

# GUIDE TO EDUCATION SUPPORT AND STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

## Secondary School Education

IcFEM is working in Western Kenya to help transform poor rural communities through self-help projects. Education is key to bringing fresh vision and confidence to a community. Student sponsorship is used to pay secondary school fees for children, often orphans, who would otherwise have no hope of secondary school education. Boarding is normal in Western Kenya; it is preferable for the students and desired by parents and guardians; so the price of this is included in the sponsorship. There is a Mission co-ordinator for the student sponsorship programme. All applicants for sponsorship receive a home visit and the needs of each family are investigated and a written report produced. We also work with the whole family where problems are severe.

The schools used are monitored for the quality of education and care they provide. Each student is visited regularly at school and problems and progress are discussed. There is also consultation with the teachers of each student. A seminar for parents or guardians and students is held each year, providing amongst other things instructions on how to generate income during the school holiday to cater for basic needs. A school leaver's conference is also part of the creative services offered by IcFEM.

The Christian care, counselling and support that the students and their families receive are excellent.

## Primary Education - Dreamland Education Centre

IcFEM has its own primary school that is part of their Dreamland Education Centre (DEC) development. Eventually the Centre will be able to offer a complete range of primary and secondary education. Some state primary schools in Western Kenya have buildings on the point of physical collapse. In many, class sizes are enormous - as much as 100 children - staff struggle and resources are inadequate. The Dreamland Education Centre has excellent buildings and aims to provide not only a good Christian education for its own students, but a centre for training so that the education in the whole area will be improved. IcFEM has a scholarship fund for promising young children from needy families to attend DEC. The fund is used by DEC management to the greatest benefit of the local communities. Sponsorship of individual primary school children is not offered, but regular donations to the fund are always needed. We do endeavour to supply periodically news of the school and details of some of the children who are being assisted.

## Further Education

Many of our sponsored students could continue their education, and thereby greatly improve their chances of getting a good job, but lack the means to do so. The cost of College or University education can be high, so it could be necessary to have a number of sponsors for each student. IcFEM has a Higher Education fund to which one-off or regular donations are always welcomed. As far as possible students are encouraged to try and repay some of their higher education costs once they are in work and earning sufficient income.

It is so important to invest in the future of these young people who potentially represent the next generation of leaders in their community in Kenya.

## TYPES OF INVOLVEMENT

- (1) You can support an **Individual Student** through **secondary school** which is 4 years. If you select this, a child will be allocated to you, and you will receive personal details of the child including, if at all possible, a photograph. You will also be sent copies of school reports and any other information on their progress.

- (2) You can give to the **Central School Fees Core Fund**. This is a vital fund for IcFEM to enable it to manage the annual payment of secondary school fees in advance of the receipt of sponsorship funds and to be able to respond quickly in case they meet unexpected needs for help with school fees.
- (3) You can contribute to the fund to provide scholarships for needy children at IcFEM's own **Dreamland Education Centre primary school**.
- (4) You can support a student to go to University or Further Education with a regular donation or a one-off gift to the **Higher Education** fund.

Corresponding directly with a child is currently being discouraged by charities as it can lead to jealousy, friction and begging letters from other children! However, if you would like to establish a relationship with the child you are sponsoring you can always do it via the IcFEM office. This is entirely at your discretion. If your child leaves school or there is any other complication you will be informed.

The cost to IcFEM of school fees plus travel and all other support is £525 per student per year. To sponsor a secondary school student, IcFEM needs a commitment to give £35 per month plus Gift Aid (or £43.75/month without Gift Aid) for 4 years. However any regular donation is always gratefully received, and for a gift of £10 per month or more, IcFEM will allocate a student, and they will seek to combine it with other sponsor's contributions. Quarterly or annual donations are very acceptable as well as monthly payments. If you are a taxpayer, Gift Aid enables us to reclaim additional funds from HM Revenue & Customs on top of the donation.

*Thank you so much for your interest.*

*Education provides each child with at least a chance to escape the poverty trap and live independently.*

*Please detach and send together with declaration / standing order forms to:*  
IcFEM-Mission (Europe),  
c/o 12 Ash Grove, Rode Heath, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, ST7 3TD, UK.  
Telephone: 07583 407563

I would like to sponsor a child and enclose the completed forms.

Please use my gift : (Please tick box/es below)

1. To Sponsor a young person in Secondary School in Kenya.
2. For IcFEM's School Fees Core Fund for secondary school students.
3. For the Dreamland Education Centre scholarship fund.
4. To support of a school leaver in Further Education in Kenya.

(a) **I enclose a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to IcFEM-Mission (Europe)**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Tel No: ..... E-mail: .....

(b) **Standing Order**

If you wish to pay by standing order please fill in the standing order form overleaf and return it to IcFEM-Mission (Europe). Please do **NOT** send it directly to your bank, we will forward it to your bank.

(c) **Tax Declaration**

If you pay Income Tax (or other personal tax) please also complete the Charitable Giving Declaration overleaf and return it to IcFEM-Mission (Europe). Please read the notes on the form.

IcFEM-Mission (Europe). Registered Charity No: 1107038. c/o 12 Ash Grove, Rode Heath, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, ST7 3TD, UK.  
Tel: 07583 407563.

**DATA PROTECTION**

IcFEM-Mission (Europe) will use information that you give us to:

- Process donations and solicit support for the mission and its activities.
- Fulfill requests for information and products (such as cards) or services.
- Provide services to supporters, including distribution of regular newsletters and other publications.
- Provide information on meetings about the mission.

If you do not wish to receive such communications, please tick this box

In doing so IcFEM-Mission (Europe) may also share your details with the headquarters of IcFEM-Mission in Kenya and, only where necessary to fulfill requests for information and materials, with third party providers who hold stock or who require this information in order to provide the services that you request. Such providers will not be permitted to pass your details to any other party.

**STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

IcFEM-Mission (Europe)

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank PLC Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

Bank address: \_\_\_\_\_.

Please pay: HSBC Bank Sort Code: 40-09-25  
for the credit of IcFEM-Mission (Europe) Trust Account No: 51445553

the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ amount in words: \_\_\_\_\_.

Commencing: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of first payment £ \_\_\_\_\_.

And thereafter £ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly / monthly / quarterly/ annually

until \_\_\_\_\_ OR until further notice from me in writing and debit my/our \* account accordingly.

\* delete as appropriate

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_.

Account to be debited:

A/c name: \_\_\_\_\_ A/c No: \_\_\_\_\_ Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_.

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_.

**CHARITABLE GIVING (Gift Aid) DECLARATION**

IcFEM-Mission (Europe)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_.

Forename (s): \_\_\_\_\_.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_.

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_.

- I want IcFEM-Mission (Europe) to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

- I understand that I must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in the relevant tax year equal to any tax reclaimed by IcFEM-Mission (Europe) in that period.

- I must inform IcFEM-Mission (Europe) if I change my address or if my circumstances change and I no longer pay income or capital gains tax.

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and that I will inform IcFEM-Mission (Europe) if this situation changes.

- I understand that monies which may be in excess of the specified giving purpose (where this is mentioned) may, at the discretion of IcFEM-Mission (Europe), be used for other projects approved by the Trustees.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_.