



# SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP



**BY BECOMING A SPONSOR, YOU GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO A CHILD TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE!**

## WHO ARE WE?

Mission Enfance is an international solidarity organisation founded in 1991, whose objective is **to bring help to children in distress in the world.**

Our **operational objective**, beyond creating or strengthening local school systems, is to **make schooling effective for children in difficult regions.**

## THE COUNTRIES

**In Vietnam, Lebanon, Armenia and Burkina Faso,**  
access to school is often difficult for children.

The economic situation of parents, the distance between schools and their homes, the labour that children sometimes represent for families,  
**all these reasons keep children away from school.**

Mission Enfance, thanks to its local partners, **identifies the most vulnerable children and the structures that can take care of them.**

**Thanks to sponsorship,**  
these children are welcomed  
in schools, in homes or  
in after-school activity centres.

**They live their childhood!**



# EDUCATION IS THE DOOR TO THEIR FUTURE...



Your sponsorship will **allow a child to continue his/her education** in good conditions and in his/her own environment.

This donation will allow him/her to go to school but also be clothed and fed.

Your godchild receives **all the necessary conditions to grow up in a reassuring, stable and fulfilling environment.**

Through your relationship as sponsors,  
**you discover their world while sharing yours!**

## ...YOU ARE THE KEY!

The sponsor agrees to pay **€35 per month, €105 per quarter or €420 per year for at least one year.**

When **you sponsor a child or student**, you exchange letters throughout the year, you receive their school report and they share their life with you.

For **project sponsorship**, the managers of our literacy centres and nurseries will send you an annual report on the living conditions of the children and babies you sponsor.

Once a year, our sponsorship manager visits each of the godchildren in the field to **ensure that your sponsorship is effective, to see how the children are progressing and to pass on your letters.**

This mission also enables us to send you **a detailed report on your sponsorship and provide you with updates concerning your sponsored child.**

**After  
tax reduction  
your sponsorship  
amounts to  
12€  
per month**

**To turn this key to the future, contact Marie Vauban :  
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## THE "COUNTRY OF UPRIGHT MEN"



Located in the heart of the Sahel, Burkina Faso is surrounded by Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Niger, Mali and Guinea. With a population of more than 20 million, mostly Mossi (56% of the population), Burkina Faso also has members of the Peul ethnic group. It has a very heavy administrative division, with 13 regions, 45 provinces and 380 departments.

## A BIT OF HISTORY

At the end of the 19th century, the Mossi kingdom of Ouagadougou became a French protectorate. Taking the name of "Upper Volta" in 1919, this French colony became an autonomous republic in 1958, and then obtained its independence in 1960. From this date onwards, the country was shaken by several more or less bloody government overthrows, and in 1984, the country was officially renamed "Burkina Faso, country of upright men".

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## RECENT HISTORY

Agriculture employs 84% of the working population, **but overpopulation in some regions (notably the Central Plateau), compromises food self-sufficiency**, as settlement has exceeded the carrying capacity of the land. In addition, because of excessive and poorly managed land clearing, the land is becoming impoverished, leading to a migration of part of the population (especially young men aged 15-29) to Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire.



**The average number of children per woman is 5**; this is one of the highest rates in the world:

- Children are a source of wealth, they are valued. Reproduction ensures the continuity of families and arable land.
- In rural areas, children work very early;
- The social value of a woman is appreciated by the number of her children;
- Although illegal, marriage is still often forced, leading to early marriages.
- The use of contraceptives is rare in this country;
- Polygamy, still very present, favours large families.

**However, the mortality rate remains high because of the hostile environment, poor hygiene, a significant food deficit** (under and malnutrition) due to poverty, and the ineffective health programme.

The religious distribution of the country is estimated by the religious authorities to be 23% Christian, 60% Muslim, but animism remains very present.

