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## SUPPORT PLAN FOR WORK OF VOLUNTEERS WITH THE NINKI NANKA TRAIL, THE GAMBIA 2023-2024

This plan describes ways in which volunteers can help this project to develop their aims and goals and gives examples of ways in which volunteers have contributed in the past.

Comments are based on the work of volunteers in the period up to December 2021, and are derived from questionnaires completed by the projects and reports written by the volunteers. New aims and actions, if any, are shown in green and these have either been identified from requests made by the projects or have arisen from the work done by volunteers. Any completed aims or actions are shown in blue.

AIMS	ACTIONS AND COMMENTS
1. To help set up a booking system for the Ninki Nanka Trail	An e-volunteer with appropriate IT skills could help to source or design a booking system to enable the NNT team to take bookings online. This system would be used to take bookings abroad and in the office in The Gambia.
	A volunteer with appropriate IT skills could help to train staff in the Gambia office and in the communities along the Trail in the basic technology/software needed to keep track of bookings and to communicate requirements.
To conduct a needs assessment of the Ninki Nanka Trail for waste management, renewable energies, biodiversity and conservation	Volunteers could travel along the Trail to all communities where participants will stay or visit to assess the impact of the tour on the environment and work with staff from NNT and local communities to begin to put in place systems for waste management and renewable energy etc.
To work with staff from NNT to develop branded craft products for sale along the Trail	Volunteers with appropriate creative skills could work with local craftsmen to design prototypes for branded merchandise and crafts, for sale to increase local benefits and provide an income stream for NNT.

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	<ul> <li>Volunteers with appropriate business skills could work with local people on elements such as sourcing raw materials, fair pricing and packaging for the brand</li> </ul>
4. To help build capacity in business, communication, management and planning	<ul> <li>Volunteers could work with NNT staff and people from the communities along the Trail on systems for organisational management and governance</li> <li>Volunteers with appropriate experience could help train local staff in customer service</li> </ul>

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