

<u>#AMAIDI</u> International is happy to be part of the well-known UK online magazine <u>#iGapTravelGuide</u>, an annual publication for people who are taking a gap year and looking at studying, volunteering and opportunities to work abroad. Their readers consist of individuals from around the world however they are most popular in the UK, US & Australia. The guide was released in July and will be promoted for 12 months. Over 300,000 subscribers will receive the publication directly. They receive over 80,000 unique visitors every month to the site & have daily updated articles, competitions, interviews & more.

Following please find the link to the AMAIDI article: <a href="http://www.igaptravelguide.com/GapGuides/iStudy2014/flipviewerxpress.html?pn=388">http://www.igaptravelguide.com/GapGuides/iStudy2014/flipviewerxpress.html?pn=388</a> and feel free to share this link within your network.

Your AMAIDI Team

# AMAIDIINTERNATIONAL IN GERMANY

## YOUR GLOBAL PARTNER FOR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT!

A Forsa survey shows that 40% of Germans dream of escaping from their daily routine, doing something completely new. But it appears that only 4% actually take that step. The rest are held back by their fear of an uncertain future.

If you are considering taking a longer or shorter 'sabbatical', have you ever considered what you could do? Sure, you could stay at home and advise an organisation in Germany. But you could just as easily choose to use your knowledge and experience to travel abroad and support an organisation in Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Middle East.

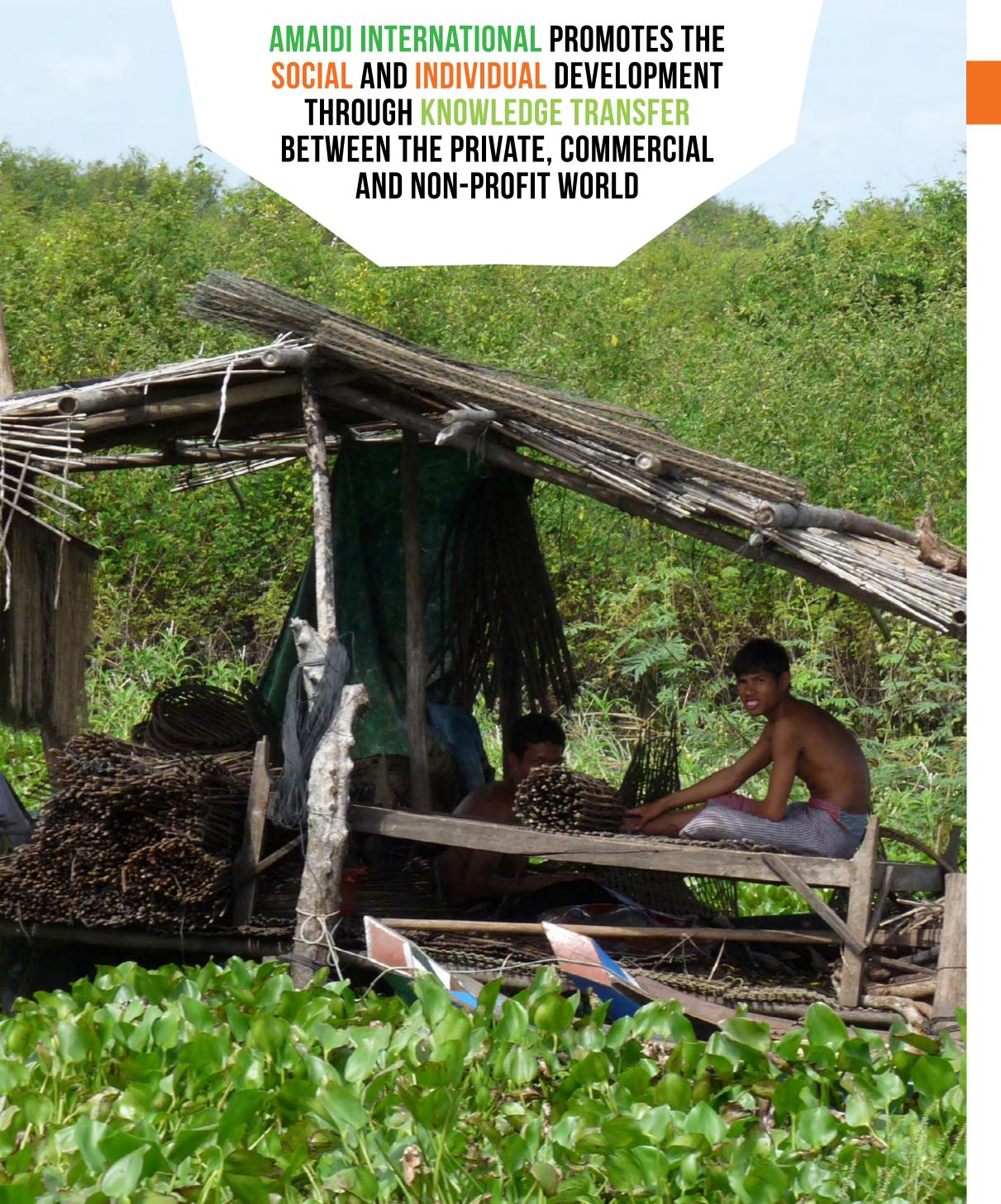
You probably ask yourself: where would I find a suitable and reliable project to work with? And once I find one, how do I prepare myself for my assignment? But also: How do I integrate my sabbatical into my current life in Germany? No doubt you are by now imagining how wonderful it must be to get to know and understand a foreign culture. You feel that this could be a great chance to improve your personal skills as well as your professional knowledge. But where can you go for advice?