Since 2015, Burkina Faso has been the scene of terrorist attacks against the security forces and Burkinabè and foreign civilians. Since January 2019, the country has been under constant attack, particularly in the North and Centre-North regions, causing the displacement of 1,520,012 people (OCHA - October 2022) throughout Burkina Faso.

**The country's HDI fell in 2022 to 184th place out of 191 countries, revealing its fragility in the face of the conflict situation it has been experiencing in recent years.**



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## SCHOOL IN BURKINA FASO

In the texts, school is compulsory from 6 to 16 years old. But in practice and according to 2018 statistics, **only 41% of children attend school**, 50% of whom are boys and 31.4% girls. Families prefer to keep their children at home to look after livestock and other work, especially when they are girls.

Primary education in Burkina is divided into three levels: preparatory (CP1 and CP2), elementary (CE1 and CE2) and middle (CM1 and CM2). Secondary education begins in 6th grade and ends in the final year. At the end of 9th grade, students take the certificate of first cycle study (BEPC), which determines their passage to the second cycle. **This diploma is very important in Burkina Faso, as few students continue their studies, and obtaining the BEPC gives them easier access to vocational training and the labour market.** As in France, the baccalauréat allows students to complete their schooling, and opens the door to universities.

**Delays in schooling are frequent in Burkina Faso.** The difficult living conditions of the families do not encourage regularity in education, even if we feel that today young people are more assiduous in their education.

Children attending primary school go to village schools, located within a few kilometres of their home. But from the 6th grade onwards, pupils who want to go to secondary school have to leave their families and go to small towns, often much further away. **The cost of accommodation, holiday travel and food is often the barrier that will prevent children from poor families from continuing their studies.**

Similarly, the knowledge acquired in primary school is sometimes insufficient for entry into secondary school. The lack of attendance of pupils (and teachers!) and the defective educational programme in the villages is often the cause.

The official language of Burkina Faso is French, taught from the beginning of school. Some schools teach the Moré language (the country's historical language, which has been rehabilitated in recent years).

### SCHOOL FEES

#### Pour les écoles primaires :

- 30 to 50€ per year in school fees
- 40€ for books and supplies
- 80€ for a bicycle
- 50€ for repairs

#### For lower and upper secondary schools :

- 50 à 100 € per year in school fees
- 50 € de livres et fournitures
- 50 € for 9 months' board for those who live a long way from the school
- 100€ for a bicycle and repairs

#### For university students :

- 300 € annual university fees
- 400€ annual accommodation fee
- Possibility of obtaining a state grant of €276



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## YOUR GODCHILD'S CENTRE

Mission Enfance has been working in Burkina-Faso since 2001. It supports the association "**Association Zoramb Naagtaaba**", AZN ([www.azn-guie-burkina.org](http://www.azn-guie-burkina.org)).

This association was born in 1989 from the villagers' will to **fight against desertification in the Province of Oubritenga** (60 km north of Ouagadougou) and from the commitment of a Frenchman, Henri Girard, initiator and coordinator of this programme, who has been present in this region for thirty years, with his Burkinabe wife.

The **11 member villages of the AZN** carry out agricultural, health and educational development activities for and with the local population. 250 young Burkinabé volunteers are now active and trained in various crafts within this association (pilot farm, breeding, nursery, schools, dispensary and maternity, masonry, carpentry etc.).

**3051 pupils (of which a majority of girls) are schooled in the eight primary schools, built by Mission Enfance**, located in the 11 villages of the AZN (population of 10,000 inhabitants) and **92 young people are supported thanks to sponsorship and continue their studies at college.**



