



AFRICA, I BELIEVE IN YOU



FAQs – Sponsorships

What does your donation enable - child sponsorship?

Thanks to your sponsorship, the children receive a high-quality, English school education and warm, balanced meals several times a day. In addition, your donation can cover part of the school maintenance costs, school bus costs, school materials and teacher salaries. Asante Sana!

Who is supported by a sponsorship?

We support only the poorest families who cannot afford schooling and very often do not have enough food for their children. We only have a limited number of places in our **schools**, so we handle the allocation of places very responsibly. We endeavor to enable 1-2 children from each family that submits an application a place in our schools.

Every fall Christine or Cornelia, together with our social workers, visit all families in the area who have children of school age. It also happens from time to time that we accept older children in our school, since children in Tanzania usually have to do many household chores (child care, looking after cows, etc.) and are therefore often sent to school quite late or not at all by their parents. In the following January these children then start their school education in one of our schools.

We are also very careful in selecting the **families** we support. This is mainly due to the fact that the neighborhood network - mutual support between neighbors and families - is very important in Tanzania and we do not want to endanger this in any way. Families in Tanzania often support each other. Especially those families who live in particularly poor conditions are supported by their neighbors (e.g. in child care, building a house, feeding the family) = Neighborhood Network. In order to avoid jealousy and envy, we make sure that there are those families who are also seen as needy in their neighborhood.

What does it mean to be a sponsor?

Being a sponsor is a gift and not an obligation:

- It is a gift to a child to let him or her know that there is someone who believes in them and supports them.
- It is a gift of a promising future for a child from the poorest of backgrounds.
- A gift of cultural exchange for sponsors and children when sponsors visit their children.



AFRICA, I BELIEVE IN YOU



Africa Aminilama

For the children, especially in difficult times, it is of unimaginable value that they know that there is someone who is miles away, who supports them and who thinks of them. They take the position of a godfather or godmother for this child, so to speak. Of course, as a sponsor, it is also possible to visit your godchild. You can find more information about this under, **Visit your godchild in Momella** As well as on our AAL HP – www.africaaminilife.com

How long does a sponsorship last?

In order to help a child sustainably, we consider it necessary to conclude a sponsorship for at least one year. However, we are happy about everyone who supports his/her sponsored child until he/she leaves our schools. In Tanzania, children usually start with the Baby Class (kindergarten) and Pre-Unit (preschool), which are run together as Montessori-classes. Subsequently, the children go to our primary schools from 1st to 7th grade. At the end of 7th grade, the children must pass their state final examination in order to be accepted into a secondary school.

In January 2019 we were able to open our first own secondary school, the Pamoja Secondary School, which is attended by all students who have successfully completed our primary schools. After the secondary school, children can attend a 2-year high school or college. Those children who decide to continue to our high school after secondary school will stay in our Pamoja School - there is a smooth transition and similar costs. But those children who decide to go on to college after secondary school will approach us with different options. We will then forward these to the sponsors and discuss and decide with them individually how and if they are able to continue supporting their child.

As parents sometimes move away, it can happen that some children cannot finish school with us. In such exceptional cases, we will contact the sponsors and discuss the further procedure.

Sponsorships are usually concluded for an indefinite period of time, but they can be terminated at any time without giving reasons. To do so, please send us a short message to patenschaften@africaaminilama.com

What is the monthly amount of your sponsorship?

Maasai Vision: 30€ for school material, teacher salary & meals

Simba Vision: 30€ for school material, teacher salary & meals

Worseg Vision: 30€ for school material, teacher salary & meals

Pamoja Secondary School: 65€ for school material, teacher salary, meals and boarding school

KinderVilla: 90€, of which 22€ school fee and 68€ for supervision, clothing and meals

Families in need: 25€ monthly, for food and supplies that are urgently needed



AFRICA, I BELIEVE IN YOU



Africa Amini Alama

Questions about tax deductibility of donations

Donations to Africa Amini Alama are tax deductible in Austria, Germany, Switzerland and the USA. You can find more details on our homepage. If you have any questions, please contact Michael at office@africaaminialama.com or by phone at +43 664 452 66 67

FOR AUSTRIA

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation and you are from Austria, please include your first and last name (according to your registration form) as well as your date of birth! You can find detailed information at www.africaaminialama.com/spendenabsetzbarkeit

Personal data and data changes

We require the following data from you to accept a sponsorship:

- Full name (for donors from Austria, please enter your name on the registration form)
- E-Mail address
- Phone number
- Address
- Date of birth (only for donors from Austria)

Should there be any changes to your data or the person making the transfer during the course of the sponsorship, please inform us at patenschaften@africaaminialama.com. Also, if your bank account details change, we ask you to remember to change the standing order for your sponsored child, as we have repeatedly observed that payments have been stopped unnoticed and unintentionally.

Changes within a sponsorship

Since life changes all the time, we would like to inform you that it can happen that a child leaves school at any time or changes within our schools - e.g. to secondary school - or that school fees can increase. In all cases you will of course be informed by our sponsorship team. One thing that is hard to imagine in our country, but which is common in Tanzania, is that the children change their name, e.g. if a class promotion is pending in the Maasai culture.

