



Policy on Child Sponsorship



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Children**



Introduction

Charity Association Helping Cambodia's Children (CAHCC) was founded in 2016 and it is our mission to implement positive changes for children/ young people from rural communities. Our current target area is Takeo Province, one of the poorest areas in Cambodia, which itself is among the poorest developing countries in the world.

Our main objective is to create a safe and supportive environment where children/young people can play, create, study and follow their dreams.

CAHCC supports and promotes family and community-based care, which is in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and with the Royal Government of Cambodia's Policy on Alternative Care for Children (2006), and works collaboratively with the government, local authorities and International NGOs to achieve common goals for the best possible option for a child's development and wellbeing.

CAHCC's Child Sponsorship Programmes

It is important that the child sponsorship programmes are coordinated and managed in ways that the protection, interests and needs of children are met. It is also important that child sponsorship programmes do not inadvertently deepen inequalities and conflicts within families and communities. It should be necessary, suitable and in the best interest of the child and his/her family as a whole.

The following guidelines for CAHCC child sponsorship programmes have been adapted from the Better Care Network. Better Care Network (BCN) is an international network of organizations committed to supporting children without adequate family care around the world. BCN works by fostering collaboration, research and information sharing on family strengthening and alternative care, and advocating for changes to national, regional, and global policies to improve children's care situations.

Alongside our other policies these Guidelines and procedures for Child Sponsorship Programmes will be reviewed / revised in keeping with local, national and international law.

Child sponsorship

Child sponsorship refers to activities that provide support in cash or kind to individual children or families, through donations received by local and foreign sponsors who are linked to a particular child / family by CAHCC in collaboration with the local Social Work / NGO Team.

Paraph Sponsor



Guidelines and procedures

Protection for children is increased when communities and families are strengthened to take care of children's needs. Therefore, sustainable programmes that aim at improving families livelihood security and access to quality services should be important considerations for organisations / agencies involved in working with children.

1. Identification of children

1. Child sponsorship programmes should ensure that discrimination is reduced as far as possible within families and communities by ensuring that all children benefit from sponsorship programmes. Thus, while an individual child may be selected for sponsorship, all the children in the family should benefit from the programme.
2. Selection of children for sponsorship programmes which provide individual or family financial benefits, should be done based on recommendations made by the local Social Worker and Director of CAHCC, who is part of the collaborating NGO team in Takeo. It must be necessary, suitable and in the best interest of the child and family as a whole.
3. The local Social Worker and Director of CAHCC will provide the collaborating NGO team with the relevant details and information of the children regarding the sponsorship.

2. Contact with sponsor

4. To prevent possible exploitation and abuse, the Sponsor can not communicate / become friends with the children / young people through social media such as Facebook, personal emails and other media. All communication between sponsors and children must be transparent and go through CAHCC's management. The Social Worker / CAHCC management is allowed to have contact with the sponsor for photographs and to exchange basic information.
5. Photographs of children / young people will not be used in the selection process. Once the child is selected, a sponsor may receive photographs of the child, but CAHCC must ensure that the photograph is respectful to the child. For example, the child must be appropriately dressed.
6. Sponsors are not allowed to visit the child / young people at the home address without permission of CAHCC.
7. Visits by the sponsor to the child must be planned in advance, facilitated by CAHCC and take place in a neutral place. A child protection policy and code of conduct must be signed by the sponsor.
8. All files maintained by the agency regarding the child should be confidential.
9. Sponsorship should not in any way be a precursor to adoption.

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3. Benefits

10. No political or religious conditions should be placed on the child for receiving benefits.
11. Sponsorship benefits should ensure that age appropriate needs of the children are met in terms of nutrition, education and health.

4. Monitoring

13. The sponsorship programme will be for a minimum period of one year and be subject to reassessment based on the changing circumstances of the child and his / her family.
14. The child and family should be assessed every three months during the period of sponsorship by the local Social Worker / Director of CAHCC. Any concerns should be communicated immediately to the collaborating NGO Team in Takeo.

5. Violation of agreement and reporting obligations

15. If either the child or the sponsor fails to adhere to the terms of this agreement, we are obligated to terminate the sponsorship and inform Takeo Social Work, and, if necessary, notify the appropriate local authorities.

6. Sponsorship Agreement

Pre-assessment information

Child

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Sponsor

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

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Passport number: _____

Expiry date: _____

Nationality: _____

Current address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone number: _____

Post assessment information and action plan

What	Costs per month
Intake (once) Assessment 4 times a year by Social Worker and Director of CAHCC Telephone and transportation costs	2,50 usd
Bank fees and administration costs	2,50 usd
<i>The amount will be assessed in more detail and can differ per child and situation.</i> -Education -Nutrition -Other:	45 usd
Total per month:	50 usd

I, _____, have read, understand and agree to CAHCC's Policy on Child Sponsorship. I commit to the required standards as outlined in this policy.

Signature

Date



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The first version of this policy was created by Kim Fay Bolck on February 15, 2019 with support from Better Care Network (BCN). It will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the CAHCC Child Protection Policy is in line with local and international policy updates as well as in accordance with the changes that may occur with CAHCC programs and future projects.

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