

Pens for Kids send writing utensils to Africa.....

.....because we have to start somewhere.....



In Africa many kids grow up in huts like these – made of cow-dung or various kinds of garbage.



Poor people have no pension, so it has always been necessary for Africans to have many kids, but now HIV and AIDS have orphaned more than 40 million kids.

The luckiest kids can stay with family or in an orphanage, but many end up as street-kids, sexworkers, child soldiers or slaves – and some even get expelled from their homes or killed – accused of witch-craft !



Many girls have even died because it is a widespread misconception that having sex with a virgin can cure AIDS.

Diarrhoea caused by poor hygiene, and illnesses like Malaria, Dengue Fever and Tuberculosis add to the child mortality, and for the grown-ups who care for the kids, everyday life is a hard battle for survival – often in wane.



The luckiest orphans live in orphanages like this, without clean water, electricity, toilet facilities – and often – without clothes or food.....



....and when global warming makes the rainy season fail like in the autumn / winter 2011 – things can get totally desperate...

Malaria kills app. 1 million people per year – most of them could have been saved by simple mosquito nets.

Starvation and illnesses caused by malnutrition are responsible for app. 10 million mortalities per year – corresponding to app. 30.000 people every single day - and it is <u>us</u> in the industrialised countries who are to blame – for robbing them of their natural resources and protecting our own farmers with import taxes.







The way out of superstition and poverty is enlightenment and education. Only a good education can secure the grow-ups of the future from poverty, teach them to avoid getting HIV/AIDS, and enable them to improve their chance to keep their surroundings hygienic and healthy.

But building schools is not enough. Many parents do not allow their kids to attend school; they must help putting food on the table by herding livestock, begging or hustling in the streets.



The kids are often supposed to have a school uniform and to provide their own materials, and for a family that must survive on less than a dollar a day, the price of even a pen can be an insurmountable obstacle. For many Africans a ball point pen costs more than a day's salary.

Pens for Kids will not accept that !





Pens for Kids collect pens in parts of the world where there is plenty...

...and give them to kids in countries where they have nothing.

- because money end up in the wrong pockets
- because pens can't shoot
- because pens convey a good message
- because all development starts with education



...and because we owe it to them !

Pens for Kids is a grass root project in which everybody can participate – children and adults, companies and individuals.

- •Does your company have any obsolete pens ?
- •Need an idea for a Corporate Social Responsibility project ?
- •Does your school need a project that is more than educational ?
- •Are you missing a hobby that makes a difference ?

... or do you just want to help underprivileged kids ? – if so:

- •Help us collecting pens
- •Help us getting known
- •Help us with the transport
- •Help us financially



Vi thank you with PR, links, photos or a banner on our website(s)...



Pens for Kids is an international association of charity organisations based entirely on voluntary work

Pens for Kids started out in Denmark where it is now an official organisation registered by the municipality administration of Gribskov.

The idea later spread to USA, Portugal, England, Australia and Canada, where volunteers today help us collecting pens and raising funds – and in 2011 we even formed an organisation in Kenya which helps us distributing the collected materials to the local kids.

Pens for Kids Denmark has received large amounts of pens from the Rezidor group (Radisson Blu a.o.) and in 2011 the company Flow.Vision A/S started sponsoring us. Further, many Danish celebrities support us morally via Facebook.

Pens for Kids administrate the following websites:

ww.pensforkids.dk (PFK-DK in Danish/English) www.pensforkids.mono.net (PFK International) www.123hjemmeside.dk/pensforkids (PFK-DK, bilingual) www.123hjemmeside.dk/penz4kidz (Danish junior page) www.pensforkids.co.uk (PFK-UK) www.pensforkids.ca (PFK-Canada – under construction) www.123hjemmeside.dk/A_Cry_for_Help (Misc. charities) www.123hjemmeside.dk/Shop_African (Support page for contacts) www.123hjemmeside.dk/Safarishop (Commercial) www.1223hjemmeside.dk/Products_for_Knuthenborg (Com.) www.123hjemmeside.dk/Mutuasafari (Commercial)

All branches of Pens for Kids (DK, USA, UK, Portugal, Australia, Canada) have a page on Facebook, and PFK DK further has a Facebook group.



Pens for Kids has on a few occasions sent donations to Peru, Mexico, Tahiti a.o., but we mainly operate in Africa where we distribute donations through our own local contacts as well as through established charity organisations.

So far we have had to say "Sorry" to inquiries for help from countries like India, Russia, China and USA, but we off course hope - at some point - to be able to help all kids who need help.

We primarily send writing utensils, but on a number of occasions we have also sent books, note pads, computers and football equipment.

Pens for Kids' founder has significant experience with other forms of charity work, such as sponsoring kids / orphanages and conducting "micro finance" projects and can help with consulting / establishing networks for others who want to give direct help to Africa.





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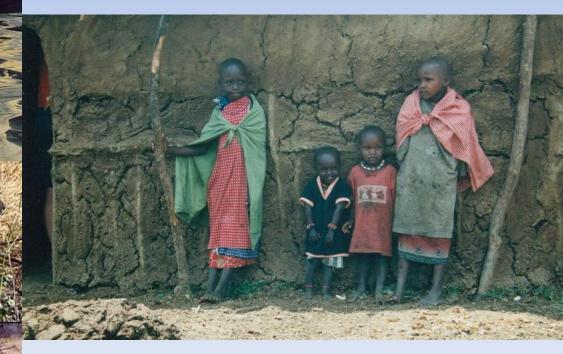


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In Africa amazing landscapes and wildlife can still be found, but to preserve them for future generations Africa's kids must be provided with water, food, medical help, sewerage systems, electricity etc. – in a sustainable manner.



It is going to take a lot of work !



Help Pens for Kids helping Africa's kids – if not for the kids, then for the nature, the PR-value for your company, or for your own conscience !

Thanking you in advance,

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