



## **Gender Education Project**

**Sponsorship Pack**

**2018**

**“The foundation of every society is the education of its youth”**

## **Who are Trade Aid?**

Trade Aid are an educational charity, focused primarily on vocational education, but with a history of supporting the elimination of the gender gap in both traditional and vocational schooling. Working since 1996, Trade Aid combines conservation, history and tourism with vocational education, providing training in the hospitality industry as well as other vocational skills including hotel maintenance. Our goal is to provide sustainable employment in Mikindani by encouraging aspiring young men and women to develop their skills in hospitality and entrepreneurship to create a sustainable future.

## **What do we want to do?**

Trade Aid want to sponsor young girls of primary school age to attend local government schools, providing all the necessity costs such as uniform and textbooks as well as providing additional lessons at our vocational training facility, The Old Boma at Mikindani.

Once our candidates have completed primary school, we will assess their progress and consider them for sponsorship on a secondary school programme which will fund all costs associated with secondary school and also provide additional lessons.

Trade Aid hope to bridge the gender gap in education in Mikindani that still exists that see a much lower percentage of girls than boys complete, or even attend secondary school. By beginning our sponsorships at Primary School level we hope to inspire both parents and child to seek further education and build for them, a better future.

## **About our Candidates**

Born and raised in Mikindani, our candidates are carefully chosen from amongst those who most need our help. Using our friends in the local community and by speaking directly to both candidates and their families, we choose to give sponsorship to those who would otherwise not be able to go to school but also show an interest in their education. We encourage the families of our candidates display a commitment to their daughter's education by working with them to explain the long term benefits of education.

All candidates are female and of primary school age.

## **Education in Tanzania**

Schooling in Tanzania can be provided by both the public and private sector. Trade Aid favour entering children into government education as it is lower cost and simulates what families can typically afford and allows us to provide education to more young girls in Mikindani. The Tanzanian government are making a lot of progress in providing free education, recently extending free education to include the secondary level, but many

remain unable to afford this basic right due to the cost of uniform, books and food, but crucially the labour that is lost when a child attends school.

Primary education in Tanzania is provided in Swahili whereas Secondary education is given entirely in English. This switch causes great difficulty for many students, whose primary level English teachers often have a basic knowledge of the language themselves. This is why Trade Aid are dedicated to provided extra lessons in English as well as other areas to provide extra support and benefit to our chosen candidates.

Pre-Primary (Non-compulsory) – Typically ages 5-6; divided into year 1 and 2

Primary School – Typically ages 7-13; Standard I-VII

Secondary School – O Level – Typically ages 14-17 (Form 1-4)

Secondary School – A Level – Typically ages 16-19; Form 5-6

University – Typically 3 to 4 years, Bachelors and Masters

\*School in Tanzania is not as strict with ages as in The UK and often students are older than the ages provided

### **What will we provide?**

- Uniform
- Textbooks
- Stationary
- Transport (If Required)

\*Trade Aid will cover uniform and books for the remainder of the child's primary schooling until full sponsorship begins with their acceptance to a chosen secondary school

### **Sponsor/Student Correspondence**

Trade Aid will arrange for correspondence to be sent each term from your sponsee, including letters and school reports so you can build a relationship with those you sponsor and track their progress.

Trade Aid will also deliver your messages of support to your sponsee and make sure they continue to feel inspired.

### **Costs**

Yearly Costs (Primary School Level):

- Uniform: 120,000 (30,000 x 3) – includes soap
- Shoes 24,000
- School Bag 10,000

- Workbooks: 27,500
- Mathematics Set: 5000
- Pencil/Pens = 2,500
- Watch: 5000
- Dictionary: 15,000
- Medical Allowance for Minor Injuries: 60,000
- Living Allowance: 60,000
- Visit Costs & Support Costs = 38,000

**Yearly Cost = 343,000 TZS = £120 = £10 per month**

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