



## **SPONSORING A CHILD AT AKANY AVOKO**

### **What is Sponsorship?**

The sponsorship programme at Akany Avoko allows individuals, families or groups of friends to support a child (or children) at Akany Avoko. By making a monthly or annual payment into Akany Avoko's bank account you can help to ensure that your child receives the education, nutrition, clothes and love that every child deserves.

### **How much does it cost?**

You can sponsor a child from anywhere between 15 and 50 Euro a month. 15 Euro pays for one child's school fees and supplies and a birthday present, 50 Euro pays for their education, presents, food, clothes, holidays, the works!!!!. The choice is yours.

### **Can I communicate with my sponsor child?**

Of course!!! A great part of sponsorship can be establishing a relationship via email with your sponsor child. Mlle Ony, our sponsorship coordinator, will print and translate any messages that you want to send to your sponsor child. She will also translate and email any messages that children wish to send to you. Mlle Ony will also send you news from the children's day to day lives.

Of course we recognise that some people are just too busy to stay in regular contact and prefer to remain anonymous. This is not a problem either We have many toddlers and small babies who are unable to write and will not mind having a "silent sponsor" at all.

### **Can I send gifts to my sponsor child? Will the other children be jealous?**

Your sponsorship money already pays for the child's birthday present. However if you wish to send additional gifts then you are more than welcome. Please try to send small value items as the Malagasy postal service can be unreliable. Please also let us know if you send a parcel so that we can look out for it.

In general our children are incredibly mature, they are really happy to see one of their friends receive a gift. They are also very ready to share. Many of them already have sponsors so, by sponsoring a newly arrived child or one without a sponsor, you are ensuring that everyone has a chance at making a new friend abroad.

### **How do I begin sponsoring a child?**

Please email Mlle Ony at [akany.avoko@moov.mg](mailto:akany.avoko@moov.mg) and ask her to send you the dossiers of some children who need a sponsor. If there is an age or gender of child that would prefer then please let Mlle Ony know. You can then notify us of which child you have chosen to sponsor and for how much a month.

### **What happens next?**

We will provide you with information about how to start paying your sponsorship money. This can be by bank transfer to either a UK registered charity (Money for Madagascar) or Akany Avoko's Madagascar based bank account.

From that point on please feel free to email letters in English, French or Malagasy!!! To your sponsor child, we will translate them and send replies and news from the children back.

### **I'm not sure I have the time to sponsor but would like to make a donation...**

Just let us know by an email to [akany.avoko@moov.mg](mailto:akany.avoko@moov.mg) and we will send you instructions on how to make donations.

If you have any further questions about sponsorship or any other aspect of our work here at Akany Avoko then please do not hesitate to contact us via the email address listed above.

Many thanks for your interest and support

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