

Current information on our sponsorship programme:



Together for Uganda (TfU) supports 150 children and young people through school sponsorships, training and study sponsorships with exclusively voluntary workers. Our aim is to accompany the children and young people until they have completed their first vocational training to enable them to start an independent life without being dependent on financial support. Since vocational training in Uganda has to be completed either at fee-paying vocational training centres or universities, we have expanded our sponsorship programme over the years so that today around 60 of our sponsored children attend the seven-year primary school. Another 60 pupils attend a secondary school, which, depending on their performance, can be completed after grade 11 with the O-Level or after grade 13 with the A-Level. In addition, 30 young people are undergoing vocational training at a training centre or university. In addition, 30 particularly poor families of our sponsored children are financially supported within the framework of family sponsorships.

It is very important to our association that the sponsored children and families as well as the sponsors from Germany are looked after personally (at least as far as information is concerned). In Uganda, this task is taken over by Mrs. Waltraud Ndagijimana from Neuss, who knows each child and each family personally and is regularly informed about family and school developments. This information is also passed on to the sponsors if they are interested.

The selection of sponsored children and families requires careful consultation with our local contact persons Mrs. Ndagijimana and the nurse Sr. Katto, who coordinates the care of AIDS orphans and particularly poor families at the local mission hospital for the national health service. For this reason, the selection for new sponsorships only takes place twice a year. The most important criterion for the selection of children and families is always their living conditions, about which Sr. Katto is well informed through her regular home visits.

All sponsored children who are looked after by TfU come from families living in extreme poverty. Most of them are also AIDS orphans. Some of them live as half-orphans together with their siblings with the remaining parent, others are full orphans who live with their grandparents or close relatives. We try to ensure that the sponsored children can grow up with their families until the 5th grade, because the family bond gives the children, who have already experienced a lot of negative things, identity and security. Only if it seems necessary in individual cases in the children's best interest do they attend boarding school during this time. Pupils from grade 6 onwards (penultimate grade of primary school), on the other hand, are all boarders because the better learning conditions at the boarding school enable them to prepare optimally for their final state examinations, the completion of which determines their further school attendance. The secondary schools, as well as training centres and universities are boarding schools / have dormitories, all older sponsored children therefore only come home during the holidays.

Please understand that we can only ensure the quality of our work with regard to the children and their families if we gradually include new children in the programme and also set an upper limit for the number of sponsorships. Even though many more children would need help, this cannot be done otherwise on a voluntary basis! In the end, we can only ensure that many of our children successfully complete their schooling and are not prevented from attending school or completing their education by household chores or work in the fields through good contact with the schools and educational institutions, regular enquiries, direct discussions with parents or relatives and our visits to their homes.

Our sponsorship programme:

1. School sponsorships (new sponsorships from January 2022), which enable children to receive a good school education. The sponsorship fee for pre-school and primary school (grade 1-7) is currently €160 and €250 (with boarding) per year respectively. The costs for secondary school pupils are 280 € per year. In addition to school fees (tuition and two meals a day, in boarding school three meals a day), the sponsorship fees for pupils also include money for school uniforms, jumpers, notebooks, pens, soap, detergent and skin cream.
2. Training mentors (from 2021, provided the lockdown is lifted and the training centres reopen), which enable children to start a career after graduating from school. Unlike in Germany, vocational training takes place at vocational training centres or in technical schools, in both cases school fees are charged. The costs for vocational training range from 280 € (simple crafts such as carpentry, bricklaying and tailoring) to 650 € - 1000 € (nursing, midwifery school or qualified training), so that often one child is supported by several sponsors. If desired, you will also receive information about the child and the status of his or her education.
The amount of the sponsorship contribution can be freely chosen by you from 100 € per year.
3. Study sponsors (from 2021, provided the lockdown is lifted and the universities reopen), which enable children to study after graduating from school. The costs for a study in Uganda amount to approx. 1500 € - 2500 € per year (depending on the place of study), so that even one student has to be supported by several sponsors. If desired, you will receive information about your sponsored child and the status of his or her studies.
The amount of the sponsorship contribution can be freely chosen from 100 € per year.
4. Family mentors (as of now), support the families of our sponsored children, who live in particularly great poverty, with a monthly contribution of 15 Euros and thus improve the living situation of these families a little. Here, too, your contribution is assigned to a fixed family. If you are interested, you can receive information about your sponsor family. You will receive information about the respective family as soon as you have decided to take on a family sponsorship.

If you are interested in one of our sponsorship projects or if you need further information, please contact us - the easiest way is to send us an email at: info@miteinander-fuer-unganda.de