AMAIDI International builds a bridge between individuals and organisations, welcoming them as temporary colleagues. Whether on a short-term consultancy mission or a long-term engagement, AMAIDI's volunteers, linked with local non-profit organisations, enable local communities to meet their challenges and grow. Discover with AMAIDI how powerful a partnership on equal terms can be, where non-profit organisations find volunteers that precisely fit their projects' needs, while the volunteers broaden their horizon and sharpen their soft-skills at the same time.

AMAIDI in Germany recruits and places volunteers with specific or general skills in non-profit organisations both in Germany and throughout the world. They guarantee transparency of costs and clearly defined working structures. AMAIDI also offers individual and personal advice before, during, and after the voluntary service. With knowledge transfer and professional, personal advice, AMAIDI encourages sustainability in a proactive partnership.







### AMAIDI INTERNATIONAL

AMAIDI International , promoting social and individual development through knowledge transfer between the private, commercial and non-profit world, offers affordable volunteering placements in many countries across Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Middle East, allowing you to combine doing your bit for the world with unforgettable experiences. From working with elephants in India to helping Moroccan children get to grips with the internet, you will not only be gaining valuable skills that will stay with you long after your placement is over, but you'll leave knowing you made a difference, because AMAIDI is dedicated to connecting people with the places and communities they are needed in most.

When AMAIDI founder Camille van Neer (from the Netherlands) visited India for the first time in 1990 as a tourist, he was immediately captivated by the country and over the years dedicated his services to helping those in need in India, most prominently those hit by the 2004 Tsunami. He settled down near the International Township of Auroville and the coastal town of Pondicherry in South-India in 2006 where he started AMAIDI as 'AMAIDI Volunteering in India'.

In 2011 AMAIDI began to appoint country coordinators in Asia, Africa and Central America, alongside volunteer coordinators across Europe and the US. At the start of 2014 AMAIDI had grown from being a small, India based organisation managed by a Dutch-Indian couple to a global organisation with around 70 people working in more than 30 countries on four continents. In order to serve its volunteers and associates all over the globe better, a growing need for a central coordinating entity made itself felt.

In February 2014 Tanja Siebert, with whom Camille was already working in Germany, founded AMAIDI International, functioning as its CEO. Together with Camille as COO, AMAIDI is ready to sustain its growth towards being a truly international Non Governmental Organistation at the service of local disadvantaged communities in need of volunteers through linkage with local organisations that serve them.

### PROJECT PARTNERS

80% of all project partners consists of independent government registered non-profit organisations, funded by private donors and/or government agencies. The rest are government or privately managed organisations such as hospitals, schools, care-homes (for the neglected, destitute and/or handicapped) and social enterprises. AMAIDI does not run its own projects but supports local initiatives taken by or on behalf of local communities.

