



PROJECT PLAY 2024

TRAVEL UPDATE: 12 December 2023

Following on from our travel update on 6 December 2023, as of today, 12th December 2023 the FCDO has **removed** the travel advisory relating to Jinja. We hope that this relieves the concerns that our volunteers and university partners would have naturally had.

Please note that due to an on-going security risk related to rebels associated with Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a group based in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); the Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office advises **only** against all but essential travel to the following parts of Western Uganda:

- Queen Elizabeth National Park
- the area immediately south-west of Kasese town – from the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) at Kyabikere extending eastwards up to and including the A109 road and southwards to Queen Elizabeth National Park
- Semuliki National Park



Risk Management

Play Action International would like to reassure all students and university partners that the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers is our utmost priority. We can confirm that **none** of our Summer 2024 volunteering projects are located in the area targeted by the FCDO travel advisory. All our projects are located in Jinja District which is 450+km/9-hour drive away from the locations identified by the FCDO, a similar distance between London and Newcastle, and therefore well away from the border of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the risk is located.

Our robust risk management procedures include regular and continued monitoring of the security situation through Uganda's law and security forces who provide us with accurate and timely updates. We also follow the advice from the British Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and the British High Commission in Uganda. These connections and procedures ensure we remain up to date on any potential security threats to our projects and can take any timely action necessary to protect the health, wellbeing, and interests of our volunteer.

We will of course communicate any updates to our volunteers and university partners but in the meanwhile, if you have any further concerns or queries, please contact us directly at hello@playactioninternational.org.

Thank you.

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