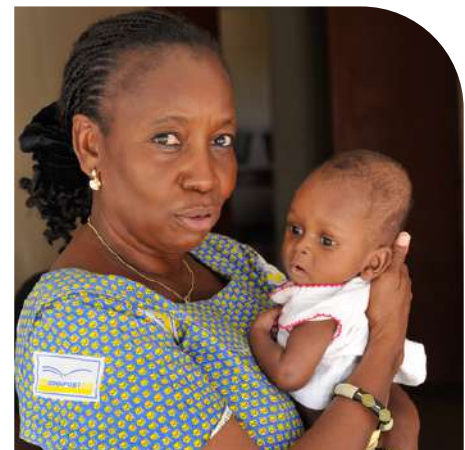
The AZN's educational managers follow each sponsored child throughout their school year, visiting them, establishing assessments of their level with the school and monitoring their progress. They make sure that they are attending school regularly, that they have a healthy lifestyle and encourage them to continue their efforts by offering them (in collaboration with Mission Enfance) tutoring during the holidays.



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## GUIÉ'S NURSERIES

Faced with the growing number of abandoned children in the bush, the AZN has set up nurseries in Guié (AZN headquarters) which permanently accommodate some fifty children from birth to 7 years of age. The AZN's activities in the field of early childhood began in 1993 in an informal manner: at the time, it was necessary to deal with emergencies and save orphaned, abandoned, sick or malnourished children. Today, it has been 23 years since the Guié nursery, aware that it cannot replace their families, has set up an environment, a framework and a way of life in order to respond to the difficulties of children deprived of a normal family environment. In order to do so, the educational staff we call "nannies" benefited from training sessions at the Training School for Early Childhood Assistants (EFAPE), built by Mission Enfance. As the original premises were not adapted to the regular increase of infants, the AZN undertook the construction of individual pavilions. Each pavilion, managed by the professional early childhood team, accommodates about ten children from 12 months to 7 years old, except for the "nursery" pavilion which takes care of toddlers aged 0 to 1 year due to their fragility. Equipped with an interior courtyard, a bathroom and bedrooms, the nursery resembles a real family home.





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## MISSION ENFANCE AND YOU

**You pay 35 € per month for your godchild, that is 420 € per year. Your donation represents the only way for these schoolchildren to go to school and for the children in the nurseries to simply live.**

→ For school sponsorship, the amount is divided as follows

★ 384€ are allocated to sponsorship. As the sponsorship money is mutualised, this sum allows the child to go to school, to be fed and to take care of his health. But your sponsorship also allows us to take charge of a second godchild and to participate in the local costs inherent to the functioning of the sponsorship: transport and salary of the local sponsorship coordinator, holiday and evening classes for your godchild, solidarity fund for his family.

★ 36 € covers management costs (stamps, telephone, sponsorship mail, etc.) and monitoring missions in the field.

→ For project sponsorship, the amount is divided as follows :

★ 384€ are allocated to the nursery, via the person in charge of the AZN, for the functioning of the nursery, staff salaries, food and care of the children, clothing, equipment...

★ 36€ cover management costs (stamps, telephone, sponsorship mail, etc.) and monitoring missions in the field.

All the sums indicated **are sent directly to the AZN manager** for schoolchildren and nurseries, who, together with his team, checks on the child's presence at school and checks on him. This process is also carried out under our supervision, and we ensure this through our on-site inspections and our regular exchanges with the managers.

For the well-being of your godchild, **please send us your payments regularly so that we can send them without delay.** If you have opted for direct debit, please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your bank or post office account to avoid any problems. **Each unpaid direct debit costs the association €7, i.e. 1/4 of a month's sponsorship.**

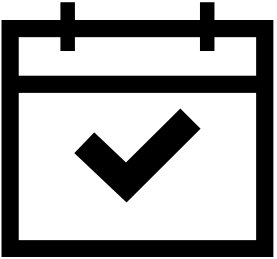




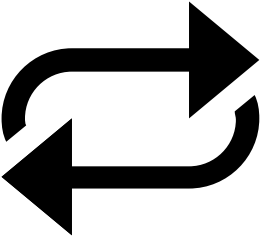


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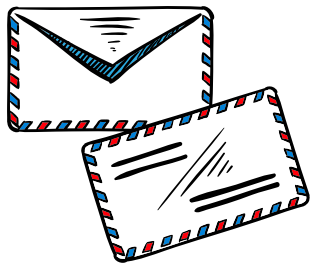
## YOUR GODCHILD AND YOU



You have agreed to pay **35€ per month** to contribute to your godchild's school fees. This does not mean that we will take full responsibility: your godchild's family will also contribute, according to their means, to the school fees. Sponsorship implies continuous and regular action, which is why we have proposed a commitment over a minimum period of one year. But for this education to be effective, it would be preferable that it be financed and conducted for 3 years.



