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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. help2kids is a politically and religiously independent association and is an officially registered charity in Switzerland and Tanzania. The Board of the help2kids association in Switzerland is comprised of five members - a President, and three 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.

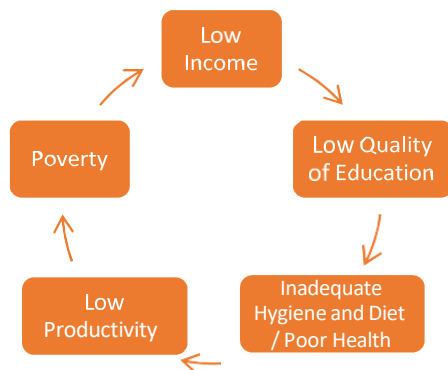
In Tanzania, our team comprises several project managers. Each manager supervises at least one aid project while an international Field Manager acts as Director and oversees all activities of help2kids.

The current organizational structure and personal profiles can be found on our website:

<http://www.help2kids.org/en/organization>

b) What we do

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. Children from low income families need a lot of additional financial and coaching in order to pass their exams during the first years.

Secondary School is divided into two levels, Ordinary and Advanced. 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 Advanced Level of Form 5 and 6, which is mainly taught in boarding schools which means that there are several costs which need to be paid including boarding fees. After passing Form 6, students receive an Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ACSEE) which allows selected students to enroll into 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 enrol into University.

d) University and Other Tertiary Education

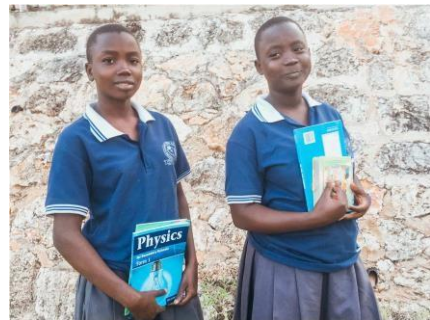
There are around 50 accredited Universities and Colleges in Tanzania, however many families cannot afford the tuition and boarding costs. There are also other educational opportunities such as technical, vocational, and professional schools where students can be certified and trained in a range of different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

Vision

Through the help2kids Education Sponsorship Programme (ESP), we provide children in Tanzania with education. Our students come from challenging backgrounds and without financial support they would struggle with their education and drop out of school. 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 ESP are chosen based on their poor living circumstances and their academic results over the past years. The program covers necessities such as school contributions, uniforms, textbooks, and school supplies, however we also provide travel (if necessary), school meals and healthcare. We want to ensure our students' physical and mental well-being while enrolled in our programme. help2kids is seeking long-term sponsors who are able to financially support a child until they reach 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 emotionally 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 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 the exception of Boarding school students, 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 Packages

Every child enrolled in ESP 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.

For maximum transparency and optimal use of your donation, we have created the following sponsorship packages:

Stage	Nursery School	Basic Secondary School	Advanced Secondary school		University & College
			Day School	Boarding School	
Duration	2-3 Years	4 Years	2 Years	2 years	3-4 Years
Food	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Transport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tuition Fees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uniform	✓	✓	✓	✓	
School Materials/ Stationaries	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
After Tuition		✓	✓	✓	
Hostel Fees				✓	✓
Health	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Package Price per year	400 USD	600 USD	600 USD	720 USD	2000 USD
Half yearly	200 USD	300 USD	300 USD	360 USD	

Nursery School: The kids get enrolled into our own Day Care Centre and come from the low-income fishing village of Kunduchi and surrounding areas. The sponsorship allows the student to attend classes in the morning from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and gives them a nutritious porridge every day for breakfast. All our students also stay for lunch and the aftercare programme, which is not part of the sponsorship but is covered through other donations.

Primary School: For the first two years of Primary School, the young students only study half days and are back home just in time for lunch. The sponsorship covers a little breakfast snack throughout these two years. When a student reaches Standard 3, they will start staying at school for afternoon classes and have to get lunch at the nearby food stalls, which is why the sponsorship gets more expensive from Standard 3 on.

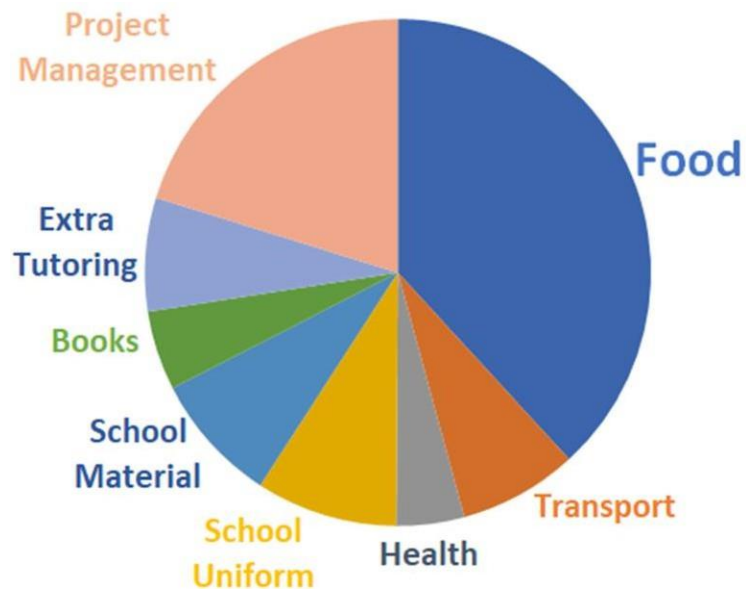
Secondary School: Once a student reaches Secondary School, they need more school material and schools often ask the students to pay all kind of contributions towards the school’s equipment or extra lessons on Saturdays. At the end of Form 4, all students sit for national examinations and the best students get selected to go to Advanced Secondary School, which often but not always are boarding schools. Boarding schools charge a boarding fee and students have to buy a lot of additional equipment, sometimes they even have to bring their own mattress. This makes the sponsorship package for Boarding School Students more expensive.



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Vocational School: Vocational Training is not subsidised by the government at all and schools charge their students for courses. How high the fees are and how long the courses take, depends on the different schools.

The chart below shows roughly how costs are apportioned (varies by student and academic level):





What You Get as A Sponsor

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 them a fair chance of a brighter future. As a sponsor you will receive three e-mails from us regarding your sponsored student per year:



Pictures

3 times per year, we send you a photo of your sponsored student



Letters*

You will receive at least 3 letters from your child every year



School Reports

Twice per year, we send you your student's grade cards

*or drawing, if your student can't write yet

In March and September, we will send you your student's latest grade card together with a personal letter from the student as well as a recent photo. In December when the school year comes to an end, you will get a picture of your student together with their Christmas greetings.

You are most welcome to answer the letters from your sponsored child or send us a letter and pictures through e-mail which we would love to pass on to the student. The children love to get to know the sponsor and their families.

You will also get a Thank you letter from help2kids which can be used for tax purposes.

How It Works : The Sponsorship Process



STEP 1 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/> 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 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 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: 60-432538-4
IBAN: CH4809000000604325384
SWIFT/BIC: POFICHBXXX
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 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.

STEP 5 Except for Boarding 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.

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