# TYPE OF PROJECTS

AMAIDI places volunteers in all thinkable areas of human interaction. The final placement depends on (matching) the needs of the project partner and the volunteer's experience and capabilities. Areas in which AMAIDI regularly places volunteers are women development, microfinance, livelihood promotion, agriculture, education, child care, construction, civil engineering and IT. Other areas requiring specific know-how and personal advice are organisation development, sales, marketing, financial management, production and project management. Social institutions, in the health sector, nature conservation and animal welfare or in renewable energy also offer a wide range of assignments.





ANIMAL CARE, ENVIRONMENT & WILD LIFE



CARE FOR THE MENTALLY AND/OR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED



RENEWABLE ENERGY & WASTE MANAGEMENT



FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION



PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HEALTH CARE



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### AMAIDI FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you feel that you should be getting more out of your life? Feeling stuck in your chosen career? Want to give back to the world that treated you well? Want to finally make a difference in other people's lives? Ready to spend a meaningful gap year? Would you like to volunteer abroad in the near future? AMAIDI can help you making the next step!

# WANT TO 'GIVE BACK' TO THE WORLD THAT TREATED YOU WELL?

#### YOUR BENEFITS:

- Individual and personal advice before, during and after your voluntary service
- Easy, non-bureaucratic and efficient placement
- Professional handling of the placement
- Transparency of costs and processes
- Confirmation of assignment
- Contact person on site
- No application deadlines

### AMAIDI NEEDS VOLUNTEERS WITH GENERAL OR SPECIFIC SKILLS WHO:

- Are proactive doers
- Are potential changemakers
- · Are interested in what other people think and feel
- Are ready for a new view on things
- Need a break-away from one's present day's work stress

AMAIDI supports you before, during and after your project work. Whether you want to volunteer after graduating from school, gain experience abroad as a university (under)graduate, bridge the time between two jobs, just need some time off, give a deeper meaning to a sabbatical or your retirement, or want to boost your global corporate citizenship; AMAIDI creates the necessary framework for a safe and relevant volunteer experience with an impact that counts. AMAIDI supports you throughout the process in dealing with all legal, financial and organisational issues.

AMAIDI works with local teams on the ground, serving you as well as AMAIDI's project partner where you volunteer. Together with an international network of volunteer and internship coordinators, country-experts and continental desks AMAIDI ensures a smooth and seamless handling of all processes.





### WHAT DOES IT ALL COST?

AMAIDI puts in a lot of time and effort into your project placement. Apart from your own needs (such as being properly accommodated and being shown how to reach your project organisation) ensuring a high quality of your overall experience necessarily takes a lot of time. It does not matter whether you volunteer for a few hours per week or for months on end: for AMAIDI a thorough preparation and personalised support throughout your assignment and beyond are essential.

Having said that, it is perhaps good to know that most project partners are donor-dependent when it comes to their survival. This means they do not have a separate budget with which they can use to cover expenses that they incur while hosting you such as the extra transport needed to bring you to the project site and get you back home and to feed and accommodate you. To not heighten the financial pressure on your host organisation, AMAIDI would kindly ask you to cover these expenses.

Just to give you an impression: depending on the exact location in the country of your destination and the nature of your activities, the costs of food and accommodation hover around EUR 100 per week. Flight/travel expenses, as well as health and third-party liability insurance, visa and for example local language classes are not included. Depending on your assignment the costs for placement and support start at EUR 600. All prices quoted are subject to value added tax at the current rate in Germany. Upon confirming your assignment you will be sent a detailed list of costs and prices.







### WHY CHOOSE AMAIDI?

- AMAIDI is a transparent, low-cost-high-impact facilitator
- AMAIDI shows you where all your money goes
- AMAIDI offers you a personal assistant throughout your placement
- AMAIDI is in more than 30 countries
- AMAIDI works with country experts
- AMAIDI directly interacts with local communities
- AMAIDI builds capacity of local NGOs
- AMAIDI deals directly with schools and hospitals
- AMAIDI offers 24/7 in-country guidance
- AMAIDI stands by you from the first email till after your return
- AMAIDI advices/supports you raising money for your voluntary service
- AMAIDI has no age or other limitation, your commitment is what counts
- AMAIDI has no application deadline
- AMAIDI has very reasonable service fees

### **Get in touch with AMAIDI!**

Send AMAIDI an email using 'your home country in English'@amaidi.org

Are you from the UK? <a href="mailto:uk@amaidi.org">uk@amaidi.org</a>
From France? <a href="mailto:france@amaidi.org">france@amaidi.org</a> etc.