

Suba Foundation Sponsorship Programme

How much does it cost to sponsor a child?

It costs only \$28 per month to sponsor a child which is like \$0.93 per day

How much of my sponsorship donations is spent on the child?

80% of your donation is spent on the child's education and health care

How do I know my donations really get to the child?

Each year the project is audited by reputable auditors. We also have a project staff that does monitoring and evaluation. We do monthly reports and newsletters that we share with sponsors.

How does child sponsorship work?

Your regular donation is sent to the community where your child lives. You help to fund the projects that are most needed in the community. So you help not only the child you sponsor but also their family and other children living in poverty in their area.

Who is a Sponsor?

A sponsor is someone like you who has made the decision to personally invest in the life of a child in need. As a sponsor, you enable your sponsored child to participate in a program that offers life-changing benefits including help with education, health care and social skills development.

How do you choose which children need a sponsor?

We work with the community committees in our target areas. These are areas where literacy levels are low, poverty is high and HIV and AIDS prevalence is equally high. They help to identify the children who are the most vulnerable, deprived and excluded and need our help. The community committees also help us identify and prioritise for crucial projects for the children eg access to safe water.

How long does child sponsorship last?

We normally encourage parents to sponsor a child as long as they can. However we understand when circumstances change. We shall keep \$4 in our future fund to support children whose sponsors might not be able to continue with sponsorship. If you are able to continue sponsoring, the sponsorship will usually last until the child has finished their education. You can contact us for more information.

How can I pay for my sponsorship donations?

You can pay for your monthly gift either by direct debit, via your credit card or Paypal. However you have to choose a child first.

Can I choose the child I sponsor?

Yes, you can choose a child from the website or if you are not sure which child to choose please just call our team and we will help you to choose a child.

Can I write to my sponsored child?

Yes, letters are really cherished by sponsored children. We hear time and time again how much it means to children living in poverty to know that someone across the world cares for them. You can share your stories eg. Hobbies, news from your country etc. We shall translate letters where necessary and ensure the child receives gifts sent to them especially during their birthdays and Christmas.

When should I expect to receive a reply from my sponsored child?

Letters can take long sometimes so please don't be offended if it takes two to three months to receive a reply from your sponsored child. However you can email us with instructions and we shall print and put the letter in the envelop on request.

Can I send gifts to my sponsored child?

Yes, if you want to send an additional gift for your child's birthday or Christmas you are welcome to do so. However Kenya is far away so we would encourage you to send monetary gift via Suba Foundation. That way your child will receive what they really need as well. Contact us for more information

Can I visit my sponsored child?

Yes, visiting your sponsored child can be a wonderful experience. Suba Foundation will help to arrange for you to meet your child. We ask that we have three months advance notice of your travel plans to make sure we are able to arrange your visit. You will be asked to cover any costs of transport / translators etc.

Do the children share sponsors?

No, when you receive the profile of a child, it contains the photo and story of a real child in need who has no other sponsor but you. A number of children are sponsored through Suba Foundation. Many more are enrolled and awaiting sponsors.

Exactly how is the money spent and on what?

It costs \$28 to sponsor a child per month \$4 goes to Future Fund and \$4 for administration The money each sponsor pays for their sponsored child is directed to the project they are enrolled in. This money is pooled to provide education, health, clean water, nutrition, early childhood development and income-generation activities for the children.

As a sponsor, how else can I learn about the child I am helping?

In addition to letters from your sponsored child, Suba Foundation will send you periodic updates about the child's progress and newsletters. You will have a better understanding of your sponsored child's culture and life.

What is Suba Foundation Future Fund?

The \$4 Suba Foundation Future Fund helps support more needy children whose sponsors default as well as ensure quality and consistency in our work. Basically it's an additional voluntary contribution that helps us to help more children now and in the future.

When do child sponsorships typically end and why?

Some sponsorship may last many years and only end when your sponsored child has left school. Schooling will depend at what level the sponsorship starts. In Kenya education system is 8-4-4 that means 8 years in Primary school, 4 years in secondary school and 4 years in University. The child also takes 3 years in ECD (Early childhood development and education). However not every child has potential for Secondary school or university therefore our programme will mainly focus on ECD and Primary education. In the last year of primary school the sponsor will be asked to continue (if possible) to sponsor the child through secondary school or vocational training.

Sometimes sponsorship can end sooner, in instances where the community has become self-supporting. When we exit from a community it is after a period of consultation which includes advising leaders, families and children that sponsorship will eventually end. Our goal is to enable communities to become sustainably independent and empower parents to take complete control of their lives and their children's futures. Sponsors will have time to write a farewell letter.

Sometimes sponsored child's circumstances may change eg. Sometimes families move beyond the reach of Suba Foundation and children have to leave our sponsorship programme. We will inform you as quickly as possible if any such circumstance affects the child you sponsor, and we'll offer you the opportunity to support another child in need of your help.

If you have any questions about when your child will graduate from the sponsorship programme, or how long your sponsorship will last please contact us.

If I must discontinue my child sponsorship, what happens to the child I'm helping?

If you need to discontinue your child sponsorship, we will immediately look for a new sponsor for your child and continue the child's sponsorship support without interruption. Because we cannot get a sponsor immediately we shall use our future fund to support the child until we get a sponsor. You can discontinue your child sponsorship at any time. However you need to inform us within reasonable time.

Can I contact my sponsored child via Facebook?

Social messaging sites are not always safe environments in which to communicate. For children in particular, the dangers are heightened, as an organization we are unable to monitor online communications. Social media can leave both sponsors and children vulnerable.

Can I adopt my sponsored child?

No. We do not organise adoptions. Neither do we facilitate bringing sponsored children to their sponsors. We believe your help to improve children's wellbeing in their own communities has deeper value than removing them from their families.

What makes Suba Foundation stand out among other child care organizations?

Our children are identified from poor villages and we only support the poor of poor. Its run by professional staff who have massive experience in child care, child rights and development as well as a lean staff which means most of the money goes directly to supporting the children hence value for

money. We also help communities realize their potential by supporting their ideas and activities for sustainable development.