

Makdas Foundation

Guidelines & Terms

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Welcome!

Makdas Foundation is a philanthropic platform under [VenturePress.dk](http://www.VenturePress.dk) CVR-no. 32931014. We set up sponsor agreements to secure schooling for vulnerable children in Southern Ethiopia. The sponsor agreements are on a one-to-one basis. 100% of the sponsored funds are used for paying school fees and the directly related posts. We run by a zero-budget with no administration costs and no salaries.

Makdas Foundation was founded in 2011 on these fundamental and mandatory principles. We are based in Copenhagen and operate in Hawassa in Southern Ethiopia.

INFORMATION

Makdas Foundation on www.VenturePress.dk/projects.html

CONTACT

Contact form on www.VenturePress.dk/contact.html

WHAT DOES IT COST

Here is an example of a grade 3 to 4 student with prices for 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively. Prices may change as they are subject to inflation and general increases:

| Post | Payment 2014 | Payment 2015 | Comments |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| | DKK | DKK | |
| School fee | 567 | 567 | See pt. 1 |
| Registration fee | 17 | 17 | Annual |
| Dbl. uniform | 300 | - | See pt. 2 |
| Stationary | 170 | 170 | See pt. 3 |
| Trousers, shoes & soap | 106 | 106 | See pt. 4 |
| Sub Total | 1.160 | 860 | |
| | - | - | Transferred from previous year |
| Total | 1.160 | 860 | To be paid on April 01 |

1. **School fee:** Covers one year's schooling, equalling ten months of teaching. There are leaps in fee sizes between certain grades. Please ask for details.
2. **School uniforms:** Every second year, two standard school uniforms are ordered and handed out by the school.
3. **Stationary:** Stationary includes school books, handouts, pens and paper, which are bought and handed out by the school.
4. **Trousers, shoes and soap:** The school buys and hands out to the child two pairs of shoes and two pairs of trousers per year and one piece of hand soap per week.

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WHO IS SPONSORED

The sponsor agreements are directed at children, who either no longer attend school or whose schooling is threatened. No distinction is made between sexes, religious or ethnic background. It is the school exclusively that recommends a child for sponsorship: they evaluate whether the child is suited, and they determine in which grade the child should be.

LOCAL PARTNER

We cooperate with Kidane Meheret Comboni School in Hawassa in Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Region. This is a private school that takes care of a number of vulnerable children. Our cooperation was initiated in November 2011 and since then the school has proved reliable. All payments are settled directly between makdas Foundation and the representative at Comboni School. No funds go through neither the child nor the family of the child.

WHAT TO EXPECT

As a sponsor you will receive:

1. **Sponsor agreement** – a written agreement with the relevant information, including first name and age of the child, the grade and the specific posts in the set-up.
2. **Receipt for payment** – an e-mail in which we confirm receiving your yearly payment.
3. **Annual account** – an annual account, signed by us and by the school principal, documenting the school payment and specifying the costs of the set-up.
4. **Annual report** - Makdas Foundation strives to produce an annual resume for each sponsor agreement regarding the progress of the child.

Other terms:

Photographs and drawings: We support neither distribution of photographs of the children, nor their drawings. We are, however happy to send photographs of the school, and the responsible school staff.

Communication with the child: We also do not support direct communication between the sponsor and the child. Communication with the child is carried out by the school exclusively.

Gifts: Furthermore we do not support gifts for the children. We do not wish for them to stand out or to contribute to any gratitude debt.

ISOBRO: Makdas Foundation is not a member of ISOBRO, but we strive to comply with their [*guidelines for humanitarian organizations*](#).

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DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The sponsor should be willing to support the child throughout the number of years that it takes to finish school, that is through 12th grade. Consequently the duration is determined by the grade and the progress of the child. If you wish to withdraw from your sponsor agreement before, we kindly ask you to wait until we have another sponsor who can take the place.

In the future it will be possible to continue sponsoring after 12th grade. The guidelines for this have not yet been completed.

HOW TO SPONSOR

If you wish to sponsor the schooling of a child through us, please contact us by using [our contact form](#). You will be added to our waiting list and when the school refers a child who needs sponsoring, we will contact you.

WHEN WILL THE AGREEMENT BE INITIATED

The sponsor agreement is initiated and we consider it *binding toward the child* when you have received it and confirmed in writing your participation to us. Hereafter you will receive an e-mail with payment details.

PAYMENTS

A sponsor agreement can be initiated any time of the year. New contracts are adjusted in on April 1 by which time the annual payments from all sponsors should be completed. The children are enrolled to the school annually around July 1st. We prefer all payments to the school to have been completed by May 1.

Annual payments are made by transferring the amount to a designated account in a bank in Denmark. Here the money will stay until it is withdrawn in connection with the annual payments to Comboni School during the month of April.

WHO IS MAKDAS

Makdas is a girl from Hawassa. She is the first child to be sponsored through this scheme and has been sponsored since 2011.

For any further information, please contact us.