



SPONSOR A CHILD

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1. Title of Project

Support for deserving needy children towards their educational expenses to enable them to achieve their full academic potential.

2. Proposal

Sponsor A Child (SAC) identifies needy students through schools across Mauritius and Rodrigues and allocates a monthly allowance, as follows:

- Rs 500 for primary and lower secondary students,
- Rs 750 for students in Grades 10 to 13.

Generally sponsored students are visited regularly by members to monitor the progress of beneficiaries and how the allocation is spent. With the advent of COVID-19, we have had to limit school visits. These have been replaced with meetings with the parents in the Sponsor A Child office. We have also sent questionnaires to schools and students to obtain feedback on the academic progress.

SAC is calling for corporate sponsorship to support its activities. Below is a table representing the level of funding required for a twelve-month period for sponsoring 1 to 5 students.

No. of children	Yearly funding (Rs)				
	1	2*	3*	4*	5*
Primary /Lower Secondary	6,900	13,800	20,700	27,600	34,500
Secondary (grades 10-13)	10,350	20,700	31,050	41,400	51,750

* Figures include a 15% charge that goes towards administrative support.

3. Achievement

In its 18 years of operation, SAC has assisted nearly 2,500 students throughout the schooling system, some right from primary school through to secondary. At least 40 students have gone on to pursue tertiary education.

In spite of the difficulties faced by students with successive waves of COVID-19, school closures and the introduction of online classes, our students performed well at national exams in 2021.

National Education Certificate (NCE)

Twelve of the 16 entrants were promoted to Grade 10. Four others are repeating to improve their Maths or English. One student obtained distinction in all subjects and transferred to Royal College Curepipe, an academy school.

School Certificate (SC)

Thirty students sat for the exams and 26 passed and of those 16 obtained the 5 credits required for HSC. Fifteen students scored A's.

Higher School Certificate (HSC)

Thirteen students passed and 2 obtained the General Certificate of Education (GCE) Award. One student scored all As and ranked in the top 20 of the Science stream.

Last year we expanded our activities in Rodrigues, and provided support to students in the South impacted by the Wakashio marine disaster.

Rodrigues:

In January 2021, we received a Rs100,000 donation dedicated to Rodriguan students. This has enabled us to extend our sponsorship to 16 students across 2 primary and 3 secondary schools, from only 4 beneficiaries in 2 schools in previous years.

Wakashio:

Eight students whose parents' livelihoods have been impacted by the maritime disaster were identified and provided support through a monthly allowance. Six of the students we helped have been promoted to the next class in academic year 2021-22 and they have now been absorbed as part of our current beneficiaries. Two of the students who sat for the National Certificate of Education passed, one candidate who sat for the School Certificate obtained 3 credits and is currently looking for work. Another who sat for the HSC obtained credits in three subjects.

4. Issue

The recent changes to the allocation of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund has resulted in a marked drop in funding accruing from our traditional corporate sponsors. Additional corporate funding is needed to sustain our commitment to sponsored students.


