



The Mushunga Community Project Philosophy

Why are we appealing to you to sponsor a child in Mushunga Community in Uganda?

Uganda is ranked number 102 among the countries of the world, in nominal Gross Domestic Product, by the International Monetary Fund. It remains one of the poorest nations in the world. Corruption is rife and the country's human rights record is extremely weak.

The more children we are able to educate and support, the greater our chances are of breaking the cycle of poverty, injustice, child labour, and improving gender **equality**.

Growing up in poverty, children are extremely vulnerable and face tough challenges: hunger and malnutrition; limited access to education and medical services; social discrimination; and isolation. With support from sponsors, like you, we can help children access the health care, education, life skills, job-readiness training, and confidence they need to create lasting, positive change in their lives and their communities.

In short, with your support, we can break the cycle of poverty with its crippling effects on the life prospects of the Mushunga community **children**.

Children in poverty are also more likely to be exposed to the stress of violence, gangs, and drugs. This can negatively affect brain development and long-term well-being. Your support of the Mushunga community children will bolster the chance of them achieving a stable and self-supporting life for themselves, their families, and in turn, the next generation: their children.

Our sponsorship outreach programs, are aimed at addressing some of the Mushunga community children's toughest challenges in their fight against poverty:

- **SUSTAINING** healthy lifestyles
- **STAYING** in school
- **SOURCING** work opportunities

Your support can help Mushunga Community children overcome the challenges they'd otherwise face for a lifetime. You can help set them free.





Frequently Asked Questions

What will your monthly sponsorship amount of \$ 35 or \$ 45 be used for?

Your Monthly Support of \$35 for primary school-aged children and \$45 for secondary school-aged children, ensures that kids living in poverty have access to life-changing benefits like:

- medical care,
- educational support,
- life skills and job training, before they graduate.

In sum, your sponsorship covers the Mushunga Community child's daily expenses, such as food, clothing, education, and medicine.

How much of Your Monthly Support will be used on the Mushunga Community Children themselves, rather than on salaries and administration?

90% of the total operating expenses fund programs for the Mushunga Community Children. So, when you make a monthly donation to our organization, the majority of your funds go toward exactly what you intended - supporting children in poverty.

What commitment period are we seeking from you, as sponsor?

Our sponsorship program ends once a child graduates from school, which is usually at the age of 18. Sponsors will be offered the opportunity to continue their sponsorship until the child that they are sponsoring has attained further life skills which can allow for them to stand on their own two feet. This is usually around the age of 24 years.





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When does your sponsorship increase from \$35 to \$45, and why?

When our Mushunga Community child goes from primary to secondary level education, your sponsorship commitment increases from \$35 to \$45 per month, since the needs of the children become greater at this stage of their development.

What if my financial circumstances change and I cannot afford to sponsor a child anymore?

We understand that your circumstances may change and that what might have originally seemed possible financially may no longer be so.

In such circumstances we ask you to please be in touch with us; as soon as possible; after becoming aware that your sponsorship will not be possible going forward. In that way, we can try and find a solution as quickly as possible through other possible sponsors/through further outreach.

What sponsors, like you, receive when you “join” the Mushunga Community Project?

- A welcome letter from Mushunga Project Board Chairperson.
- A photo of the child you have elected to sponsor
- A personal history synopsis of the child you are sponsoring
- An annual school progress report for the sponsored child
- Personal letters from the child, to you, as sponsor, in English





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What is the legal status of the Mushunga Community Project?

Mushunga is currently a registered local community project. It is incorporated and registered as a non-governmental organisation with the Ministry of Gender and Social Development and NGO Bureau under the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

We are also registered in Georgia, US Control Number 23033227. You can check us out at: <https://ecorp.sos.ga.gov/BusinessSearch>.

Our registration details in Uganda are as follows:

Registration Number: **FORR161675389NB**

Permit Number: **FORP005389NB**

Incorporation Number: **80020003801300**

Is my donation tax deductible in the USA?

We are currently, with the help of the US Council, applying for IRS Section 501 (c) (3) Charitable Status in the USA. Once we have achieved this, donations from the USA will be tax deductible.

Is my donation tax deductible in countries other than the US?

Please check with your own tax authority to establish the deductability of your donations. Some countries will allow this without the need for the charity to apply for registration in those countries.

What do I do next, to sponsor a child?

- Visit our website, and choose the child that you would like to sponsor
- Contact us at The Mushunga Community Project:
support@mushungaproject.org

