

CHILDREN'S AID INTERNATIONAL



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# PROJECT

BATA Children's Aid International offers sponsorships for children in the Philippines, in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Sponsorships are a personal and direct way of providing children access to nutrition and education and of giving them an opportunity to help themselves out of poverty.

## ORIGIN

BATA Children's Aid arose from the aid project Hayag that was founded in 2004 by Judith Pomm together with a friend in Cebu City, Philippines ([www.hayag-project.com](http://www.hayag-project.com)). Until 2013 the Hayag Project aimed at two things: the maintenance of a project house for girls and young women seeking a high school or college degree (House Hayag) and the support of younger children through sponsorships (Hayag Sponsorship Project). Both projects have grown and developed successfully. For the sponsorship projects however new and interesting options came up in 2013 to extend its reach beyond the Philippines to Uganda and Congo as well. In order to offer optimal conditions for the recruitment and administration of sponsorships in these three regions, the organisation BATA was founded.

We have chosen the name BATA because it means 'child' in Cebuano, the language of the region where our Philippine children come from. Our colleagues in Cebu, however, suggested another meaning to it. The single letters could be read as:



B – believe in yourself  
A – aim for success, and  
T – thank God for your  
A – achievement

## IDEAS AND GOALS

BATA Children's Aid aims to help children out of poverty through better education. The children that are accepted in the sponsorship project come from extremely underprivileged families. The children continue to live with their parents or other relatives who cannot afford to send them to school.

Each child is supported by a unique donor. Donations are used for buying school uniforms, books, materials, and occasionally food as well. In order to support children successfully, our local colleagues strive for a close inclusion of the children's families: The money is disbursed at monthly meetings and together with the parents it is discussed how the money is best spent for the benefit of the child.

Apart from these monthly allowances we organize food distributions, school supply or medicine whenever our budget allows. Our aid is intended for the long term in order to achieve a sustainable impact. We want to give children a chance to become responsible adults who are capable of making their own decisions, shaping their own future and having an impact on the world they live in.

## MODE OF OPERATION

Each child sponsored through BATA is paired with a unique donor. This means that the donor commits him or herself to support a particular child with 20 Euros per month, or more. In return he or she receives letters and reports on the child's school achievements several times a year.

If you are interested in becoming a donor please contact us and tell us the country in case you have a special preference. We will forward your request to our local colleagues who will choose a child for you. Within one month you will receive the child's profile with information on its age, gender, family situation and living circumstances.

If you wish to get into personal contact with the child you sponsor you can take the initiative and send a letter or even a package. An if you plan to go on a trip and meet with your child we can help you with further information.



# REGIONS

We only operate in regions that we know very well because we lived and worked there ourselves and where we can cooperate with reliable partners.

## PHILIPPINES — CEBU CITY

If you visit the Philippines, you will find a country of diversity: the overriding beauty of nature as well as the hospitality and vitality of Filipinos form a sharp contrast to the high crime rate and bitter poverty in this country. Behind the façade of the democratic constitution and modern legal system that exist in the Philippines, injustice can be found: wealth is concentrated among a few rich families and corruption is blooming. More than 40 percent of Filipinos cannot afford or lack access to basic necessities.

The poorest of the poor live in urban centers like Manila or Cebu City. Poverty is part of the urban image: on the streets thousands of homeless people barely eke out a living. Some of them illegally construct themselves a place of shelter made out of wood or plastic waste. In these rundown areas there is neither running water nor a sewage system.

Lacking medical aid, children often suffer from diseases and malnutrition. Children are relied on from the time they are very young. As every peso is needed, these children often slave away collecting and selling waste. This makes it impossible for them to attend school and thus to attain the very education that might allow them to escape from this misery.

## UGANDA — GULU

Gulu is located in northern Uganda, a region that is recovering from twenty years of civil war between the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Government of Uganda (1986-2006).

