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Dear Supporter,

Child & Student Sponsorship Programme

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

Our sponsorship programme supports children from as young as 5 years through adolescence up to early adulthood, at which point they have the skills, means and confidence to become financially independent. All those in our care have previously experienced extreme poverty, alongside often multiple adverse childhood experiences as a result of being orphaned or abandoned as children or at risk of abuse and exploitation.

Each and every sponsored student is carefully assessed, chosen and personally visited by our staff and volunteers 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 safety and shelter, and to education and/or training that will enable them to have a better future.

By sponsoring a child or young person, **you become part of their life story**. You will have the opportunity to communicate directly with your sponsored student on a quarterly basis. You will also receive an annual report card outlining their progress over the year.

We hope that you 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
Country Director, Tanzania

Child & Student Sponsorship Programme

Whilst all our children and young people receive the same holistic care, we also tailor our offer to meet the specific needs, circumstances and ambitions of the child or young person.

Your sponsored child or young person will receive:

1) Shelter

We ensure that all our children and young people have a safe and secure place to call home. For some children this will be on-site at one of our children's homes or youth hostels, whereas others live in single parent families or with foster parents. Older students sometimes live in college accommodation or in small groups in privately rented rooms.

2) A Balanced Diet

All our sponsored children and young people receive a balanced and healthy diet. Children and young people living on-site have their meals prepared for them, whereas children and young people in foster care receive a monthly food parcel. Those living in private or hostel accommodation receive a stipend to pay for meals at the college canteen or to cook at home.

3) Toiletries

We expect all our children and young people to maintain good personal hygiene and they are provided with sufficient toiletries on a monthly basis or via an allowance.

4) Medical Insurance

All sponsored children and young people have medical insurance to ensure they can access basic free healthcare. We also pay for other additional medical costs, not covered by their insurance, such as dental care and corrective eyeglasses, where required.

5) Education & Training

For children in school, we support all their educational needs including uniform, school meals, equipment, and mandatory school contributions in government schools. Some children, due to their age or specific needs, attend private schools, and we cover all tuition costs. For those young people who have finished their formal education, or were unable to complete their education, we fund vocational training at our workshop, with more able students undertaking a professional qualification.

6) Additional Tuition

Children in school receive additional tuition during the school holidays. We also organise specific classes and courses for young people who need to upskill.

7) Extra-Curricular Learning & Recreation

We recognise the importance of extra-curricular learning and recreation as an essential part of developing well-rounded children and young people. Children and young people

who live on-site have regular opportunities to take part in workshops, games and sport, whilst older students have access to additional seminars and informal learning opportunities. All our children and young people are expected to give back and take part in community service and volunteering opportunities.

8) Pastoral Care

Children under the age of 18 years who live on-site are supervised by a male or female support worker, referred to locally as a Patron or Matron. Children living in the community or in foster care have a named social worker who undertakes home visits and welfare checks and meets with them 1:1 at one of our sites. Young people aged 18+ years have access to a supervisor who can support their welfare, academic or training needs.

9) Annual Field Trip

All sponsored children and young people under the age of 18 years are given the opportunity to take part in an annual field trip.

10) Emergency Fund

We recognise that every child and young person has different needs and a unique life story. Whilst under our care, some children and young people may require specific, additional support, and we keep aside some funds for this very purpose.

Child & Student Sponsorship FAQs

We've put together some common questions related to our sponsorship programme. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to drop us an email to sponsorship@kijana-kwanza.org

How much does it cost to sponsor a child/young person?

We kindly request a minimum monthly donation of £50 / \$65 / TZS 150,000 to formally join our sponsorship programme. We do appreciate smaller donations, but we are not able to provide the same personalised reporting due to the administrative cost involved.

Is the full value of my donation used to support my sponsored child/young person?

Yes – the full cost of supporting a child/young person ranges from £90/month to £160/month depending on whether they are on primary, secondary, advanced, vocational or professional programmes. As a result, some children and young people may have more than one sponsor, and we regularly supplement our sponsorship budget with one-off or general donations.

Can I choose which child/young person I would like to sponsor?

We regularly publish a waiting list of children and young people waiting for a sponsor. You are welcome to choose a child or young person from the list, but we also appreciate when sponsors are flexible. Traditionally, male children, teenagers and vocational students (18+ years) struggle to find sponsors.

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

You are welcome to sponsor a child or young person as part of a group. If members of your group are making separate payments, we kindly request that you include their names on the Child & Student Sponsorship Form. This allows us to match your group's donations together.

What updates will you provide?

All children and young people communicate with their sponsors on a quarterly basis. For those with English language skills, this is normally via a letter which is scanned and sent to you by email. Younger children normally draw a picture for their sponsor, whilst students with limited English language skills may send a picture or short video.

Staff also prepare an annual report card for each child or young person, outlining their progress over the last year, which will be sent you by email. You should also expect to receive a postcard from Tanzania, once a year!

In some instances, where there are particular safeguarding concerns, children's profiles and correspondence may be more limited, by necessity. This would mean you are sponsoring one of our more vulnerable children and we would let you know should this be the case.

Can I write to my sponsored child/young person?

As a sponsor, you may send letters via email to Kijana Kwanza. These will be saved and shared with students during our scheduled quarterly letter-writing days on the last Saturdays of March, June, September and December. Students will have the opportunity to respond to sponsor letters only on these designated letter-writing days.

To protect the privacy and welfare of the children, sponsors are not permitted to contact students under the age of 18 directly through personal correspondence, social media, or other means.

Can I visit my sponsored child/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 to communicate in English, but a member of staff will be available to interpret for you. As above, should your sponsored child be particularly vulnerable, it may not be appropriate for you to meet with them directly, but you would still be very welcome to come and visit.

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

We ask that you do not send personal or individual gifts for children or young people who live on-site or in a family. This is because other children in the family or living at our shelters may not receive such gifts. You would however be very welcome to purchase a communal gift that will benefit the whole household or all the children and young people living at our shelter – we will be happy to advise.

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 financially literate and 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 or setting up a business.

How long do you offer student sponsorship for?

We support a child or young person to the point where they have the means and ability to become financially independent. For children who join us from a young age, our sponsorship can last more than 10 years. However, some young people join us after school for vocational training or a professional qualification, which may last just 3 years.

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 not be possible for everyone to sponsor a child or young person for the duration of their educational journey. 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.

Uko Tayari? (Are You Ready?)

To start sponsoring a child/young person, please complete our [Child & Student Sponsorship Form](#). If you would like to choose a specific child, please refer to our "Waiting List" of children and young people available on our website.

Asante Sana (Thank You)

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