



## **Policies and criteria for selection of children for sponsorship**

COH is looking to help and support vulnerable children to school. We focus on children who is not I school and, so far, we only focus on nursery and primary school.

For a child to be sponsored and sent to school, the following is considered:

Maximum distance from home to school: 5km

Vulnerable (in the meaning that the child is in circumstances that is abnormal)

- *The child is Orphan* (both parents are dead or missing) Child living with guardian.
- *And/or the Child is sick* (HIV/Aids or other critical disease)
- *And/or the Parents are old and sick* (HIV/Aids or other critical disease)

We focus on the age 3-8yrs

- because there is a better chance to actually help them develop properly.

In special cases we take on children up to the age of 10yrs.

In very special cases, maybe special needs or the like, we consider any child. Here probably we would try to find other possible help, schools for special needs, handicap organizations or the like.

*(Our staff will not abandon any child they might see in the villages - if we witness abuse and/or maltreatment, we will approach the family and request the family to change behavior towards the kid(s) - if things don't change we will inform the authorities on the matter.)*

We place any child in the school according to their educational level (maybe they can't even read) of understanding, not according to age.

All parties must be willing

- does the child want to go to school!?
- does the parent or guardian want the child to go to school!?

We will sensitize the child and family about their responsibilities of this arrangement

- Parent or guardian is to support and encourage
- The child has to want to acquire knowledge and continually improve their skills

Does the parent or guardian understand and support this arrangement?

Who can help us verify if the situation is really as we are seeing it?

LC1, neighbors, Neighborhood assembly's in the village or sub county level and/or maybe other!?

### **What happens when Sponsored children don't show up after Term break:**

First week we wait! (In Uganda it takes time before children get started again after term break)

Week 2, COH Program Manager / Social Worker visits home to see what is going on

If the child, for some reason, is not coming back to the school the sponsorship ends.

COH and school administration/management writes report explaining the situation and this report is presented to the sponsor.

The sponsor is left with 2 options:

1. Sponsor another child
2. End sponsorship.