The traditional age groups of the Maasai (men):

- Boys (olayioni)
- with approx. 10-15 years one ascends then into the warrior class (Murran)
- with approx. 30-40 years to the Elders class (junior Elders > senior elders > ancient elders)

Another reason is when parents change their names, or sometimes it is due to the different spelling of the names in different languages (English & Swahili) Therefore we ask for your understanding if you are used to a different spelling of your godchild's name.



AFRICA, I BELIEVE IN YOU



Reports

1-2 times a year we send relevant information from the children (e.g. school reports) to their sponsors and several times a year we publish our newsletter on the progress of our projects. You can find current information on our homepage at www.africaaminialama.com, on Facebook and Instagram.

The children of the Montessori classes, 4th grade and 7th grade do not receive an academic report from the school. This is due to the fact that the children in these classes either do not receive a school report (Montessori-classes) or take part in a national exam (4th & 7th grade) and the grades are only published online on a platform for the teachers - sponsors nevertheless receive a report with more detailed information about their sponsored child. We are happy to provide information about the results of your sponsored child at any time, please contact us personally.

If you have not received the annual report, please let us know. Since the reports are sent manually by our social workers in Momella, it can unfortunately happen that a wrong attachment or an incorrect e-mail address has been entered. Nevertheless, we try in all conscience to ensure that all our sponsors receive regular reports.

Contact by letter & Gifts

Due to time and organizational reasons it is unfortunately not possible to be in a constant correspondence with your godchild or to send him/her gifts. Due to customs regulations and long transport times and the uncertainty of whether it will ever arrive, it is not advisable to send anything by mail. We have introduced a guideline to avoid that some children, who receive gifts from their godparents over and over again, are favored and the other children are therefore sad, that personal gifts can only be given by sponsors who visit their children personally. However, to enable you to make your sponsored child happy, we have established the **UBUNTU fund - Joy for all!**

UBUNTU is very popular in Africa - Ubuntu means: **‘How can one of us be happy if other ones are sad?’**

For that reason, we ask our godparents, instead of bringing a gift for individual godchildren, to donate to your godchild and his or her friends in order to bring joy to everyone. We will use this donation for various extra-curricular activities during the school year, such as fruit, school books, transportation to soccer games, the school trip at the end of the year, graduation gifts, etc.....

Please send your donation with the following subject: **UBUNTU - Name of the school**



AFRICA, I BELIEVE IN YOU



Visit your godchild in Momella!

Due to data protection regulations, we are unfortunately not allowed to share personal data of the children and their families with the sponsors. Sponsors often visit their sponsored children and families - this way they can see for themselves how their donation helps local people. We offer sponsorship trips at special conditions. However, these trips can only take place with a minimum number of 5 guests - also relatives, friends etc., with at least one person sponsoring an AAA child. You can find more information at www.africaaminilife.com

If you are interested, please contact Michael Mangl (Head Office) office@africaaminialama.com or call +43 664 452 66 67. We will be happy to send you more details and dates.

In this context, please note, that our schools are closed during the Tanzanian school holidays and that it is therefore more difficult to get in contact with the children, as some of them live very far away. Our local staff will help you to plan your stay. You can reach them at info@africaaminilife.com.

Karibu Sana – welcome to Momella!

How would the meeting with your child be like? Is there an organized program?

At first you will always visit your godchild at school. This is also where the first contact takes place. You visit the classes, drink intermission tea with our staff and even stay for lunch if you wish.

On other days you have the opportunity to **visit the child in his or her home** to get to know other family members and see how they live.

In addition, you can **plan an excursion** with your child, perhaps go shopping at the local market or take a one-day or half-day excursion together. Our responsible staff will be happy to help you with the arrangements. We would like to point out that the children are often very shy and enjoy it more if a second child, a sibling or a friend joins them - this way the children tend to warm up faster and the experience is always better for everyone.

For the safety of the children and your own safety, one of our staff members will always be present at every meeting with your child. We regret that there is no possibility to spend time alone with the children. Often it is also necessary for our staff to translate from English into Swahili or Maa.



AFRICA, I BELIEVE IN YOU



Africa Amini Alama

We also ask you to contact our sponsorship coordinators in Vienna to discuss the possibility of **buying gifts**. Things that bring joy to children in the western world are often not what an African child is happy about nor are they for his or her benefit. According to our experience, the most useful option is to buy gifts locally at a local market (e.g. tea, sugar, soap, sweets etc.) - it is also always a special experience to get to know a Tanzanian market or supermarket. Our staff will also be happy to assist you here.

If you do bring gifts, we ask you to hand them over, if possible, when you visit the family. If a family visit is not possible for you, we will surely find a way to take your godchild aside during the school visit in order to hand over the gift. By doing so we want to avoid that other children feel disadvantaged.

If you have any further questions regarding gifts, please contact us at patenschaften@africaaminialama.com.

Can I have direct contact with the local staff, the children or the family (parents) of the child via e-mail or telephone?

Unfortunately, it is not possible for organizational reasons. If you are sponsoring a child from the KinderVilla, it is possible to contact the child via What's App - please contact us at patenschaften@africaaminialama.com if you are interested.

All further information and details about sponsorships with Africa Amini Alama can be found on our homepage: <https://africaaminialama.com/projekte/patenschaft>

