

What is CONTESA

CONTESA is a limited non profit making company and a registered UK Charity. CONTESA'S Mission is to help alleviate the suffering of Aids orphans and disadvantaged children in Zambia through the provision of shelter, food and primary education and training regardless of their background, religion or race.

Why Orphans

The plight of orphaned children is a highly emotional and heartbreaking problem in Zambia. There are huge numbers of destitute and malnourished children on the streets of Zambia due to the devastation and deaths of thousands of people due to Aids related illnesses and most of whom have left the young children to fend for themselves. CONTESA intends to relieve the suffering of some of the children.

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CONTESA wants to make a difference and aims to help the orphans by providing them with the basic necessities of life, food and shelter and then assist them to develop themselves through education and having a support structure in place for them, with the ultimate goal of making them productive members of the community.

What is CONTESA Doing

CONTESA started its work in July 2005. CONTESA has already completed projects such as building of two ablution blocks (toilets and showers) at two centres in Kabwe and Lusaka. The building of a kitchen and dining block is due to be completed by the end of April 2007. CONTESA also has ongoing programmes of feeding over 350 orphans with one meal a day and is supplementing salaries for teachers. CONTESA has through its appeal raised funds for desks for the school founded in January 2006 and has also funded the purchase of sturdy bicycles for Home Care Programme. Out of the £58,000 so far raised CONTESA has released nearly £45,000 to fund the projects mentioned above.

All monies donated to CONTESA go 100% to approved projects and none go to administration costs, these are personally borne by the Trustees and the company sponsor.

CONTESA is a very personal charity which regularly visits and maintains personal relationships between CONTESA'S trustees, supporters and friends and the key Zambian project management and volunteers. CONTESA invites friends and supporters to visit projects and see for themselves how the money is being spent.

CONTESA works directly with the project managers and volunteers and supports them and also offers advice if requested.

CONTESA is committed to raise funds with friends and supporters to sustain the projects and programmes supporting orphans' well being.