

# NOTDEC:Sponsoring a child

Thank you for considering sponsoring a NOTDEC child. Child sponsorship is the area where we need most support.

Your sponsorship money goes into a fund that covers all that is necessary to care for the child – food, clothes, household items, running the on-site nursery school, school fees, medical bills, staff salaries, petrol costs etc. It does not cover any building or vehicle costs.

Tiny babies incur no school fees, but they need lots of care from the housemothers and provision of formula milk costs up to £1000/year/child.

NOTDEC UK administers all funds sent to Uganda. All trustees are unpaid volunteers, thus all monies received are sent out to Uganda without any fees deducted for administration.

## Money matters

Sponsorship money is sent to Uganda once a month, every month.

The minimum we need for child sponsorship is currently £45 or £50/month. We can claim an additional 25% Gift Aid on any donation, if you are a UK taxpayer.

Please consider which option below you can support

- Full sponsorship (min £45/month), including additional gift to sponsored child at Christmas
- Partial / shared sponsorship, for anything less than £45/month
- Regular donation to sponsorship fund, without sponsoring a specific child

We appreciate this is a lot of money for some, so if you are unable to give the full sponsorship amount then any regular donation, even £20/month would assist in the care of a child and another sponsor would be found to cover the full costs of the child.

**Some sponsors give more**—if you are able to do so that would be wonderful.

**Others join together** with friends or family members to raise the amount needed.

## Long term commitment

Your commitment to support for the child is until he/she leaves school or is no longer supported by NOTDEC for some other reason. However we know that your financial circumstances may change and you may be unable to carry on with the sponsorship. In this situation please tell us as soon as possible so we can find another sponsor for the child.

## Children living “off-site”

Once children reach the age of 5-6 years, many move to live with their relatives: aunts; cousins; grandparents; fathers & stepmothers. (This is Ugandan Government policy, and far better for the child – ensuring they’re not institutionalized and develop normal social networks.) When that happens, your ongoing support is vital. It covers not just school fees, school lunches and scholastic materials, but also the transport and salary costs of social workers who keep a close eye on each child living with their wider family.

**After the school years**

Many sponsors wish to see their child established in the world of work and continue to support their child through vocational training. **This is optional.**

**Final thought**

NOTDEC Uganda staff are concerned not only for the physical and educational needs of the children but also that each child should grow in their knowledge of God. They would welcome your prayers for the children if you feel able to do that.

**Your next step ...**

If you wish to pursue the possibility of sponsoring a child then please use the contact us form, where we can answer any further questions and tell you about children waiting to be sponsored. ([Contact us here](#))