This is a cliché but unfortunately, it is very true, knowledge is power, so let’s give these children the power they need to transform their lives and those of their families.

Education remains the surest way out a life of poverty in most parts of Africa.

In Africa, school is much more than a learning place. It is a place where children from underprivileged families get food through the school meal programme and learn basic hygiene practices which prevents them from getting life threatening infections such as typhoid and cholera. A classroom in one of Kenya’s semi-arid areas is not just a place where kid go to get life skills, it also plays a bigger role of keeping the children away from exploitation, violence and abuse thereby breaking the cycle of poverty and structural inequality and disadvantage in their community.

For this reason Zeitz Foundation, has developed a bursary scheme to assist bright students from poor families in Laikipia to grow into resourceful and socially active adults, and to make cultural and political contributions to their communities. Laikipia has high numbers of impoverished pastoralists with few formal employment opportunities.

In these pastoralists communities women are valued in terms of the wealth they will bring to their fathers as dowry. Equipping the girls with education therefore helps address the entrenched cultural views about traditional female roles as they are empowered and equipped with skills which enable them to equally contribute to the social and economic welfare of their communities.

In 2012, Zeitz Foundation has 15 students we are supporting with their Secondary education. We hope to raise this number to 40 students by 2015. All the students are placed in boarding schools for two reasons.

Firstly, it enables the students to concentrate on their studies and provides them with security, a bed to sleep in, and the opportunity to make friends, eat three square meals a day and secure their future and.

Secondly, Segera is located in a remote area of Laikipia and schools are inaccessible. Given the academic potential of the children selected, we ascertain that their schooling will have a lasting and fruitful impact on them as individuals, on their siblings and on the communities in which they live.

Criteria for selection

1. The students are identified through a representative of the community committee, Ministry of Education officials, School Parent and Teachers Association and counselors in collaboration with Zeitz Foundation.

2. The bursaries are awarded on the identified needs of the child. To ensure the beneficiaries keep their grades up, it is a requirement with the school and the guardian that the Foundation is supplied with their result slips every term.

3. The students must be in their final year of Primary education and despite their family situation have a record of high academic performance both throughout their Primary education and in their final national examinations.

4. Our policy is such that we offer to provide the scholarships to an equal number of boys and girls.

What your donation could help achieve

The cost of educating one child is USD 515 Per year. This caters for their food, accommodation and tuition. We encourage sponsors to commit to the full four years of a child’s education. However, we accept annual sponsorships.

What we will do

We will ensure that the child communicates with the sponsors every year and we will share performance reports with the sponsors on the child they are sponsoring.
Application to Support the Zeitz Foundation School Bursary Programme

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Date of Application: ____________________________________________

Sponsor’s Full Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________

Country: _______________________________________________________

Email Address: _________________________________________________

Telephone Number(s): __________________________________________

Donation Information (Please double-click the checkbox to choose the option that applies to your donation)

Either

☐ I would like to support the Zeitz Foundation School Bursary Programme by sponsoring:

   (No. of Students) Student(s) for a period of (No. of Years) Year(s), for USD __________ Amount (USD) __________

(The cost of educating one child is USD 515 per Year.)

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BANKING DETAILS

Please send your donations by Bank Transfer to the following account:

Account Name: Zeitz Foundation
Bank: Commercial Bank of Africa
Branch: Village Market Branch
Account Number: 6775630018 (Kenya Shillings)
Bank Swift Code: CBAFKENX
Bank Postal Address: P.O. Box 30437, GPO 00100, Nairobi, Kenya

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