

NORTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY ZIMBABWE

ADDRESS

Simuka Africa Youth Association
3974 Ngoni Township
Katanga, Norton
Zimbabwe

CLOSEST BIGGEST TOWN:

Norton community is about an hour from Harare.

HOW TO GET THERE

From Harare:: By bus from Harare.

LOCAL BOOKFEEDER

Main contact:

Ezekiel Zekiya Mudimu
Rudo Gwenzi

EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION

Volunteers are expected to contribute 15 USD/day inclusive of accommodation and food. Volunteers are accommodated at local families in private rooms with bed/blanket.

LANGUAGES

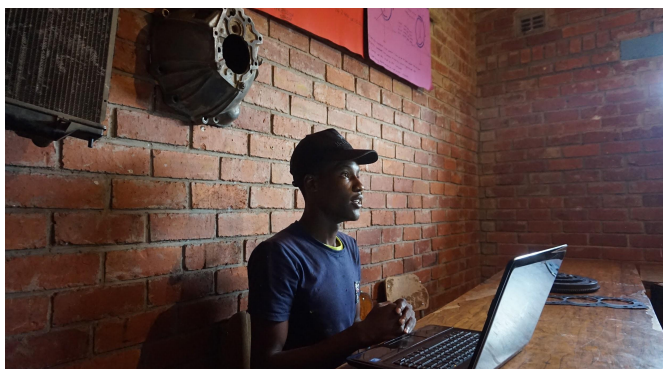
English, Shona, Zimbabwe has 16 officially recognized languages

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are more than welcomed.
Accommodation is provided by the community. .
Volunteers will be teaching English, IT skills, helping out with building new furnitures and maintaining the library.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Football, reading sessions, more.



THE LIBRARY

The library in Norton was opened on the 3rd May, 2019 on a special ceremony where the Ambassador of Canada was also present.

The library is located at our Youth Resource Centre in Norton (n°3975 Ngoni Township, Katanga Norton). We are proud to be able to offer the people of Norton a space where they can learn, broaden their horizons or simply unwind. We have both novels and technical books (which cover a wide range of topics such as health, environment, business management), many of which in English.

The library is currently being managed by Rudo Gwenzi, our lead volunteer librarian with the support from Simuka Africa staff. However, more resources such as computers are needed.

THE COMMUNITY

Up to today, Zimbabwe is considered as a country with one of the highest literacy rates in Africa. Nevertheless, its unstable economic and lately also political situation, infamously known inflation rates and the following fall of their national currency led to a crisis from which Zimbabwe is yet to find its way out. The poor economic situation of the population forces families to marry off their young daughters for dowry, in order to pay for the expenses of the remaining members. Simuka Africa, a local organization which operates in Norton—an hour away from the capital Harare, focuses on exactly that. Simuka Africa aims at ending child marriage through various campaigns, outreach projects and initiatives. One of such initiatives is the Norton Vocational School which aims at giving young girls and boys useful skills which they can use to start their own business and therefore (for young girls) to be financially independent.