help2kids

Education Sponsorship Concept
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Our Organization

a) Who we are

help2kids was founded on 6 June 2009 in Switzerland. We are a young and dynamic organization with aid projects located in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Lifuwu, Malawi. help2kids is a politically and religiously independent association and is an officially registered charity in Switzerland, Tanzania, and Malawi. The Board of the help2kids association in Switzerland is comprised of five members - a President, and four other Board Members. Additionally, a Competence Team actively supports the Board. The operational management is performed by the President of the Board. All other Board Members act in an unpaid volunteer capacity.

In Africa, our team comprises several international managers and approx. 30 local staff members. Each manager supervises at least one aid project. In each country a Field Manager acts as Director and oversees all activities of help2kids in the respective country.

The current organizational structure and personal profiles can be found on our website: [http://www.help2kids.org/en/organization](http://www.help2kids.org/en/organization)

b) What we do

We help orphans by providing food, shelter, education, and lots of love at our Children’s Home. We also help the community by providing Nursery and Primary School education and medical support free of charge. All our aid projects focus on youth in acute crisis situations. These crisis situations may be family, health, or financially related. With our projects we aim to support children in such difficult situations / environments so that they can return to or continue with their path of education and become independent, self-sufficient and productive members of society. Education is of the utmost importance in breaking the vicious cycle of poverty.

The vicious cycle of poverty is a seemingly endless continuation of poverty. Once a person or community falls below a certain level of resources, a chain of events starts to occur that tends to perpetuate the situation: progressively lower levels of education and training leading to lack of employment opportunities, leading to criminal activity (such as sale of illegal drugs) for survival, leading to addiction, shattered health, early death, and breakup of family, leading to an even bleaker future for the next generation ... and so on.
Education System in Tanzania

a) Nursery School
Attending nursery school is compulsory but not funded by the government. This results in private facilities whom ask for school fees. Children who are four years old can attend up to three years and are primarily taught in Kiswahili, Mathematics, Reading, and Writing.

b) Primary School
Primary School is compulsory for children who are seven to 14 years old. Students have to complete a total of seven standards and pass their yearly exams. Even after the abolishing of Primary School tuition fees in 2002, there are many parents who struggle to send their children to school due to payments for school uniforms, testing fees, school supplies and after-school lessons. Government Primary Schools are taught in Kiswahili while most private schools are taught in English.

At the end of Standard 7, students must pass the Primary School National Examination in order to receive a Primary School Certificate and attend a government Secondary School. Students who fail the test may apply to a private Secondary School, however these schools are unaffordable for most students.

c) Secondary School
Government Secondary School is compulsory for all children who pass the Primary School National Examination. Since the classes are instructed in English, it makes it extremely difficult for students who are transitioning from government Primary School, which is taught in Kiswahili, to Secondary School. As a result, many students drop out before completing their first year in Secondary School. Especially children from low income families need a lot of support and coaching in order to pass the exams during the first years.

Secondary school is divided into two levels, Ordinary and Advance. Ordinary level is Form 1 to Form 4. After passing the Form 4 exams, students receive a Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations (CSSE). The top students are selected and proceed to the advance level of Form 5 and 6, which is mainly taught in boarding schools which means that there are a number of costs which need to be paid including boarding fees. After passing Form 6, students receive an Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination which allows selected students to enroll in a University. Alternatively, after Form 4 students can go to one of a number of Specialist Colleges and Educational Institutions to study for a Certificate and then a Diploma. Once a student has been awarded a Diploma they can also enroll in a University.

d) University and Other Tertiary Education
There are around 50 accredited Universities and Colleges in Tanzania, however many families cannot afford the tuition and boarding costs. There are also other educational opportunities such as technical, vocational, and professional schools where students can be certified and trained in a range of different fields.
Vision

Through the help2kids Education Sponsorship Program (ESP), we provide students in Tanzania with the ability to further their education. Many of our students come from challenging backgrounds and without financial support they would be unable to continue their education. In Tanzania, 36% of all children do not get any education beyond Primary School. ESP allows children to continue their education and ultimately become well-rounded members of their society. We believe in the power of education and its ability to increase opportunities.

Students in our ESP are either chosen based on their poor living circumstances in the lower grades, or on their academic results over the past years. The program covers necessities such as school fees, uniforms, textbooks and school supplies, however we also provide school meals and healthcare. We want to ensure our students’ physical and mental well-being while enrolled in our program. help2kids is seeking long-term sponsors who are able to financially support a child until he/she reaches the next stage in the Educational ladder.

Selection Process

Nursery and Primary School students are selected based on their living circumstances. Our process involves visiting students’ homes to fully understand their family circumstances – income, living conditions, attitudes to education (both students and parents).

