



How do I choose a project?

Example mail for working with children: Adjust yellow marked

Dear... (name of contact person or organization)

It seems incredibly exciting and challenging to be in a project ... (project name) to get started. Before we continue with the booking I would like you ... (project name) want to ask a few more questions. Before I started looking for an organization with which I would book this volunteer trip, I read myself well. Because I (and undoubtedly you too) think it is important that I travel responsibly, I would like to ask you if you would like to share your answers to the following questions with me:

- What does the preparation for my trip look like exactly?
- How long have you been working with ... (project name) And where can I find more information about this project?
- How much money from my amount goes to the project? Can I get some insight into the distribution of my budget?
- How am I guided on the spot?
- Is feedback collected about the project through former volunteers? Can I have this feedback find somewhere and could you tell me what is done with this feedback? (pay attention, sometimes there are some experience stories with the project on the website. look carefully at how recent these are and whether these are not just good-weather stories)

Because I will probably also work with children in the project, I would also like to ask the following (more specific) questions:

- What will my role be on the project? Which tasks will I perform?
- How will the children soon know what my role is on the project?
- What is the approximate ratio of local staff / volunteers in the project?
- Could you share the project's protocol of behavior with me?
- How should I possibly report a complaint or abuse?
- I have no experience / education with working with children. What will my guidance look like later from?
- Is the project an orphanage? (Depending on the project you choose, it is wise to ask this question. For example, if you choose a football school, you can of course omit this question).

Apologies for this somewhat long email and I understand that answering these questions takes some time. But if I invest energy, time and money in this volunteer period, I would like to do so in a responsible manner and I hope you can help me with this!

I look forward to your response and further contact.

Greetings ... (Your name)