



Profile



1. Introduction

Child Care Africa (CCA) is a Dutch foundation established in 2019 to improve the future prospects of orphans and vulnerable children in Africa. The foundation depends on four voluntary board members in the Netherlands and our director in Africa.

With a lot of love and limited financial means, we help children in a hopeless situation to build a better future. Together with our local partners, we improve their access to education and basic needs. We help them to avoid the poverty trap and to be a meaningful contribution to their family, community and country.

2. Our mission

Child Care Africa (CCA) Foundation contributes to a world where all children enjoy safety and access to education, healthcare, safe drinking water, food, shelter, protection and the fulfilment of children's rights. Orphans and vulnerable children (OVC's) in Africa, especially in rural and marginalized places, often lack opportunities to complete their education and to build a better future. Their situation is often hopeless. CCA was founded to give them hope and essential support. The following Biblical scripture inspires and motivates us to continue supporting children, at least until they complete their education:

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”
(Galatians 6 : 9)

3. What we do

We realize our vision by working together with local development initiatives in Africa, such as schools, hospitals, women associations, local foundations, churches, social enterprises, etc. We are convinced that transformation is most effective when it comes from within. Our local partners know the language, culture, society and challenges affecting their community. With the right support, local initiatives can address these challenges and find effective ways to lift themselves out of poverty and thrive.

Our partners work with our “CCA partnership guidelines”, explaining our expectations and best practice tools. An important aspect of our cooperation with local partners is the coaching and mentorship. We want to see our local partners grow and become independent and professional partners, with a strong focus on children and youth. Our activities include i.e. :

1. **Education.** Sponsoring vulnerable children until they complete their education (vocational training, diploma, university) and supporting schools with teaching aids.
2. **Counselling.** We devote attention to the development of the children, in the broadest sense of the word. This includes psychosocial counselling, sexual health education and coaching.
3. **Healthcare.** Our sponsored pupils receive medical care where necessary. Children with special needs are treated in specialized hospitals for disabled children.
4. **Parents and caregivers.** They remain responsible for the upbringing and wellbeing of their child. We maintain close relationships with the parents and caregivers and sign MoU's with them. If the home environment is not safe for the child, we organize alternative shelter. This is one of our ways to protect children from FGM, violence and abuse, neglect and forced marriage. We stand up for their rights and protect them.
5. **Community.** Our impact goes further than the sponsored children. We contribute to the acceptance and implementation of children's rights in the communities where we work. We sensitize communities together with other stakeholders, like religious leaders, police, schools, health workers, civil servants, etc.

The way we work is characterized by the following key principles:

1. **Holistic vision.** Our vision goes beyond education. We also provide food, protection, a safe place to sleep, healthcare and spiritual and psychosocial support. We consider the child and his or her family and community.
2. **Sustainability.** We do not take over the ultimate responsibility for the children we support. We sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the parents and caretakers, stipulating the tasks and responsibilities of all parties. Parents and caretakers sit together with our local partners and agree to a financial contribution. Students sponsored in tertiary education also sign an MoU with CCA and our local partners. After completion of their education, they begin to sponsor a new student to join primary school.
3. **Non-discrimination.** We select “our” children based on a serious and objective screening, whereby we don’t discriminate based on religion, ethnicity, gender, etc. Objectivity and transparency towards the local community are very important. Everyone should be able to understand why these specific children were selected for sponsorship.
4. **Capacity development.** We work together with local partners on a daily basis. They know the local language, society and culture. We mentor and help them to become independent and professional partners, with a strong focus on children and youth.
5. **No overhead costs.** All donations are fully spent to benefit the supported children. We don’t pay salaries to board members or rent for an office in the Netherlands. Our local partners are allowed to use max. 20% of the money for transport, office requirements and salaries. We enter into strict agreements with our local partners and perform regular audits.

4. Where we work

We work in areas in developing countries in Africa where we can really make the difference. These are often remote and marginalized areas, where literacy rates are low and few children have the opportunity to complete their education, due to financial, geographical or cultural barriers. We usually work in areas where the presence of development partners focused on children and education is low.

In 2019 and 2020, we work in the Karamoja region in Northeast Uganda. Karamoja was characterized by cattle-theft and violent conflicts between tribes for many decades. Poverty, food scarcity and illiteracy are reality in Karamoja. And children’s rights abuse is rampant, like the denial of education, child labour, circumcision of girls and the forced marriage of young girls and women. Within Karamoja we work in Amudat and Kaabong districts. We are planning to start a programme to address child trafficking in Napak district.

In the future, we plan to branch out to other African nations.



5. Information

CCA’s activities are sponsored by donors, on a regular or once-off basis.

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