



Sponsor Charter

« Qui sauve un enfant, sauve l'humanité »
« Who saves a child, saves humanity »
« Quien salva a un niño, salva a la humanidad »

I Global presentation of SPES and founding principles

SPES is a philosophical, philanthropic and an apolitical association, subject to the French Law of 1901 governing associations.

Its mission is to provide concrete support to underprivileged children, particularly in Togo. Its work is expressed through the creation and management of Children's Homes (in Lomé and Kpalimé), where the children are fully taken care of: accommodation, food, healthcare, education, and guidance towards independence.

Funding comes from several countries: Iceland, France, Italy, Belgium, Austria, the United States, etc., and the Board of Directors reflects this international dimension. All members are volunteers and work at their own expense; only the Togolese employees responsible for the children's daily care receive a salary.

The founding principles are:

- full volunteer commitment;
- comprehensive and long-term support, far beyond simple educational assistance;
- respect for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN, 1989);
- the transmission of the values: Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.

A key point is that SPES children are not adoptable, but only sponsored. Sponsorship aims to save lives, support children on the path to education and citizenship, and offer them the possibility to one day give back to their community the benefits they have received.

II Sponsorship

- Sponsorship Management:

Sponsorship can be individual, collective, or shared.

It is a moral and emotional commitment as much as a financial contribution.

- **Individual sponsorship:** €80 per month
- **Shared sponsorship:** 2 sponsors: €40 per month per person
3 sponsors: €27 per month per person
4 sponsors: €20 per month per person
- **Monthly donation for all children:** minimum €20 per month per person.

Note: All donations are tax-deductible in France. You may benefit from a tax reduction equal to 75% of your donations up to €1,000 per year (and 66% up to 20% of your taxable income).

Payments are made by automatic bank transfer via the SPES bank account (RIB), according to the chosen frequency: monthly, quarterly, or annual.

Sponsors must keep in mind that their sponsored children grow up in a different culture, which calls for respect and openness.

- Relationships with the sponsored child:

- Correspondence:
E-mail, letters, postcards, drawings and photos are essential.
They stimulate motivation at school, enhance the child's self-worth, and strengthen the emotional bond.
- Gifts:
Sending money, food, medicine, or inappropriate items is discouraged.
Gifts should be light, useful, and preferably purchased locally.
- Visits:
Visits are encouraged, as they strengthen relationships and promote the children's well-being, provided that the instructions of the staff are respected.

- Duration of sponsorship:

Sponsorship continues until the child turns 18, but it may be extended up to age 24 if the child is not yet independent. It is also possible to redirect the sponsorship towards another child.

III Relations with SPES

SPES ensures that the funds provided are used appropriately.

Within SPES, a Sponsorship Coordinator acts as a link between the directors of the two centers and the sponsors. News from both centers is sent monthly to the sponsors.

An associated organization, SPES TOGO, has been created. It is composed of local volunteers who coordinate the salaried teams on site, liaise with the institutional authorities, and maintain relations with SPES. They operate in accordance with the statutes and a ratified protocol.

Regular communication is essential to ensure transparency and trust.

IV CONCLUSION

The Sponsors' Charter emphasizes SPES's humanistic vision: saving and supporting vulnerable children, offering them a life of dignity, a full education, and the prospect of a future. Sponsorship is not limited to financial support: it is a commitment of the heart, based on respect and intercultural exchange.

Sponsors play an essential role, not only in the survival and development of the children, but also as partners in a collective, supportive, and fraternal project.

SPES is founded on transparency, volunteer work, and the desire to build bridges between cultures, in a spirit of sharing and shared responsibility towards humanity.

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