



## Projectmogelijkheden India - Goa

### Teaching project

Education is probably the most important tool in development. Therefore, volunteers are invited to teach English & Special Education in a self- chosen fashion to the local children at a primary school, as well as at center premises during & after school activities. Whether you are a qualified teacher or simply interested in helping kids abroad, we have volunteer teaching opportunities at local schools. Participants should have a good level of English and some knowledge and prior experience in teaching is appreciated, but not necessary. You have to love children, as you will be surrounded with loads of them every day. The mission of this project is multi-fold:

- Teaching English is the main task, but also other subjects, such as arts and crafts or sports like football, hockey, cricket and athletics.
- Motivating the children to learn
- Instilling social, psychological and physical security to the children
- Interactions with the children
- Assist local Teachers and make lesson plans.
- Create social awareness among the kids especially concerning the environment, kindness etc.
- Teach kids to sing/ dance.

### Orphanage

The orphanage provides housing, food and teaching materials for these poor students as well. Besides teaching English on a non-formal basis the volunteers are able to work with the children and to create activities for the students or arrange workshops for cultural exchange, environmental and other important issues. We will also do construction, renovation work in making the place better. Depending on the particular skill of the participants or group ideas we may do some art or handicraft as well. Most orphanages in India have integrated on their grounds their own primary (and secondary) school for their pupils. The school is also open for poor families. Of course the orphanage provides housing, food and teaching materials for these poor students as well. Activities can include a combination of:

- Teaching English on a non formal basis
- Creating activities for the students including workshops for cultural exchange
- Art & Handicraft activities
- Sports after classes
- Environmental awareness activities (Clean Up the World)
- Basic construction to improve the children's livelihoods





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### Elders home project

Be a part of this humanitarian act by helping elderly who don't have a Shelter, food, love and/or care. We invite young people who want to do a humanitarian act to the society by helping the elders at the Home for elders. In these homes there are male and female elders are waiting to get the caring and the love from the people which they never got from their children. Work would include assisting local staff as well as Storytelling, Talking with the Elders and sharing stories/ listening to stories. Doing memory exercises help keep elders alert and mentally active. It may also include Physiotherapy and Fitness Programs: Since physical activity has a positive effect on both health and longevity. Exercises may include walks, yoga, pranayama (breathing) sessions for relaxation and special exercises.

### Women's shelter project

India is trying to change the way of thinking about women in the society and fighting to give the equal rights as the men. Be part of the rehabilitation process of young girls who come from distressed families. Main aims of these projects are:

- Rehabilitation of the girls who come from broken families.
- Provision of safe caring atmosphere
- To provide education and give skills so that the girls are able to be independent income generators.
- Eventually send them back to their families or find them a job
- Give them the self-respect that they have been denied previously.

Currently our volunteers have been helping with the studies of some of the girls by teaching them English in fun and interesting ways. They have also been playing various games to promote both relaxation and some physical exercise as some of them have become demoralized and really relish time spent thinking of other things. Just the cultural exchange and interaction with international volunteers provide the girls/ women with much needed confidence and exposure.

Your main task will be to prepare and give English lessons to the girls, play games including sports, and you are also free to organize several activities, such as music lessons, sports and games.

### Turtle project

**(\*This is a seasonal project: The period for the nesting starts at the end of October till March.)**

Goa offers volunteers a unique opportunity to live in the beautiful and one of India's most renowned beach destinations. Whilst staying in this location, participants will also be supporting to protect this beautiful and endangered, marine turtles against the growing dangers in the area. Participants will get a chance to be with these little turtles and to learn about their natural cycle and help the community by saving them. You will have to be with the Conservation staff and you will have to help the staff in the beginning till you are good with the following duties. Once you are familiar with the following you will get a chance to work alone.

- Research on Turtle Conservation & nesting Areas
- Building Pathways and fences around the forest areas for protection
- Photography & Monitoring
- Tree planting
- Beach Protection

The Forest department of Goa initiated the Turtle Conservation effort from 1996. Studies conducted have revealed that presently, only Olive Ridley turtles are nesting in significant numbers on Goa's beaches. Instances of Leatherbacks nesting have not been reported. This prompted the Indian Government to launch the National Sea Turtle Conservation Project in 1981. The project envisages activities encompassing survey of both onshore and offshore critical habitat assessment, mortality, breeding and strategy to develop turtle friendly solution.