



Help Keep a Poor Child in Cameroon in School

ABOUT US:

Action for Hope is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization which supports orphaned and other vulnerable children in Cameroon.

Action for Hope U.S.A. calls on individuals around the world to boost our fundraising success and help us stop the suffering of children and give them access to education. Together, we are able to keep children in school and support students struggling to stay in school to complete their education. We provide funding to cover such basics as uniforms, school fees, textbooks. We also provide them with life-saving food and medical care, without which they cannot stay in school.

Most of the children we help don't even know where their next meal is coming from; they suffer from malnutrition and life-threatening diseases.

Our mission is to empower orphans and other impoverished children by providing them with the educational and survival resources they need to enroll, stay in school and complete their education.

WHAT WE DO:

Action for Hope envisions a world where every child - regardless of race, gender, creed, or country of origin - is raised in a supportive family and community. We work to make the communities a safe environment for the children by ensuring they receive adequate food, shelter, healthcare, and a sound education.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

HELP improve the lives of orphans and vulnerable children suffering from extreme poverty in Cameroon. We strive to assist these vulnerable populations overcome barriers to education by providing tuition, books, school supplies, and nutritious meals to ensure that they enroll in and

continue attending school. Education is the best way to help these children lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

GIVING our donors, people like you, the opportunity to make a difference by providing an orphan or vulnerable child with the gift of education. Be part of the solution.

STRENGTHENING the capacity of struggling girls and women, who often lack a consistent source of income, to care for the orphans and vulnerable children. Helping these women and girls become financially independent through economic development, education, and other supportive services gives them the ability to meet their children's needs, enhance the children's welfare, and send them to school.

BUILD AWARENESS about the suffering of children and advocate for their right to an education. With your help, we work to encourage the idea that children are a valuable resource. As such, children should be cherished — and given every opportunity to flourish.

EDUCATING GIRLS, ORPHANS AND IMPOVERISHED CHILDREN.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND CHALLENGES

Education is the key to helping orphans lift themselves out of poverty. However most orphans and impoverished children we support in Yaoundé Cameroon do not attend school or drop out because they cannot afford such basic expenses as enrollment fees and tuition, school supplies, transportation. They lack adequate nutrition and health care, suffer the inevitable consequences. In many cases children feel a responsibility to leave school in order to work or get married at an early age to support their families and siblings. As chronic poverty persists, parents choose to send their sons to school before their daughters. This puts girls at risk of abuse and exploitation that dash any chance of education and advancement. They are exposed at an early age to such risks as forced labor, sex trafficking, child marriage to much older, often abusive men.

EDUCATION IS THE BEST WAY TO EMPOWER CHILDREN TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

Children need a good education to have hopes for a better future.

Action for Hope's Educational Fund provides orphans and vulnerable children not only with educational resources, but also basic survival needs to enable them to enroll, stay and succeed in school and reach their full potential. A child can't study without a book or on an empty stomach and is more likely to drop out of school if he or she lacks a stable home.

Education will be especially beneficial for young girls in situations of extreme poverty as they tend to inherit the economic insecurity of their mothers and all the attendant risks. They are prone to many types of abuse and are very often confined to a household in which they are

virtually enslaved. When resources are scarce parents can choose to send only boys to school because of the long standing tradition of forcing the girls into child marriages.

Our support includes:

- School related expenses: school tuitions and fees; books, uniforms; and transportation.
- Basic survival needs: food, basic healthcare, parental care, and other necessary resources to keep them healthy and in school.
- Our Educational Fund will also support the construction of schools in communities that currently have no educational facilities. For children in such communities, our schools represent their first opportunity to obtain an education and have the chance to lead an independent and productive life.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

To date, Action for Hope has helped over 400 children in Yaoundé with survival need and education resources that enable them to enroll and do well in school. However, there are still thousands of orphans, vulnerable children out of school, on the streets, suffering from malnutrition and deadly diseases. We need your help to increase the number of children we reach. Our goal is to reach 500 at-risk children each year in each of the coming five years.

Nearly 100 percent of our children remain in school once enrolled. With your help these children are now on the “right path” to getting good jobs and becoming productive members of their community.

Join Action for Hope in an effort to help girls, orphans and other impoverished children to enroll, stay, and complete their schooling. Education is the only way these children can lift themselves out of poverty.

Again, please join us; we cannot do this without the support of people like you.

Thank you!