 18 is **HIGHLY encouraged** to travel with a legal guardian.

**Cost:** \$3100 per person (*depending on flights*), **excluding Visa and Passport fees (those are out-of-pocket expenses)**. Optional Experience +\$100 - see above.

**Core Values:** Please read through the Core Values of Unafaa International before applying for our Hope Teams. These Core Values are located on our Hope Team website page. <https://www.unafaa.org/mission>

**Background Checks:** for all **NEW** applicants, we run a **basic** background check using Checkr.com after you submit your application. Any questions, please email the Team Lead.

**Payment Schedule:** \$300 Deposit due immediately after your approval on one of our teams.

\$950 due before Jan. 15 (**at least \$1250 in your account**) for all teams

\$950 due before March 15 (**at least \$2200 in your account**) \* for all teams

\$900 final payment due before May 15 (**at least FULLY funded**) for all teams

- **All donations, support, and giving can be done online at: [www.unafaa.org/donate](http://www.unafaa.org/donate)**
- **All accepted team members will receive a Managed Missions account to access their donations and team profile.**
- **Any accounts over \$3100 funds CANNOT be given to you personally and will remain in the team accounts.**
- **\*If you have not reached this goal, you will NOT be able to continue as a team member, as we will not be able to purchase your flight ticket to Kenya and back to the United States.**

### **Possibility of Team Schedule:**

Day 1 – Depart from the USA  
Day 2 – land in Kenya, drive to FIWAGOH  
Day 3 – Easy day to unpack, sort, organize  
Day 4 – Shop, equip, and serve at Feeding Program  
Day 5 – Surprise and Educational Student's home  
Day 6 – Work at AIC Kikopey's Outreach  
Day 7 – Tour Educational Programs  
Day 8 – Work at the NHC  
Day 9 – Optional Safari Experience  
Day 10 – Day of Sight-seeing and shopping  
Day 11 – Ministry day at FIWAGOH  
Day 12 – Village Outreach/Street Children  
Day 13 – Shop and Assist at the RenU Workshop  
Day 14 – Depart for airport  
Day 15 – Arrive back home

### **Daily Schedule**

7:30 am Wake up (or earlier for an African sunrise)  
7:00 am Optional AM worship  
8:00 am Team breakfast, devotion & announcements  
9:00 am Activities and ministries begin (Depart)  
12:30 pm Arrive back at FIWAGOH  
12:45 pm Team lunch  
1:30 pm Depart for afternoon outreach  
5:30 pm Arrive back at FIWAGOH  
6:00 pm Evening worship  
6:30 pm Team dinner  
7:00 pm Free time or Senior Night activity  
9:00 pm Team Debrief (storytime)  
10:00 pm Team bedtime prep, showers, etc.  
10:30 pm Lights Out (determined by room)

**Luggage:** The luggage allowance for the trip will vary depending upon the airline selected. As a general rule, you can take two (2) 50lb checked bags and one (1) carry-on bag, and one (1) personal bag with no additional bag fee charges. We will require that each team member uses one 50lb checked bag to transport donations and supplies the team will be taking for use at the orphanage. The second 50lb checked bag can be used for clothing and personal items. When you pack, we recommend that you consider the possibility of a checked bag being lost or delayed due to the number of connecting flights involved – you should keep essentials, medications, several changes of clothes, and a copy of important documents in your carry-on bag.

**Donations:** Each team member will be required to fill 1-50lb luggage of donations such as medical, hygiene/personal, educational items, games, crafts, books, and other supplies to pack for our ministries in Kenya.

**Mandatory Team Meetings:** We will have meetings at least once a month via Google Meet on Sunday nights at 7 pm EST, you are expected to attend all the meetings, missing more than one meeting could result in dismissal from the team. Once we are closer to leaving, we will have more frequent meetings. We will also have a packing party in person before leaving for all local (Dayton, OH.) team members.

### **Process of Applying:**

- Fill out **and submit the application on the Unafaa website, you will need two references.**
- Read and adhere to the core values of Unafaa International via their website (see above)
- **\$300 deposit due immediately after approval**
- Welcome packet will be sent to your house - after your deposit has been received
- Once approved: fill out your Managed Missions account.
- More Details will come in your welcome packet and during our first team meeting in December.

**See the next page for information regarding COVID:**

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**Due to Covid, the following MAY occur IF conditions do not improve here in the States or Kenya:**

- **These are policies set by the CDC, US Embassy, and or the Kenyan Embassy, these may change or be lifted before our 2023 team departures:**
- ***You do NOT need a covid vaccine to travel to Kenya or to come back to the States!***
- Team members may have to get a COVID test right before traveling to Kenya.
- Team members may have to get a COVID test in Kenya before traveling back home - was not required in 2022.
- There may be additional paperwork that will need to be filled out from the Kenyan Embassy.
- Team members may need to pack facial masks, disinfecting wipes, and plenty of hand sanitizer.
- Team members may need to travel with a mask on, in the airports and airplanes at all times - depending on the airlines policies and airports.
- Unafaa is discussing lodging and a quarantine room(s) if needed for team members.

**Options for Dates 2023:** *Unafaa builds their teams around our Applicants (dates will be finalized before Dec. after all applicants have applied).*

**1. June One Week Team (7-9 days) - Exposure only**

- a. Tentatively June 15-23

**2. June Two Week Team (14-16 days) - Exposure and Service**

- a. Tentatively June 15-30

**3. July One Week Team (7-9 days) - Exposure only**

- a. Tentatively July 7-15

**4. July Two Week Team (14-16 days) - Exposure and Service**

- a. Tentatively July 7-22

**5. Both Teams Four Weeks (28-32 days) - Advance Exposure, Service and Relationship Building**

- a. Tentatively June 15-July 15

**6. Potential Three Week Team (around 21 days) - Exposure, Service, and Relationship Building**

- a. Tentatively June 15-July 8

**7. Potential Six Week Team (around 42 days) - Training, Exposure, Service, Relationship Building**

- a. Tentatively June 9-July 22

**NOTE:** If teams are not fully filled Unafaa will cancel those dates/teams or merge teams together to create a “full” team. Meaning we may not be able to take two teams in June and two teams in July (we will merge the one week teams together and merge the two week teams together).