



Kings Volunteer aims to equip, enable and inspire local volunteers to provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to be active, have fun and learn together at a community level. With a focus on benefitting disadvantaged and marginalized children, and working through local partners, Kings Volunteer helps organizations and individuals to use sport and activity to enrich the lives of children and young people, helping them to fulfil their potential. Kings Volunteer provides simple, practical and easy tools that really enhance meaningful child participation, build positive relationships and promote immediate and lasting change in the lives of children and young people.

Community-led approach: We believe that local volunteers can be powerful agents for lasting positive change in the lives of children and young people, and we prioritise supporting community-led initiatives that promote children's rights and wellbeing. We recognise that children across the world have very different experiences of life and that every community faces its own challenges and opportunities. Within the diversity and uncertainty of life, we firmly believe that every child is unique, every child is important and every child is equal in value and worth. We value every child and as a result we seek to work with local partners and volunteers who know and understand their communities and are committed to working for the benefit of the children that live and grow up there. Valuing the knowledge and understanding of local actors, Kings Volunteer aims to empower local volunteers and partners to develop activity programmes that respond to the needs of children in their community and are uniquely tailored to their own local context.

Approach: Drawing on more than 25 years experience of working with children and young people, we have developed an exciting resource and training package that empowers local churches, partners and volunteers to engage children and young people through active games. The Kings Volunteer approach has three key components: the training we provide, the resources we share, and the community we build:

1. The Base Pack (<http://www.kingsvolunteer.org/our-work/base-pack>) is a carefully designed back-pack of sports resources that can be used to deliver a wide range of games and activities for all ages and abilities. We believe that sport should be fun and accessible, and as a result the Base Pack contains carefully selected equipment that is gender neutral, highly durable, extremely versatile, and facilitates a multi-sport, multi-ability approach. This helps to break down many of the traditional barriers that can prevent children from participating in and enjoying sport and activity and ensures that the Base Pack can be used as part of a truly inclusive approach to working with children and young people. The Base Pack isn't magic, but in the right hands it can have a truly amazing impact.

2. The Training is central to the Kings Volunteer approach. It introduces "The Kings Factor" - the enthusiasm, energy, encouragement and excitement that really brings the Base Pack to life. The training covers a range of games, activities, songs and simple coaching techniques - equipping volunteers to create the right atmosphere for children to thrive in. Designed to be very simple, highly transferable and adaptable to any context, the training equips volunteers, whatever their background or experience, to provide fun, informative and inclusive activity sessions that children and young people will really enjoy. It also helps volunteers and partners to incorporate and communicate educational content in fun and engaging ways.

3. The KV Community enables us to keep in touch with volunteers and partners, encouraging an exchange of ideas and experiences and promoting an international network of ongoing support.

Impact: We understand that not all children will grow up to be sports stars, but we believe that all children can enjoy the benefits of participating in sport and activity and having fun together. There are many benefits to participating in sport, including the contribution it can make to children's social, physical, spiritual and personal development. In addition, the Base Pack can be a great vehicle for integrating health, education and Christian faith messages – bringing learning to life. It can also be a fantastic platform for bringing children, families and communities together. The possibilities are endless and the wonderful thing about the Base Pack approach is that it is so flexible: it gives you the tools to design a programme that meets the needs of the local communities that you serve; integrating themes which are appropriate and relevant to the lives of the children and families that live there. The Kings Volunteer approach is perfect for any context and empowers local actors with simple and practical tools to engage with children and young people in meaningful ways. Play is not a luxury - it's a fundamental right for children and powerful tool for change.