



# Chikumbuso Grandmothers Sponsorship Program



## FAQ

### How does the sponsorship system work?

*Many grandmothers in Ng'ombe are left with sole guardianship of their orphaned grandchildren due to H.I.V./AIDS and other causes of early death. These women are often unable to work and struggle to support the children they have been left with. This is why Chikumbuso wants to help them...*

*The widows who work at Chikumbuso live in the community, so they are best equipped to learn about grandmothers in need of sponsorship. When a woman has been identified, Chikumbuso investigates her circumstances and begins sponsorship if it is warranted.*

*Sponsoring a grandmother is a relief for her and the family she takes care of. At the beginning, a sponsored grandmother receives a mattress and a blanket. Then, each month she receives an allowance of food which includes one bag (25 kg) of mealie meal (maize flour which is a Zambian staple), 1 bottle of oil, 1 kg of salt, some candles, some charcoal, and some soap. She also receives a health scheme card, which gives her access to basic treatment at the local clinics.*

## Can we choose the grandmother we sponsor?

Yes. Chikumbuso currently sponsors approximately 20 grandmothers. When you express interest in sponsoring a grandmother, we will present you with the information of a few grandmothers to pick from. These ladies are selected according to their particular needs, as we try always to prioritize the most deprived.

## How much does it cost to sponsor a grandmother?

The yearly contribution to sponsor a grandmother is 330 US dollars per year, or 28 US dollars per month.

## How is the sponsorship money spent? What percentage of my donation goes to the grandmother and what goes to overhead?

In this program, the absolute totality of the money goes straight to the grandmothers. The calculation below shows reimbursement of the blanket, basin and mattress spread over a period of 6 years of sponsorship.

<b>Grandmothers Sponsorship</b>	<b>Month 1</b>	<b>Month 2</b>	<b>Month 3</b>	<b>Month 4</b>	<b>Month 5</b>	<b>Month 6</b>	<b>Month 7</b>	<b>Month 8</b>	<b>Month 9</b>	<b>Month 10</b>	<b>Month 11</b>	<b>Month 12</b>	<b>Annual cost</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>%</b>
Health scheme cards	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	1.625	ZMK 19.500	\$4	1,34%
Sponsorship Food	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	70.000	ZMK 840.000	\$191	57,69%
Charcoal	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	ZMK 480.000	\$109	32,96%
Candles	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	ZMK 60.000	\$14	4,12%
Sponsorship Blankets ***	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	1.528	ZMK 18.333	\$4	1,26%
Sponsorship Mattresses ***	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	3.194	ZMK 38.333	\$9	2,63%
Total Expenses Kwachas	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	121.347	ZMK 1.456.166	\$331	100,00%
Total Expenses US Dollars	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$331		

\*\*\* A blanket and a mattress are only given to the grandmother at the beginning of the sponsorship

## **Will this cost rise with time?**

*If the cost of sponsorship must rise, an announcement will be made to the donors. The choice will then reside with the donors to carry on paying their existing rate or to adapt to the new costs to help us maintain the same level of quality sponsorship.*

## **I want to sponsor a grandmother, what should I do?**

1. Write to [chikumbusoproject@yahoo.com](mailto:chikumbusoproject@yahoo.com) and indicate your wish to sponsor a grandmother.
2. If it is important to you, we can send you a file with a few grandmothers to pick from.
3. We will contact you with the picture and biography of the grandmother you will sponsor.
4. If you are in agreement you can send your check in immediately to the following address:

**Friends of Chikumbuso**

**350B Cossaduck Hill Rd**

**North Stonington, CT 06359.**

*Please make checks payable to Friends of Chikumbuso and the name of the grandmother written in the memo.*

## **Are contributions to Chikumbuso tax deductible?**

*In the United States, yes. Now that we are a 501c3 organization, you can make out your check to:*

**Friends of Chikumbuso, 350B Cossaduck Hill Rd, North Stonington, CT 06359.**

*We would love to send you a tax receipt for your donation as soon as we receive it.*