

LITTLE CHILDREN'S NURSERY



Little Children's Nursery is located in the local community of Athlone, Cape Town, and has been in operation since 2001.

The nursery caters for underprivileged children who come from various poor townships in the surrounding areas, such as Gugulethu and Langa (one of the largest informal settlements in the Western Cape province). Most of these children are brought in by bus every morning, and are served breakfast and lunch at the nursery – many of them would otherwise go hungry.

The nursery therefore provides a great service to these communities and more importantly, functions as a place of safety and learning for children. They have 4 classes and children are grouped according to their age with 20 – 25 children per class, with an approximate total of 90 children. The age of the learners ranges from 6 months up to and including 6 year olds. It is advisable to do some reading about the South African kindergarten and crèche functions. This is an English & Afrikaans speaking environment. They have about 6 full-time staff members.

The nursery depends heavily on donations (monetary as well as school supplies, groceries, clothing, etc.) as most of the parents cannot always afford to pay the monthly fees.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Volunteer assistance is an integral part of the functioning of the nursery. With only 4 teachers, a cook/cleaner and a principal, the nursery relies heavily on a steady supply of help from volunteers, both local and international.

You will assist the teachers with all their general day-to-day functions – everything from basic teaching (alphabet, numbers, days of the week, animal names, etc.) to the more fun activities like painting, drawing, building puzzles, sing-alongs, outdoor activities and playtime. You may also be asked to assist with the feeding of the children and cleaning/general maintenance of the nursery.



WORK SCHEDULE:

Your working hours are flexible but will generally be from 07h30 – 14h00 (the children take their daily nap from 12h30 – 14h00 so this is when you are busy with cleaning duties). The minimum stay at this project is 2 weeks, but you are more than welcome to stay for as long as you want.