Education Support for 280 Disabled Children

**Project Summary**

Charity Association of Education and Training Service for Persons with Disabilities is an Ethiopian based charity established by volunteer persons with disabilities and working to create enabling environment for children with disabilities. This project aimed to provide special need education materials, school feeding, life skill training and personal hygiene training to children with different types of disabilities. Moreover, the charity will provide awareness enhancement training to community members about persons with disabilities. The project also provide sign language and braille training to special need teachers functioning in the project area.

**Requested Funding Amount**

The total budget required to implement the project is $159,400.

**Donation Options**

* $13 will provide one pack of braille paper
* $15 will buy braille writing frame for one blind child
* $15 will buy white cane for blind child
* $20 will cover the monthly health expense of one disabled child
* $25 will cover the cost of life skill training for one child with disabilities
* $20 will buy personal hygiene materials for one female student with disabilities
* $25 will buy one sign language dictionary
* $32 will cover the cost of reproductive health training for one adolescent student with disabilities
* $30 will cover the monthly cost of school feeding for one disabled child
* $35 will buy school uniform for on disabled child
* $38 will enable to provide inclusive development and child right training for one family of children with disabilities
* $48 will cover the cost of sign language and braille system training for one school teacher
* $50 will provide a hearing aid for one deaf child
* $60 will buy a voice recorder for a blind child

**Budget Breakdown**

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| **S.N** | **List of Activities**  | **Unit**  | **Quantity** | **Unit cost**  | **Total cost**  |
| 1 | Purchase of braille paper for 80 blinds | Pack | 320 | 13 | 4160 |
| 2 | Purchase of white cane for 80 blinds | Number | 80 | 15 | 1200 |
| 3 | Purchase of braille writing frame  | Number | 80 | 15 | 1200 |
| 4 | Health expense for about 30 children | Number | 30 | 240 | 7200 |
| 5 | Personal hygiene materials purchase | Number | 70 | 240 | 16800 |
| 6 | Purchase of sign language dictionary | Number | 120 | 25 | 3000 |
| 7 | School uniform  | Number | 280 | 35 | 9800 |
| 8 | Hearing aid material purchase | Number | 40 | 50 | 2000 |
| 9 | Voice recorder | Number | 80 | 60 | 4800 |
| 10 | Life skill training for 200 children | Number | 200 | 25 | 5000 |
| 11 | Reproductive health training for 120 children | Number | 120 | 32 | 3840 |
| 12 | School feeding for 280 children | Number | 280 | 300 | 84000 |
| 13 | Inclusive development and child right training for 280 families of children with disabilities  | Number | 280 | 38 | 10640 |
| 14 | Sign language and braille system training for 120 school teachers  | Number | 120 | 48 | 5760 |
|  | **Total budget required**  |  |  |  | **159,400** |

**What is the issue, problem, or challenge?**

It is reported that about 97% of persons with disabilities do not enrolled in primary and secondary schools due negative attitude of the community for persons with disabilities. Even those 3% attending education have no access for assistive technologies like special need education equipment and materials and suffer from basic food shortage because of extreme poverty. The school infrastructures are not suitable for children with disabilities. Teachers for special need education classes have very low skill in sign language and braille system. Adolescent girls with disabilities have very low awareness about reproductive health and the health system has not given attention for this group of the society. As a result, considerable number of adolescent girls with disabilities lost their life due to traditional abortion and other reproductive health disorder.

**How will this solve the problem?**

We provide support to children with disability in terms of special need education equipment and materials as well as school feed so that we will minimize the number of school dropouts. We also provide reproductive health and life skill training for students with disabilities to alleviate the problems related to reproductive health disorders in adolescent girls with disabilities. We facilitate training on sign language and braille system for special need education teachers. We also train the community about inclusive development and the rights of children with disability and make them part of the solution.

**Potential long-term impact**

Education is a key input to alleviate poverty in poor countries like Ethiopia. This project will provide special need education materials support and school feeding to children with disabilities. This will enable children with disabilities to escape from absolute poverty.