

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE POINTS

THE PROBLEM

Neighbourhood Care Points (NCPs) exist across eSwatini as a means to provide food and support to children. They are volunteer-run and exist to fill voids in medical care, education provision and social support, each of which is limited in rural areas of the country.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Your initiative contributes to SDG 4 Quality Education by working towards the following indicator of success:

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



“Build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all”

THE PURPOSE

The organisation with whom you will be collaborating support a number of NCPs to upgrade and expand their facilities. With limited funding, the centres are often basic, but heavily demanded by the community who rely on the services provided for their childrens’ wellbeing. The initiatives aim to support the NCPs to reach a place where they can continue to run self-sufficiently, with adequate infrastructure and amenities to provide for their communities. Focussing on sustainability, this often includes a means for the NCP to generate income through agriculture, or gardens and livestock to provide food for the NCP to distribute through hot meals for the local children.

YOUR ROLE

You’ll spend a few days collaborating with the community at one of the NCPs. The day to day activities you participate in will depend on the priority at the time but almost certainly involve assisting local labourers with the development of the buildings at the NCP, or landscaping the grounds and installing vegetable gardens or chicken pens. You may also have a chance to meet some of the community members, learn to cook some local dishes, take a dance class or challenge them to a sports match.

