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Background

According to the United Nations statistics, about 124million children and adolescents who are still within the school age bracket are out of school. The World Hope International Child Sponsorship & Education Annual Report 2015 stated that 61 million children of primary school age across the world are not enrolled in school, and the social and economic consequences are obvious. An uneducated child is more likely to contract disease, is subjected to human trafficking, less likely to find stable work as an adult and could possibly find crime and other social vices as an option to survive.

Recent Developments

Reasons for the high numbers of out of school children vary from continent to continent and from country to country. In Africa, the main cause of this societal menace is hinged on the high level of poverty pervading the local communities. This in itself is a direct corollary of the general economic conditions in Africa due to bad leadership, mismanagement of national resources, corruption to mention a few. The sincerity and commitment of the past Nigerian government towards the educational sector has been more or less questionable going by the dwindling budgetary allocation relative to the needs of the sector. The trend is far from encouraging considering the deplorable state of our educational system. According to UNICEF, children under 15 years of age accounts for about 45 per cent of Nigeria's population, while forty per cent of Nigerian children aged 6-11 do not attend any primary school. Nigeria is also said to account for over 40 percent of the world's population of Out of School Children.

The Need for Support

It is apparent that the government is bewildered by the level of rot in the system which would take years of clean up. These children are not getting the basic education they need to become empowered adults who can pull their families and their communities out of poverty. However, there is need for a drastic step in the 'mopping up' of children living on the streets, striving for survival with no hope of a better tomorrow. There is an urgent need to get many more children back to school. The effect of this drive goes beyond the economic benefits of empowerment and improved labour force, many teenagers who are susceptible to crime and other social vices would have been better oriented and thereby yielding other non-economic benefits.

The CLM Story

For over 10years, Christ Lifeline Ministry has been acting upon God's mandate on caring for the needy by supporting orphans and grant educational scholarships to the less privileged of our society. We believe that when children are in school and are educated, a larger percentage is influenced by the right message of Christ preached to them while in school while they are armed with the courage and self-confidence to better themselves and their families, their communities, and ultimately shape the next

generation with the right mindset. This has been one of the focal points of the ministry. We have received immense support from the partners of the ministry and several non-partners in meeting this need of the society. Our team has been helping the impoverished youths in both the urban and rural areas by paying school fees, providing school supplies and access to healthy food especially for those in the public schools. The team has also been working with several other organisations/foundations/orphanages who are in care of these children in order to ensure accountability and responsibility. Where necessary, we give priority to orphans, children of missionaries working on the field, those religiously ostracised by the society as well as those whose parents are financially handicapped. We also provide supportive services such as counselling and guidance as well as capacity building programs for holistic development of children.

This rich history gives us a well established framework for using sponsors' contributions efficiently and effectively. We also provide a platform for connecting people

How It Works

In the context of this document, sponsorship would mean the provision of supplementary support to a child to meet their medical, nutritional, educational and other needs with a view to improving their quality of life. It is a form of financial assistance to enable children who were at risk from being removed from school and sent for work, to continue their education.

As a sponsor, you would be required to fill out a Sponsor's Form providing specific details about the sponsorship which would be processed by our team. Upon the successful approval of the request, you will receive a feedback with 2weeks of submitting the request. The details of the child to be sponsored would also be provided and the amount pledged for support is to be made to the dedicated account.

Our Sponsorship Plan is flexible and allows you to choose an appropriate amount that you can afford as fees and this can be paid monthly, quarterly or yearly. However, a minimum amount of *N40,000 (or \$100) is required to keep the already identified children in school and this covers payment of school fees (where applicable especially if the school is privately run), school uniforms, school materials (texts, notebooks and other writing materials), one meal per day etc. The amount required to cover these expenses vary from one location to the other.

**Please note that a 10% Administrative charge would be deducted by our team to cover other administrative and miscellaneous expenses incurred in the process.*

Tracking & Monitoring

Our team will maintain an individual case file for each child under sponsorship with details such as name, age, gender, school attended, family background/parental status, details of guardian/orphanage (where applicable), etc.

At the beginning of each academic term/session as the case may be, a bill of the school fees is to be obtained by our team from the school, kept in each child's file and sent to the respective sponsor. Also, the performance report card of the child is to be made available at the end of the term/session for the sponsor's review and comments, feedbacks, suggestions (if any)

From time to time, our team would also conduct routine inspection visit to the children to note the general well being of the child including his/her health and general family/school environment. The sponsor can also request such visit and this would be arranged by our team.

Termination of the Sponsorship

CLM Education Support team may terminate the sponsorship service in the following circumstances-

- At the instance of the sponsor. However, notice must be given to our team at least 1 month to such termination to enable us adequately inform the school/orphanage/guardian as the case may be.
- When the child has achieved the age of 18 years. In this instance, sponsorship may be terminated if the sponsored child is not willing to pursue higher education
- For children whose parent(s) are still alive but were enrolled in the program due to the economic situation of the family, a termination may be required if it observed that the family's economic position has improved and there is substantial evidence that the family is capable of meeting the educational needs of their child/children.
- The child has stopped going to school and has not attained at least 50% attendance in school (except in special instances of disability or illness of the child which shall be verified by our team).