International Workcamps Programme 2020
Mexico
AMVIAC

The Asociación Mexicana de Voluntariado Internacional A.C. (AMVIAC) participates in the transformation of the country through the integration of International Volunteering in projects organized in Mexico and abroad by civil associations, local government, communities and organized groups, with the idea that after this experience they can become more actively involved in the work of their community.

VISION

The vision of the association is the transformation of Mexican society, especially young people, giving them opportunities to travel and live unique experiences as volunteers both in Mexico and abroad participating in projects of general interest and reversing that experience in their communities, schools, Organizations and jobs, for the improvement of our country.

AMVIAC’S ACTIVITIES

WEEKEND WORKCAMPS

AMVIAC proposes weekend actions for groups and individuals who wish to participate in specific actions coordinated by organizations, communities and institutions during a weekend.

MEDIUM AND LONG TERM VOLUNTEERING

The association integrates national and international volunteers in projects for duration ranging from one month to one year. During this period, the volunteer is an added value to the project, complementing the work done by the local team and representing a unique life experience for both. AMVIAC participates in the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union hosting volunteers in various regions of the country and sending Mexican volunteers in projects abroad in Europe.

CAMPAIGNS

The association participates in various social, educational, environmental and heritage protection campaigns promoted by several organizations and institutions. Specifically, AMVIAC has participated in a cycling, reforestation, river bank cleaning and reconstruction of earthquake-damaged houses campaigns over the past five years.

MEETINGS

With the goal of maintain a regular communication, the association meets several times during the year to evaluate their actions, reflect on current issues, take decisions and spend moments of conviviality with active members.
PRESENTATIONS
The promotion of volunteering is carried out through presentations in various spaces such as schools, universities, specialized academic institutions, youth groups, directors of tourism, youth institutes, among others.

OUT-SENDING OF VOLUNTEERS ABROAD
AMVIAC sends Mexican volunteers to projects in more than 40 countries lasting between 2 and 3 weeks. These are organized by associations, municipalities, local groups in other countries known as international volunteer camps.

NETWORKS
AMVIAC is a member of the National Volunteering Platform in Mexico and collaborates with the Mexican Volunteer Alliance (AMEVOL) at the national level. At the international level, the association cooperates with the International Voluntary Service Coordination Committee (CCSVI), the REMPART Union of France, the UNESCO World Heritage Center, the Network for Voluntary Development in Asia (NVDA), the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations and participates in the Erasmus + program.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
In AMVIAC we work in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals because it is an action plan for people, the planet and prosperity which fit with the objectives of our association and we try to implement them in each action carried out by the organization and its local partners. The General Assembly has established goals 4, 13 and 17 as the SDGs in which the association must work mainly.
OUR COUNTRY - MEXICO

**Name:** The United Mexican States

**Capital:** Mexico City

**President:** Andrés Manuel López Obrador

**Official language:** Spanish

**Area:** 1,964,375 km²

**Population:** 131,425,380

**Border countries:**
United States of America at north. On the south with Guatemala and Belize.
WORKCAMPS PROGRAM

Our workcamp program is focused on educational, historical heritage, social and environmental topics. The different times, the different objectives are closely related in a global project (group life, intercultural confrontation, technical work, reality of the project’s interest for the local population, human relations, the discovery of the environment, learning and training, options of life and vocational guidance, etc.).

The projects are coordinated by AMVIAC and managed by local associations who have knowledge of their context and propose to the volunteer a space for learning and exchange.

ACCOMMODATION
Volunteers will have basic accommodation with basic services (water, electricity, gas).

MEALS
The meals are included in the participation fee. Vegetarian option is available. In each workcamps the volunteers prepare the food for the whole group.

HEALTH INSURANCE
Each volunteer must have medical insurance.

PARTICIPATION FEE
Participation fees help the projects to make the project sustainable.

WHAT DOES INCLUDE THE PARTICIPATION FEE?
The participation fee covers accommodation, meals, and partially the administrative cost which consist of the management, promotion, evaluation, monitoring and material of the projects. Furthermore, the accompaniment is provided during the volunteer period and the supervision of the activities on the project.
WORKCAMP’S LIST 2020

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PROJECTS DESCRIPTIONS

AMVIAC-WC-09-20

BY THE MOUNTAIN

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Activities: The principal activities are about agroecology so, the volunteers will involve in activities as:

- To support in the maintenance of the bed of seeding,
- To support in the greenhouse to maintain the seeds
- To support in the bio-construction activities, during the year we realize workshops.
- To support with the compost
- To support in the aquaculture area.
- To maintain the centre

With these activities, you learn through the agroecology, so, if you don’t have any experience, this is the best option to learn.

LOCATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas.

ACCOMMODATION: Shared rooms in the volunteer house

PARTICIPATION FEE: $3300 pesos (165 euros); includes meals, accommodation and administrative costs.
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ACTIVITIES: During the summer volunteers will be involved in the development of community activities working with children and young people who attend this period. Music workshops, agroecology, theater, radio pods and social photography will be offered with the aim of encouraging their artistic and social skills, promoting respect for the environment, respect for cultural differences, solidarity, respect for others, etc., through non-formal education. We invite volunteers to prepare themselves with songs, dynamics and ideas that can contribute positively to the development of our activities.

LOCATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas.

ACCOMMODATION: Shared rooms in the volunteers house

PARTICIPATION FEE: $2800 pesos (130 euros) to be covered upon arrival. Includes accommodation, meals and operative costs.
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CUAUTLA AQUEDUCT – 2

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**PROJECT:** After a successful partnership in 2019, REMPART and AMVIAC collaborate again this year in the rescue of an old aqueduct situated in the village of El Hospital, Mexico. The haciendas had the objective of processing the cane and converting it into various products such as sugar, alcohol, etc. The hacienda de la Concepción is located in Cuautla, Morelos and its origins go back to the end of the 16th century. The hacienda was an important sugar producer. It is estimated that in 1625 the aqueduct was built, in order to power a hydraulic wheel for the mill use for the production of sugar. At the end of the 19th century, with the incursion of the railroad the hacienda was modernized and in 1909 reached its maximum production of sugar and honey. The beginning of the revolutionary movement of 1910 lead to the ruin and destruction of most of the haciendas in the region. At the end of the Revolution, the lands of the hacienda were divided among the ejidos. This ends the use for which the hacienda and its aqueduct was designated, and with it the production of sugarcane.

**ACTIVITIES:** An international workcamp will be carried out for the second consecutive year with the participation of national and international volunteers from France and Mexico who will be guided by professionals in the restoration area. The volunteers will conduct manual cleaning of the aqueduct, removal of joints in poor condition and return of these, consolidation of part of the aqueduct by filling the joints of the walls in bad condition. They will use lime to prepare the mortar with cactus additive (mucilage) that will be used for filling the joints. They will also work the stone in some parts of the aqueduct under the direction of a professional stonemason. Volunteers will start constructing the wood formworks for the reconstruction of one of the arcs. They will conduct awareness-raising activities for the local population on the importance of protecting their cultural heritage.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Volunteers will be staying in a house with all services available or at the ex-hacienda of La Concepción.

**LOCATION:** Cuautla is a town located at 100 km from Mexico City. It is a historical city who was the scenery of important passages from the Mexican Independence and the Revolution.

**PARTICIPATION FEE:** 3,000 pesos (145 euros); includes meals and lodging within the community, local transportation and administrative costs.
AMVIAC-WC-14-20

INDEPENDENCE DAY

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**Activities:** During this workcamp we will celebrate the Independence Day, promoting it inside the centre. During these days, you can experience this important Mexican celebration. Also volunteers will support in specific areas such as the Vegetable garden doing some maintenance of the garden and the greenhouse in order to offering young people and children a space to learn and work for a few hours a day planting beds, weeding, cleaning, elaboration of biofertilizers, elaboration of vermicompost among other tasks. Social cafeteria: It is a space that aims at promoting the insertion of young people with disabilities in the workplace, so the cafeteria tries to be the first step towards independence, through this activity it also sensitizes society about this target group. They will also support in the diffusion and organization of activities with cultural content or others that generate some benefit of fundraising or social awareness. Administrative support: during the two weeks volunteers will support in the management of social networks, promotion of our activities, promotion of our social cafeteria, website update, documenting the activities, make informative notes for digital media and to update the web page. Volunteers can also join activities focused on the development of crafts, which we sell to raise funds, theater, dance and physical conditioning with children.

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