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Dear Supporter,

### **Child & Student Sponsorship Scheme**

**Thank you for your interest in sponsoring a child or young person with Kijana Kwanza (Young People First) in Moshi, Tanzania.**

All our children and young people have experienced multiple forms of suffering; some are orphaned, some were abandoned by their families, some lived as street children and others have experienced abuse or exploitation. Our waiting list provides a short summary of some of the children we support, and you are welcome to request a more detailed profile of any child or young person prior to making your decision.

Each child or young people has been carefully selected and personally visited by our staff and volunteer so that we can fully understand his or her needs. We do not select children or young people for sponsorship based on academic ability – we believe that every child and young person has the right to live in dignity and have the opportunity to go to school or learn a skill that will enable them to have a better future.

By sponsoring a child or young person, **you become part of their story**. We offer a range of sponsorship packages, depending on your means, and we provide our sponsors with biannual updates on the child or young person's progress. You are also welcome to visit us in Tanzania and meet your sponsored child.

We hope that you will find the information in this pack useful. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Otherwise, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohammed S Mamdani', written in a cursive style.

Mohammed S Mamdani  
UK Director

# Child & Student Sponsorship Programme

We deliver a range of child and student sponsorship programmes that reflect the age, needs and/or academic interests of the child or young person.

## PROGRAMME 1: SCHOOLING & MAINTENANCE

£30/month or £360/year

**You will sponsor** a child in secondary school who is living with at least one parent who is struggling to earn enough to meet the needs of his/her child/ren.

**Your sponsorship will provide:** school uniform, school equipment, school meals, additional school charges, medical insurance and a monthly food parcel for the family.

## PROGRAMME 2: FOSTERED CHILD

£50/month or £600/year

**You will sponsor** a child in secondary school who is fostered by a relative or guardian. The child may be orphaned, abandoned by his/her parents or the parent is incapable of earning a living due to age, sickness or disability.

**Your sponsorship will provide:** all the above plus additional household supplies such as hygiene products, clothing and a payment to the foster carer. Fostered children receive additional monitoring visits by staff.

## PROGRAMME 3: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

£70/month or £840/year

**You will sponsor** a young person in secondary school for whom foster care is not suitable. The child will either be orphaned, a former street child or at risk of child abuse.

**Your sponsorship will provide:** shelter, meals, schooling, medical insurance, additional tuition, extra-curricular activities, pastoral care and an annual field trip. Our Youth Development programme also focuses on life skills development, with children participating in volunteering, relief work and community service.

## PROGRAMME 4: VOCATIONAL TRAINING & APPRENTICESHIPS

(variable cost starting from £110/month or £1,320/year to £200/month or £2,400/year)

**You will sponsor** a young person who would like to undertake a programme of vocational training in an industry specific subject of their choice. Subjects include but are not limited to nursing, computer science, electronics, plumbing, farming or hotel management.

**Your sponsorship will provide:** tuition fees for college/employer training costs, accommodation, meals and medical insurance. Apprenticeships also include a small wage for the student. All vocational training includes mandatory citizenship classes and volunteering.

## PROGRAMME 5: OTHER COURSES

(variable cost) – further details upon request

# Child & Student Sponsorship FAQs

We've put together some common questions related to our sponsorship schemes. If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to drop us an email to [admin@kijana-kwanza.org](mailto:admin@kijana-kwanza.org).

## **Is it possible to part sponsor a child/young person?**

Yes – if you would like to part sponsor a child/young person, please let us know, and we can try and look for another sponsor to meet the remaining cost. We will of course, continue to offer the same reporting to part-sponsors.

## **Can I sponsor a student as part of a group, school or church/mosque?**

You are welcome to sponsor a student as part of a group. If members of your group are making separate payments into our account, we kindly request that each donor completes a separate Child & Student Sponsorship Form. This allows us to match your group's donations together.

## **Why is the cost of sponsoring a vocational student variable?**

The cost of vocational training depends on the course chosen by the young person. Normally, this starts from £110/month or £1,320/year for an employer-based apprenticeship up to £200/month to £2,400/year for a healthcare related course such nursing or clinical medicine in college. Since the cost is quite high for many individual donors, it may be more appropriate to sponsor a vocational student as a group (refer to question above).

## **What updates will you provide?**

Children/students write to their sponsors on a monthly basis, and we provide 2 formal reports annually. For students that live on site, we provide an additional welfare report and comment on their wider personal development. There is no obligation to write back to your sponsored child/student although this is appreciated from time to time.

## **Can I visit my sponsored child or young person?**

You may visit your sponsored student in Tanzania. However, we kindly request that you contact us before you confirm your travel arrangements. Please note that some of our children/young people struggle communicating fluently in English, especially those who are at the early stages of their education.

## **Can I send a special gift or birthday present to my sponsored student?**

We do not recommend that sponsors send personal or individual gifts for children or young people, whether they live with their families or with us at our shelter. This is because other children in the family or living at our shelter may not receive gifts.

You may, however, consider purchasing a communal gift that will help the whole household or all the children and young people living at our shelter.

Alternatively, you may wish to consider gifts in the form of a donation to the child or young person's savings account. Kijana Kwanza opens bank accounts for all our children and young people to encourage them to save and become more financially responsible. These gifts will enable a child or young person to have access to funds later in life for important needs such as further education, marriage or setting up a business.

### **How long do you offer student sponsorship?**

We support young people through secondary school (4 years) followed by either advanced level education (2 years) or a vocational diploma (3 years). This allows a young person to either proceed to university or find a suitable trade by the time they leave our care.

### **For how long do I need to commit to sponsor a student?**

Whilst many donors would like to see their sponsored child advance through their education to a position where they can fend for themselves, we recognise that is not always possible. As a minimum we kindly request sponsorship for at least 12 months.

### **What happens if I can no longer sponsor a child or young person?**

We recognise that it may be difficult for some people to continue to sponsor a child or young person for a long time. If you are unable to continue to sponsor a child, we request that you let us know as early as possible (preferably 3 months in advance) so that we can find an alternate sponsor.

### **I cannot afford to make a regular financial commitment to sponsor a child. Are there any other ways I can support an orphan or poor student with a one-off contribution?**

Yes - you are welcome to donate towards special appeals or specific costs such as providing meals or purchasing clothing or school supplies. Please contact us for more information.

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## ***Uko Tayari? (Are You Ready?)***

To start sponsoring a child/student, please complete the attached "Child & Student Sponsorship Form". If you would like to select a specific child, refer to our "Waiting List" of students currently in line for sponsorship.

## ***Asante Sana (Thank You)***

**Thank you for giving a child or young person in Tanzania a better future!**