



DRESS CODE

A dress code is necessary to insure that short term team members are representing both their home church or organization and PATH Ministries. The goal of a dress code is; 1) to honor God. 2) to represent PATH. 3) to be a complement to the Ugandan culture 4) be an example of wise and thoughtful choices.

If you are going to Uganda to participate in short-term work, go to be a blessing and dress and present yourself appropriately. Find out what you should wear **before** you go. Your appearance (all aspects) should not be a curiosity to the Ugandan people or PATH staff.

As you will stand out anyway, do not let your dress detract from the message you are trying to portray. Dress appropriately for the glory of God. The local people believe that anything you wear or how you look, is approved by PATH.

While you may not personally agree with the standards set by PATH Ministries, we ask that you respect it while with us.

While ministering with PATH Ministries please observe the following:

Women:

No lip rings, nose rings, tongue stud, eyebrow ring or ear lobe disks.
No belly flesh or shoulders showing. (This includes when you raise your hands.)
No exposed tattoos.
No legs showing above the knee.
No holes in your clothes.
No pants, braless tops, halters, tank tops or anything that shows underclothing.
Clothing with inappropriate phrases, images, or motifs is forbidden.
All garments should fit properly. Clothing that is too tight and revealing draws inappropriate attention.

Men:

No lip rings, nose rings, tongue stud, eyebrow ring or ear lobe disks.
No exposed tattoos.
No sleeveless shirts.
No holes in your clothes.
Clothing with inappropriate phrases, images, or motifs is forbidden.
Pants at an appropriate waist level so that all undergarments are covered.
No uncombed or excessively long hair. (Excessive = hiding ears or beyond collar.)

Working on site at Otino Waa Children's Village or shopping in Lira :

Men- jeans, collared shirts, shirts to be worn at all times.

Women- Skirts or wrappers below the knees, (ankle length is quite common) knit shirts, blouses.
(yes, while working)

Blouses and dresses must be high enough in the neckline that all cleavage and shoulders are covered.

Exceptions- *For women: If you plan on just working with construction projects, on property, that have no interaction with children or public, you may wear pants. If there is direct interaction with the staff, children or general public, you will be required to wear a skirt.*

In church

Women: nice skirt/blouse.

Men: nice collared shirt with slacks.

In church setting you will find the local men and women dressing as nicely as possible. It is very common for the men to wear a nice shirt and a tie to church. Too often, Americans are the worst dressed people at church.

At a resort setting:

Almost anything goes, but remember we will have a Ugandan driver and possibly, one or two children who will help host/accompany the team. You are still being an example to them. **Please wear modest swimwear.**

In Kampala

You will see women in trousers, men in shorts, visitors from all over the world wearing all manner of dress. While in Uganda you are considered a representative of PATH Ministries. Be sensitive to the customs of this culture. You will never go wrong in a skirt/blouse combination for a woman and a cotton slack/polo shirt combo for the guys.

General Guidelines

Jewelry should be very limited. Please wear less expensive watches as to not attract unwanted attention.

Please do not be offended if we ask you to remove jewelry or change outfits for any particular occasion

Dress for where you will end up that night or be prepared to make simple additions to your attire.

Occasionally it gets cool in the evenings and early morning. A long sleeve shirt or very light jacket is usually warm enough until the sun peeks out again.

We need to remember that we lead by example. As we dress appropriately, we bring encouragement to others.

If you are traveling in a PATH vehicle, you represent PATH Ministries and will be required to dress in the above manner.

"Finally brothers, what ever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- If any thing is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me -- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you".

Philippians 4: 8-9