During the war, almost the entire Acholi population was displaced and forced to live in IDP camps and experienced atrocious human rights violations such as killings, rape, mutilations



and lootings. Children were born and brought up without ever knowing a peaceful social setting and many became victims of abductions and forced child soldiering.

The return from the IDP camps has not been an easy process, as it has been accompanied by a range of new conflicts, most notably conflicts over land and domestic violence. Many people still live in dire circumstances, with little access to basic education or healthcare. The rehabilitation of the infrastructure and the economic, educational and health systems as well as psychosocial counselling and social and economic reintegration of former LRA combatants and victims have remained a great challenge.

## CONGO — BUKAVU

Bukavu is the capital of the Sud-Kivu province. The city overlooks Lake Kivu and borders on Rwanda. Since the Rwandan genocide, this region has become engulfed in various wars and other armed conflicts.

The local medical and education systems have almost broken down completely and the region has faced sky-high mortality and morbidity rates. Gender and sexual violence has become endemic.

At the same time, Bukavu has grown rapidly as hundreds of thousands of internally displaced Congolese from the surrounding region fled their homes for the relative security of the city. The slums around the older parts of town have thus expanded rapidly. It is in these slums that help is needed most.





## DONATIONS

We are grateful for any level of contribution you feel comfortable with. We welcome one-time donations as well as ongoing financial support. You will receive a donation receipt at the beginning of the year for the previous year. In case you gave us a one-time donation, please do not forget to send us your address by writing an e-mail to [info@bata-kinderhilfe.org](mailto:info@bata-kinderhilfe.org). You may rest assured that all contributions go exclusively to our projects. We set a high value on transparency.

## TEAM

The aid association BATA Children's Aid International, based in Germany, supports the sponsorship projects in the Philippines, in Uganda and Congo, both professionally and financially. We supervise all project related decisions and activities with regular visits to our partner countries. We also attend to the organization's public relations and fundraising needs.

### In Germany

Judith Pomm	First Chairwoman // Regional Focus: Philippines
Prof. Lioba Lenhart	Second Chairwoman // Regional Focus: Uganda
Ingrid Forsting	Secretary
Prof. Dennis Dijkzeul	Treasurer // Regional Focus: Congo
Prof. Günter Olesch	Legal Adviser
Karin Granica	Design and Layout
Ruth Werschak	Support Correspondence Congo
Nicola Schulze	Support Correspondence Philippines and Uganda

### In Our Partner Countries

Adora Maghanoy	Supervision of the Sponsorships in the Philippines
Viviane Igilima Mapendo	
Claude Iguma	Supervision of the Sponsorships in the Congo
Lioba Lenhart	Supervision of the Sponsorships in Uganda

### Our Expenses

**Children:** Each child receives a monthly amount of 20 Euros. These expenses are shouldered by the respective donor.

**Local colleagues:** The salary of our local partners depends on the number of children that have to be supervised.

**Distributions:** At the beginning of each school year, on special occasions such as Christmas we buy food, school supplies, or medicine. The scale of each distribution depends on the amount of money available.

**Administrative costs:** We in Germany work voluntarily. Administrative costs are either paid by ourselves or by donations earmarked for that particular purpose.

### Your Options

#### Option: Sponsorship

If you choose a sponsorship you are obliged to a monthly payment of 20 Euros, or more if you wish. You can sponsor a child until it reaches a school degree. The duration of your personal sponsorship however is up to you. You can terminate the partnership anytime and without justification but it would be very helpful to us if you could inform us as soon as possible, so that we can look for an alternative donor as quickly as possible.

#### Option: Simple Membership

If you decide for an ongoing membership fee, the amount is left to your discretion, starting with a monthly contribution of not less than 10 Euros. These donations are used to pay our local colleagues. Any surplus will flow into to budget for our distributions or function as intermediary payment for children who lost their sponsor.



### Our Bank Details

Account name: BATA Kinderhilfe International e.V.  
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 IBAN: DE68430609674072864500  
 BIC: GENODEM1GLS (Bochum)  
 Reference: Membership or Sponsorship or Donation (please choose)

