

English Fluency Program 2024: FAQ

We are in the early stages of organizing this year's trip, so more information will be shared in the weeks and months to come!

1. What are the 2024 English Fluency Program dates?

- The program is scheduled from October 9 - October 26, 2024! We will arrive in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, October 9, and depart on Saturday, October 26.

2. Which students will be participating in the English Fluency Program?

- SEGA's Pre-Form 1 students will be participating in the program, as in previous years. With more than 120 tribal languages spoken in Tanzania, most students arrive at the school speaking a local language from their home communities and Kiswahili. Kiswahili, the national language, is generally their second language and the language spoken and taught in Tanzanian primary schools. In secondary school, instruction switches to English presenting a huge challenge to most students as they transition from having one English course in primary school, to having all of their subjects, like physics, history, and commerce taught in English. SEGA prepares students for English fluency through English immersion and fluency curricula conducted by teachers and volunteers.

3. Who is leading the English Fluency Program?

- We are excited to have Nurturing Minds Board Member and longtime supporter of the English Fluency program, Clarke leading the program this year!

4. What are the activities of the program?

- SEGA prepares students for English fluency through English immersion and fluency curricula conducted by teachers and volunteers. The goal is to prepare students for academic success by providing essential lessons to help the students become fluent in English. The program focuses on building confidence and becoming more comfortable with speaking English - all while having fun, playing games, doing arts and crafts, dancing, music, and more!



5. *What will I be doing every day?*

- We have built and designed a well-balanced itinerary that keeps our target goal and objective of the program in mind, allows for ample opportunities to get to know the students, and has planned excursions outside of SEGA's campus for you to explore Morogoro and Tanzania! While on campus you and your counterpart volunteer teachers will lead morning and afternoon lessons, fun activities, and reading sessions. We have highly detailed curriculums that provide volunteer teachers with specific lessons, games, and activities that are easy to follow and implement - but that are also flexible! Remember the goal of the program is to have fun! Having fun encourages language learning. Outside of the program, there are cultural exchange opportunities such as chapati cooking lessons and Katanga fashion shows. We want you to explore and enjoy your time in Tanzania, and we have planned a visit to SEGA's Modern Girl Outreach Program, a visit to the home of a SEGA student, a weekend safari trip to Mikumi National Park with students, a day trip to hike the Uluguru Mountains with students, followed by a lunch at the Choma Village Community Center with a soil cake-making demonstration!

6. *What is the COVID-19 vaccination rate of Tanzania and SEGA Girls' School?*

- SEGA and Nurturing Minds recommend that all SEGA staff be up to date on COVID-19 vaccines. SEGA has been diligent in hosting 2 COVID-19 health talks and vaccine clinics for teachers and staff. 28 out of 63 SEGA staff members have been vaccinated. 44% of our campus staff is up to date on COVID-19 vaccines.
 - Currently, Tanzania is not vaccinating youth 18 years of age and younger because of this, no SEGA students are vaccinated.

7. *What happens if I go to Tanzania and I contract COVID-19?*

- SEGA has developed a COVID-19 response plan to keep all visitors, and the SEGA community healthy and safe. If you are interested in reviewing the policy please email myranda@nurturingmindsinafrica.org.

8. *Do I need to be up to date on all my COVID-19 vaccinations to volunteer?*

- Yes. Nurturing Minds requires that all visitors be up to date on all COVID-19 vaccines as recommended by the CDC.



9. How can I find out more information about traveling and COVID-19?

- We are advising all travelers to monitor the CDC and the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania websites for all information about COVID-19 and/or other health concerns before and traveling. You should also register with the **State Department's STEP Program** which will provide you with travel warnings, etc during your time in the country.

10. How do I book?

- Complete our volunteer application form and Nurturing Minds Cultural Exchange Coordinator will follow up with you!

<https://forms.gle/2BhXeGpKKn163Yj38>

11. What is included in the land costs?

- **Single accommodation total land cost is: \$2,599**
- **Double accommodation total land cost is: \$2,531**

Single and double accommodation will be available in the Mediterraneo Hotel and Hotel Slipway. The SEGA Visitor House only offers double accommodation rooms.

- Included in all land costs are accommodations at the SEGA Visitor House, accommodation at Hotel Slipway and Mediterraneo Boutique Hotel, food at all hotels and SEGA Visitor House, excursions around Morogoro, all tips and gratuities for non-SEGA staff, tips and gratuities for SEGA Visitor House personnel, all off-campus tours and activities fees including a 2-day safari in Mikumi National Park, and all round-trip transportations including drivers tips.

12. What is not included in the land costs?

- International flights, insurance: all types, Country entry visa, items of a personal nature (alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, souvenirs, laundry), all and any kind of vaccinations, documents, medical treatments, quarantine requirements related to COVID-19 pandemic and any other outbreaks.

13. Is there a deposit?

- Yes, a deposit of \$500 is required at the time of booking.

14. What is the deadline for booking?

- The deadline for making a deposit and letting us know you will be volunteering and traveling to SEGA is **June 1, 2024**.

15. Is there a payment schedule?

- We are offering a payment schedule for those who would prefer. You also have the option of making full payment at the time of booking.
 - All Volunteers Pay Deposit: \$500 due **at booking**
 1. Payment 2 is due **2 months before departure**
 2. Final Payment is **due two weeks before departure**

16. I am not a teacher, but I am enthusiastic and want to help! Will I be trained in teaching and the program curriculum?

- Yes! Our English Fluency Committee will be hosting 4 Zoom training sessions before our scheduled departure date to review important information including teaching and the curriculum. Once we arrive we will meet multiple times for Group Planning Sessions to discuss the daily plans, curriculum, and teaching. Every evening after dinner we will debrief, evaluate, and plan for the following day's plan.

17. What if I do not want to travel to SEGA, but I want to support the program? What are my options?

- We appreciate all your help in ensuring our program is a success! Donations towards supplies and programmatic expenses along with volunteering on our English Fluency Committee are two very great options to be involved!

18. Who should I contact if I am interested in participating in this year's program?

- If you are interested in participating in this year's program contact myranda@nurturingmindsinafrica.org