The sponsorship normally ends when your godchild leaves school. It can also happen that a child leaves the centre prematurely, because he/she changes region or for any other reason. Mission Enfance does not have the possibility to continue helping children individually, outside the centres. Therefore, when the case arises, we will inform you and we will propose you to postpone your support to another child.



At least twice a year, your godchild will write a few words or make a drawing for you. This letter will be attached to a report on the school evolution of your godchild, his/her progress, his/her difficulties. This mail, transmitted to Mission Enfance by its local correspondents, will then be sent to you. All mail goes through our intermediary in order to be sure of its routing. A first letter from your godchild will be sent to you in a few weeks: this delay is necessary to start the correspondence system.



Your godchild will be very happy to receive mail from you too... Beyond the pleasure they will give him/her, your letters will be a real encouragement! Like all children in the world, your godchild will need to feel supported in his or her efforts: congratulate him or her on his or her progress and you will help him or her to do better in his or her studies. You can also send your godchild small gifts that you enclose with your letter.

**If you sponsor a nursery for very young orphaned or abandoned children, you will receive an annual report from the project manager.**



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### → A FEW RULES TO FOLLOW :

- ★ All mail addressed to your godchild goes through Mission Enfance.
- ★ The reference number of the child's file will appear on each letter.
- ★ Your address does not appear on the mail intended for your godchild (some parents might write to you to ask for help or a gift, which is contrary to Mission Enfance's approach).
- ★ Small gifts do not exceed 200g and the format is that of an A4 envelope (under no circumstances must we create new inequalities or injustices between the children we help. What's more, your gifts will be transported by a member of the Mission Enfance team, who can only carry 20 kg of luggage). If you want to "do more", you can send your donations to our address, specifying that it is an additional donation for your godchild. You can also make an additional donation for the nursery (mentioning it specifically) and this money will be allocated to the project (purchase of basic necessities, toys, etc.).

### → QUELQUES CONSEILS :

- ★ Write simple words and phrases about your everyday life. Many things that seem commonplace to you are completely foreign to him/her and will be of great interest to him/her. Your godchild will particularly appreciate receiving photos or postcards that will introduce him/her to our country.
- ★ Be patient... it will take some time for your mail to arrive. At the headquarters of Mission Enfance, we have to check the references of the letters, group them by country... When a control mission leaves Monaco for Burkina Faso, we take the mail with us which is distributed individually and directly to the children by a member of Mission Enfance. During the same mission, we will take back the letter written by your godchild. This is why it may take some time before you receive an answer. But you can be sure that your efforts to correspond will always please your godchild.
- ★ Meeting your godchild: It is difficult to bring your godchild to France: used to his or her village and to a certain way of life, such a trip must be carefully considered. On the other hand, if you go to Burkina Faso, you can visit your godchild, preferably during the school period. In this case, we thank you for contacting our association and we will inform our local representative of your visit: he will be able to welcome you better. The same applies to nurseries.



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## MONITORING MISSIONS

**The money paid by the sponsors is entirely used for the children.** Mission Enfance establishes an aid programme and carries out control missions to ensure the good use of the sums paid. **The association meets each sponsored child in order to follow his personal situation and to report to you.** Your help is completed by a support of Mission Enfance to the AZN projects and thus benefits to all the villages that compose this association.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CONTACT

It is a team that welcomes you to its premises and answers all your questions:

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