The Secondary School students are selected based upon academic merit, not upon a personal relationship or favouritism. They are assessed by their internal testing results over the past couple of years which gives us a good understanding of their academic achievements, their enthusiasm to learn and their performance capability. We also assess the family income and the willingness of their parents to support their children in their education. We select our students between June and July, which is prior to their final examination. Those students who have passed, and we have found a sponsor for, will then be officially enrolled into our ESP.

Support of Sponsored Students

Once a child is sponsored through ESP, we are determined to provide the necessary support such as academic, emotional, and access to medical treatment. With exception of Nursery, we meet with our students weekly, and sometimes more often. These meetings allow us to monitor their academic progress and assist with any other issues, ranging from purchasing a new uniform to seeking medical attention.
Sponsorship Package in Tanzania

Every child enrolled in our sponsorship program goes through a detailed background check by our Education Sponsorship Team beforehand. In general, the families of our students have almost no money available to invest in the education of their children. These children/students need a lot of financial and educational support in order to have a “fair” chance of successfully passing through the Tanzanian Education System.

The sponsorship packages comprise the following:

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The chart below shows roughly how costs are apportioned (varies by student and academic level):
How It Works: The Sponsorship Process

**STEP 1: Inform us**

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please fill out the form on our website [http://www.help2kids.org/en/tz-education-sponsorship-program-tanzania-en/](http://www.help2kids.org/en/tz-education-sponsorship-program-tanzania-en/) or send us an email to sponsorships@help2kids.org. Please note that we ideally look for a multi-year commitment from all our sponsors to cover the full period of their current school stage. However, if at any point you do not wish to renew your sponsorship, we request that you give us at least three months’ notice so that we can attempt to find a new sponsor for your child.

**STEP 2: Register**

After you have completed the online Sponsorship Form, one of our Sponsorship Team will confirm your interest in sponsoring a child and will instruct you on the next steps of the process until the sponsorship has been fully set-up.

**STEP 3: First payment**

If you have not already paid by Credit Card (in Step 1), you can make your first payment by bank transfer. If you have any questions concerning the payment procedure, our Sponsorship Team will be able to answer any questions.

For payments by bank transfer, please find below our donation bank account details (for all currencies):

**Switzerland (all currencies)**

- **Beneficiary:** help2kids, Eggstrasse 12, 6315 Oberägeri, Switzerland
- **Bank:** Postfinance
- **Account No:** CH4809000000604325384
- **IBAN:** CH4809000000604325384
- **SWIFT/BIC:** POFICHBEXXX
- **Clearing number:** 9000

**Germany (EUR only)**

- **Beneficiary:** help2kids Germany e.V., Invalidenstrasse 2, 66292 Riegelsberg, Germany
- **Bank:** Vereinigte Volksbank eG Saarlouis
- **IBAN:** DE14590920002603490005
- **SWIFT/BIC:** GENODE51SB2
- **Clearing number:** 590 920 00

You can choose the payment schedule that best suits your needs (monthly, six-monthly or annually). If you prefer you may also pay for all years in one payment.

**STEP 4: Confirmation & Enrollment**

After your payment is received, we will send you a confirmation by e-mail as well as informing the child that you are their sponsor! The child will then be enrolled at the earliest opportunity.

Except for Nursery students, the Sponsorship Team holds weekly meetings with the students to discuss their educational development and emotional wellbeing as well as to provide them with any school supplies and weekly travel and food allowance. The sponsored students will receive additional educational support when needed including extra tutoring. Students are also regularly monitored for any health issues. You will receive regular updates from the Sponsorship Team by e-mail and they are always available to answer your questions. Please let them know if you wish to have direct contact with the student, exchange letters or to make a personal visit.

**STEP 5: Regular updates**

- **help2kids head office:** Eggstrasse 12, 6315 Oberägeri, Switzerland
- **e-mail:** info@help2kids.org / website: www.help2kids.org
Information and Documents You Will Receive

Sponsoring a student allows you to give the amazing gift of education. Through your generosity the student will be able to enhance their academic knowledge and give him/her a fair chance of a brighter future. Throughout your sponsored student’s academic journey, you will receive:

- a help2kids thank you letter which can be used for tax purposes.
- an academic report/update twice a year.
- a personal letter/drawing twice a year.
- photos of your sponsored child twice per year.

Contact us

If you have any questions regarding the Education Sponsorship Program or about your sponsored child, please feel free to contact: sponsorships@help2kids.org or find further contact information on our website: http://www.help2kids.org/en/contacts-en/

Thank you for your time and consideration