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ANNOUNCEMENT TO DeKUTAA MEMBERS

SUBJECT: G-United -1-year Volunteering Programme initiated by the Presidency

Background information on G-United

The G-United a 1-year volunteering Programme was initiated by the Presidency and is being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. It was launched on 18th of September 2014 by the President. The first group of 150 graduates has already been deployed to Machakos, Kilifi, West-Pokot, Samburu, Nyeri, Garissa, Kisumu and Busia Counties. They began their volunteering assignment on 25th September 2014.

Aims of G-United is to:

- (i) Promote **National Cohesion** by **sending out multi-disciplinary University Graduates to primary schools in Counties other than their counties of birth or residence**. This cultural exchange is further promoted through home-stays where volunteers are connected to and live with a host family during the 1-year period.
- (ii) Provide **remedial support** to **primary school pupils who are lagging behind in the classroom**. The volunteers also act as **education ambassadors** in their placement communities and promote enrollment to schools by championing for the relevance of education to the communities, **through door-to-door enrollment campaigns**. Finally, as **mentors** to the pupils, the volunteers motivate learners to uphold and value their education.
- (iii) Create **employment opportunities** for the volunteers at the end of the 1-year of un-interrupted volunteering period. Trained volunteers are exposed to Potential employers in a one on one exchange where potential employers review the volunteers' progress throughout the 1 year and volunteers showcase and market their talent to potential

employers. Should potential employers have open slots in their various institutions; volunteers will be expected to go through the normal hiring process to qualify them for employment opportunities. The programme's largest aspiration is to equip volunteers with the necessary employability skills that will make them attractive to potential employers.

Vacancies: A total of 1200 vacancies are available by January 2015 (wait for the advert).

Contact to G-United: Website contact: (<http://g-united.or.ke/>). Check this website regularly for updates.

Criteria for applicants

- (i) MUST be Kenyan, University Graduates, aged between 22-35 years, not employed or enrolled for a long-term course at the point of applying.
- (ii) Should be interested in volunteering in a primary school and available for a period of 1 year-uninterrupted.
- (iii) Volunteers must be willing to be hosted in a county away from their home county in a home-stay family
- (iv) Ready to earn a KShs.6, 000 monthly stipend.

Application procedure

Applicants are NOT to send their Resumes. The application procedure is for applicants to fill an online application form, which will be availed online soon.

For more Information:

You can contact: The Admissions and Alumni Affairs Department, **G-United Programme, Email: volunteer@presidency.go.ke**

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