

WHV – Tombs of Buganda Kings, Kasubi

Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi, Uganda

◆ Cultural property inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010

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The Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi constitute a site embracing almost 30 ha of hillside within Kampala district. Most of the site is agricultural, farmed by traditional methods. At its core on the hilltop is the former palace of the Kabakas of Buganda, built in 1882 and converted into the royal burial ground in 1884. Four royal tombs now lie within the Muzibu Azaala Mpanga, the main building, which is circular and surmounted by a dome. It is a major example of an architectural achievement in organic materials, principally wood, thatch, reed, wattle and daub. The site's main significance lies, however, in its intangible values of belief, spirituality, continuity and identity.



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Project objectives: The project aims at renovating the *Muzibu Azaala Mpanga* house. In addition, it has the objective of encouraging local young people to commit in the restoration and management of the property.

Project activities: The volunteers will be involved in maintenance works at the *Muzibu Azaala Mpanga* house using some construction and decoration techniques. They will also plant endemic trees, especially Fig tree, around the property. These activities and skills learnt will allow them to produce a promotional documentary about the Buganda architecture and culture to target the local young people. The volunteers will also carry out awareness raising activities (such as cultural galas to promote the site and disseminate materials about the importance to preserve it, screening of relevant films and documentaries etc.) towards the local community and the schools of the surrounding villages.

Partners: Buganda Kingdom, Uganda Tourism Board, New Vision, Private schools association.

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