

## How to be a Sponsor

We invite sponsors to contribute £16 per month towards the programme. Upon receipt of your completed form we will link you with a child in the community and send you their details with a photo, followed by a letter of introduction from the child. Every 6 months you will receive a brief report of the work and progress in the community and you will receive an annual progress report and letter from your child. You are encouraged to write to your child and he or she will write to you.

For just over fifty pence a day you can help ensure the children in a community receive proper education, nutrition and health care, but most of all, hope for the future!

### **Q. What will my sponsored child receive?**

A. All the children will benefit from the growing strength of the community and ability to meet the present and future needs of the children. Sponsored children are not singled out for special treatment, except that he or she will have a relationship with someone who cares and prays for them - you!

### **Q. How is my sponsorship money spent?**

A. The most important resource you provide is the CDP staff, who often lives in the community itself. Training for the community comes next, followed by appropriate materials and equipment, then communication expenses etc.

### **Q. What is the time-scale of sponsorship?**

A. Depending on many factors, a programme may last anything from 7 to 15 years, until the goal has been achieved. At this time we will invite you to transfer your sponsorship to another child in a new community. But there is no obligation on your part, so you can end the arrangement at any time.

Please respond today by completing and returning the enclosed sponsorship form. Invest in the life of a child. Thank you.

Motivated by Christ's love, the international partnership of Food for the Hungry exists to meet both physical and spiritual hungers of the poor.

This purpose is met by:

- Speaking out to all people about physical and spiritual hungers.
- Sending people to share Christ's love.
- Facilitating emergency relief and sustainable development.

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# Sponsor a Child



## Help to transform their world

**Child sponsorship is your opportunity to help bring transformation to the life of a child, a family and an entire community in a developing country.**

**Child sponsorship is unique in that it gives you the chance to connect with a specific child and community. You will be encouraged to pray for and to write to the child you sponsor and will become an integral part of our strategy to lift some of the world's poorest families out of grinding poverty for ever.**

**We believe that poverty is neither inevitable nor acceptable. Yet a child dies, on average, every 5 seconds because of inadequate nutrition.**

**Your regular gifts and prayers will help to make the child's community a healthier and happier place for all the children in the community, and because this programme is sustainable, it will benefit the community both now and into the future.**

## Child Development Programme (CDP)

The best way to help a child for the long term is to strengthen the family and community where he or she lives. Our goal therefore is that the family, church and leaders will be meeting the needs (physical, spiritual, intellectual and social) of all of their children and that the children will be developing as God intends.

Local FHI staff will design a community-specific strategy that best helps the community to impact their children and which will:

- be just and fair (Micah 6:8); all registered children will be treated as full participants whether or not they have a sponsor
- help the community to discover God's vision for them rather than impose a human vision, to empower them to make good decisions rather than make decisions for them and to equip them to meet the critical needs of the children.
- facilitate a process of heart and worldview transformation, rather than provide resources; breaking the cycle of poverty starts in the hearts and minds of children and their families, as they turn from believing in and acting on lies or wrong ideas, and start living as God's whole people
- be based on personal relationships, because God uses people, not things, to change people
- measure impact, not just activity
- Involve praying and knowledgeable sponsors - that's you!



## Gikomero CDP Centre, Rwanda

Gikomero is about 20km from Gitarama town and 70km from Kigali, in a region of mountains and deep valleys; the average altitude is almost 2,000m. All economic activities including agriculture take place in the lowlands. Crops include bananas, sweet potatoes, cassava and beans. Children often take care of the cattle.

The school that serves children in this centre is Gikomero Primary school and it belongs to the Protestant Church. The staff responsible for this CDP centre live among the community and the centre is running well.

Rwanda has been faced with numerous major challenges in the realm of reconciliation, rehabilitation and economic development especially after the horrible genocide of 1994. The Rwandan population in general is characterized by an unskilled work force and a decimated educational system, especially in rural areas.

Major activities of this programme include: Sunday school classes, annual health check up and medical support, incorporating children and their families into the local health insurance system, Bible Club, tutorial classes, supply of school materials, annual Youth Bible Camp, home based care and counselling for HIV/AIDS community, support of parent-initiated projects, organizing schools contest/competitions, training on Biblical Worldview and development for families and leaders.

We believe the current level and type of the participation of the local community (teachers, churches, families) as well as the degree to which the community as a whole feels ownership over the projects is very encouraging.

