

HOW TO START A SPONSORSHIP

Association Heart of Africa cooperates with the Community of Hope, a non governative organization in Machakos, 60 kilometers from Nairobi in Kenya. The founder of the Community is Father Charles Kyallo Mutua, who is Heart of Africa's reporter from Kenya since 2008. Its role is crucial for sponsorship, because he chooses children to be proposed to their sponsors and collects informations on children who have already found some support.

In this delicate work he is helped by three social assistants, Monicah, Milcah and Lucy.

Their task is to visit children to verify their academic performance and the economic conditions of their family. This assignment takes them to move around in many villages near Machakos, where many of the kids live and study. During their visits, the girls come into contact with the reality of these small communities and identify families in need of financial assistance.

When a child is proposed for sponsorship, the girls visit their house to record basic needs, see if any repair work can be performed, check the economic situation of the entire family. The dossier is submitted to Heart of Africa, which decides whether to accept the child or not. When a child is chosen for sponsorship, the association provides to buy a bed, a mattress, blankets, towels, clothes and shoes. Generally more than one child is adopted in one single family, in order to offer a substantial economic aid.

Fee payed annually by a sponsor is entirely on the guy, since the association does not support fixed costs, thanks to the contributions of many members and friends (the 2010 budget is on the Facebook profile of Heart of Africa).

Every year a delegation of the board flies to Machakos to visit all the children and to bring back a witness on their health and education through a movie, which is projected to the presence of all sponsors.

Heart of Africa now supports 86 children; some of them have not found a sponsor, yet.

We hope to find some new members who wants to make the difference to some little friends who are trying to build up their own future.