



# East Meru Community School – Tanzania

## Pupil Sponsorship Information

... because every child deserves the chance to learn.



Just £20, EUR25, AUS\$30, US\$25 per month

**East Meru Community School** is an English Medium Primary School located in Maruvango, a remote rural village in Northern Tanzania.

Children, of all abilities, are recruited from the most needy families in the local community and all their needs are provided for through our sponsorship programme.

Monthly sponsorship payments are used to provide:

- full uniform including shoes, two shirts or dresses, two pairs of trousers and one sweater
- the teacher's salary
- teaching materials
- classroom stationery
- daily tea and a healthy lunch

We have small classes, a maximum of 30, and we aim to provide a conducive environment for learning with good teaching resources and well qualified teachers who share the caring, nurturing ethos of the school.

We are a school which is rooted in the community and we only select children from the local area. We have no plans to provide any kind of boarding facilities because we firmly believe in the importance of having our children return home at the end of each day – to remain an important member of their families and their community as a whole.

For more information and FAQs, see the following page.

If you would like to become part of our East Meru Community School family and sponsor one of our children, please email Mary Horne at [emcsschool@gmail.com](mailto:emcsschool@gmail.com). We would be so happy to hear from you!

**How can I be sure that your project is a legitimate organisation?** East Meru Community School is owned by **Tikundane**, a Tanzanian registered NGO Registration No. 00004359. We are also recognised by the Charity Commission in the UK and have an affiliated charity known as **Friends of East Meru Community School** Registration No. 1168456. The school is registered with the Tanzanian Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Registration No AR.03/7/018.

**How can I be sure that my sponsorship funds are wisely used?** The school is managed by Founder Director Mary Horne, who is responsible for and oversees all purchasing. All accounts are available for scrutiny from the Tikundane NGO, the UK charity, and overseas representatives.

**How can I be sure that my funds are going directly to the child's education?** Unlike many other NGOs we keep all of our administrative costs to a minimum because we do not operate from a Head Office outside of Tanzania. All of the administrative work is carried out by the Director or local staff.

**Is there a recruitment policy?** Yes – we recruit children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds, within a reasonable walking distance of the school. We recruit children of ALL abilities, because we believe that every child deserves to learn, and therefore we do not have an entry test. In the spirit of fairness, we are only able to recruit one child per family.

**What is Pupil Sponsorship?** Sponsorship is either an annual or a monthly payment towards the educational costs of an individual child.

**Who can become a Pupil Sponsor?** Anyone who is genuinely interested in supporting one of our pupils can become a sponsor. We deliberately keep the payments as low as possible to enable people from all walks of life to become part of our sponsor family. We are happy to accept individuals, families, groups, churches, clubs and organisations, schools etc. as sponsors.

**How do I become a Pupil Sponsor?** In the first instance please contact [emcsschool@gmail.com](mailto:emcsschool@gmail.com) and then you will receive an email explaining the next steps.

**How much is Pupil Sponsorship?** £20, EUR25, US\$25 or AUS\$30 per month – which can be paid monthly or annually, although monthly is preferable.

**How do I make these payments?** The instructions for payments are provided in separate documents which will be sent separately. Sponsors from Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands are directed to their Country Representatives, whilst all others are channelled through our online [Virgin Money Giving](#) fundraising platform.

**When can I start my sponsorship?** We are always looking for new sponsors, and so please feel free to make enquiries at any time of year. We particularly need sponsors for the start of our new Academic year (in January) but occasionally, we have existing pupils who need a sponsor. If all of our pupils are sponsored at the time of your enquiry you will be invited to donate to one of our other appeals, such as our Food programme, until such time as a sponsor pupil becomes available.

**What can I expect in return for my sponsorship?** You will receive a Pupil Profile containing photographs and details of the child's background, plus a school report, a Thank You drawing, and updated photograph at the end of each term. Of course, you will also have the satisfaction that you have helped to change the life of a child and their family!