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Introduction

The Happiness Project Ghana is a non-profit organisation that supports rural youth and families in Ghana, West Africa. The work is varied and supports our beneficiaries through a whole range of different projects and factors with the focus on free education for children in the Ghanaian community and area of Kankaboom.

We work closely with the community to ensure we are providing the most effective support possible and focus on providing support that helps individuals to help themselves without creating dependencies.

We stand as an open listener, we listen to people and try to find a solution to existing problems to solve the problems in an inclusive, responsible and independent way.

Kankaboom Children's School

Our main project is sustaining our finished school, the Kankaboom Children's School. With the community Kankaboom, we planned the construction of the school and in June 2017 we finished the first block. We started with just 2 classrooms with space for up to 20 children. Nursery and kindergarten classes, 2 teachers, a cook, and many teaching and learning materials. Over the years we have slowly perfected the school more and more as we receive more funding. We built a small bamboo canteen so that the children could eat in the fresh air during their lunch breaks, developed the feeding program so that the children are provided with a healthy and nutritious meal every day and gave the teachers the opportunity to participate in teaching programs in order to broaden their horizons and thus those of the children. *Today, we have 4 classrooms with 58 registered pupils, four employed local teachers, one employed local cook, two employed local project coordinators and one employed local school advisor to guarantee the best education.*

Kankaboom Children's School can provide education to up to 60 students per year. Our students have a wide range of teaching and learning materials to support their curriculum and our teachers are employed not only based on their qualifications but their values and ability to provide a high level of care to our students. With the school being in the community, the children no longer must walk long distances to school and can concentrate on their education and the joy of being a child.

Values & Goals

In our work, we follow a framework of different purposes, values and goals.

1. We advance the education of the pupils at by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education
2. We help to prevent or relief poverty in Ghana, West Africa by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient
3. We are committed to create a world in which all children are free to develop and flourish. We want to help shape a society in which all children have access to education and medical care.
4. We support families struggling with various challenges and give them the assistance they need to encourage self-sustainability

Focus & Objectives

Our focus is to provide education to children in rural communities in Ghana. However, we believe that sustainable development aid only succeeds when all paradigms of everyday life are encouraged. So, we also...

...give family social support:

The families in Kankaboom are aware that our support system encourages families to help themselves in the long run. One example of this is providing grants, loans, or resources to start businesses to support their own families in the future. These microfinance projects are the first step towards a better future and enable them to support their own families in an independent way.

... help with medical care:

Families in rural communities in Ghana often do not have enough money for the taxi to the hospital, let alone the money for treatment even though most illnesses, when caught early, are treated easily. We have supported many cases within various communities over the last nine years: from twins with malnutrition, a child treatment for heavy burns to grandparents with severe malaria. We will take community members to the hospital and cover their costs as well as educating them on how to spot symptoms in the future and the importance of health care. We also organise clinics to be run through our school to test community members for illnesses such as HIV, Malaria or Diabetes for free and provide treatment if tested positive.

...guarantee medical insurance:

Medical insurance in Ghana does not cover every treatment and medication but it does reduce the cost of most. The cost of medical insurance for a child is 2.50€ per year. We have enrolled all of our students in the Ghanaian medical insurance system so if they are ever to fall ill, their families have a basic level of insurance to assist with their appointments and treatment.

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...implemented a feeding program:

A huge part of our school and our charity is our feeding program. Most of our students will not have access to a healthy and nutritious meal each day that will start to affect not only their health, but also their concentration within school. We have found that our feeding program has made a significant difference to our student's overall wellbeing as well as parents' interaction with our school and their children's education.

...organize clean drinking water:

In rural communities the access to clean drinking water is either very far away, or in fact not clean at all. The result of this is families using dirty water to drink, cook, and bathe in and leads to a whole range of health complications. There are so many water-borne diseases in dirty water that can be fatal when ingested, such as typhoid, cholera, and Hepatitis A & E. By simply providing sachets (500ml) of filtered water to our students we reduce their chances of contracting one of these diseases, all at a cost of as little as 5 cent per sachet.

Monthly costs

In order to maintain our charity, we have to guarantee that our monthly fixed costs are covered.

Salaries

It is important to us that all people who work for us receive a fair and competitive salary. All people are carefully selected during the application process and must represent strong values and standards in addition to their skills. We pay monthly salaries to:

- our main coordinator
- our coordinator
- our school advisor
- our 4 teachers
- our cook

The total monthly salaries are: 4.650 GHS which equals 530€ per month.

Our feeding program

Our school would not run successfully without the school breaks with our Feeding Program. Here, a fresh and healthy meal is cooked daily to keep the children full and focused. We purchase produce monthly that can be stored as well as fresh produce. With our feeding program we feed up to 65 people daily.

Due to inflation these costs have increased. ***Currently we spend 2000 GHS (equals 230€) a month on feeding program.***

The Car

The inventory of the organization includes our car. In 2021 we bought a used pick-up truck which is driven by our coordinators. The car helps to significantly reduce the travel costs that would otherwise have been incurred by cab and Tro trips. The car is also used to buy and transport produce or to take children to the hospital in emergencies. The prices for fuel have

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risen immensely due to inflation. The car consumes 400 GHS fuel per week.

Thus, we pay 1.600 GHS (equals 180€) for the fuel per month.

School materials

Due to the completion of the school, we have hardly any incurred costs. However, money is always needed for school materials. New chalk, exercise books, pens and printing costs for working papers are among the most common expenses.

We pay about 200 GHS (equals 25€) per month for school materials.

To summarize: Our monthly fix costs to sustain our school with 58 pupils, four teachers, one cook, two coordinators and one school advisors are: 8.450 GHS (equals 950€).

Conclusion

We are very proud that the Charity has grown so sustainably over the years. Only through growing interest and donations is all of this possible.

However, growth also means growing costs. Thus, our main goal must be to continue to guarantee donations.

Furthermore, the interest in our school is growing. In the future we will need another extension to enlarge the school, sanitary facilities or a teachers' room. We can only accomplish this if donations continue to be guaranteed and the fixed costs are covered each month.

We guarantee that 100% of all donations will reach our project. Through absolute transparency and information, we guarantee the donors that they can always follow up on what happens with their donations. We regularly provide information about the daily operations of our school on our website, on Instagram or via a newsletter.

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