Interested in volunteering in Kalebuka?
We receive a lot of inquiries from supporters who want to visit Malaika’s grounds in Democratic Republic of Congo. We love this enthusiasm for being on the ground, meeting students and staff and seeing our work first hand, and we’re so grateful for the range of skills and experience visitors are able to bring in person to our students and community. In the past, we’ve had volunteers teach coding to students, conduct literacy classes for adults, teach dance and art, hold football clinics, give technology education lessons to staff and more. We welcome and value professional development for our teachers and holistic offerings for our community members.

However, there is a lot of planning, time and cost involved in hosting volunteers, so we accept only those who are serious about contributing to Malaika’s mission.

Before reaching out to us about volunteering in the DRC, please look over our list below and see if you meet all of our expectations.

For those who don’t feel prepared to commit to volunteering in Kalebuka, please see our page on at home volunteering options. Again, thank you so very much for your interest in supporting us- we love our volunteers and appreciate everyone willing to help us empower girls and their communities in DRC.

If you are interested in traveling to DRC, email us at info@malaika.org with an introduction about yourself expressing your interest and what specific projects you have in mind, what month you’d be available to travel and a cv/resume or list of relevant experience.

Volunteer expectations:
- Cover the cost of your trip (flights, visa, vaccines, etc.)
- Find lodging (we can provide hotel options) or be willing to stay in on-site apartments
- Commit to a background check
- Get all necessary vaccinations, visa, etc.
- Be respectful to / take direction from local team and other volunteers, remembering that you are supporting them not directing them
- Stick to your assignments from Malaika staff
- Have a flexible personality and teamwork mentality
- Refrain from social media posts with those under 18 years old, without parental consent

Looking for other ways to volunteer your time or support Malaika? See our website for some ideas.