



## Sponsor a Child – Frequently asked questions

### **How does Child Sponsorship work?**

Child Sponsorship creates a unique personal connection between you and a child and their family. As part of your sponsorship you can exchange letters and photos.

When you sponsor a child, your donations are pooled to support a wide range of programs in your sponsored child's community. This means you are helping to improve the life of your sponsored child and the lives of all those in the community.

### **How much does it cost to sponsor a child with Plan India?**

You can sponsor a child by donating Rs.12000/- One Child for One Year. Child Sponsorship costs Rs 1000 a month, which works out to be less than Rs 35 a day – the cost of a cup of coffee.

### **What is the mode of payment?**

You can donate by visiting the website of Plan India. [https://www.planindia.org/donate-plan-india?donate\\_id=136](https://www.planindia.org/donate-plan-india?donate_id=136) Here, either you can choose to donate Rs.12000/- One Child for One Year or you can choose to sponsor more than one child and more than one year.

Alternatively, you can send a cheque in favour of Plan International (India Chapter). You can choose to opt for Rs 1000 per month in the ECS mode. Please drop a line to [donor.service@planindia.org](mailto:donor.service@planindia.org) for more details.

### **Does sponsorship contribution go directly to one child?**

No. When you sponsor a child, your contributions not only benefit the child you are sponsoring, they benefit the whole community! Your contributions are pooled to support a wide range of programmes in your sponsored child's community. More than 35 years of experience have taught us that helping families and communities become self-sufficient is the best way to secure the child's future.

### **Is the money I give to Plan India handled responsibly?**

In over 35 years, Plan has built a reputation as one of the country's most effective and responsible development agencies.

In 2015, 83% of every rupee raised went to support programmes benefitting children and families. Trust and transparency are important to us and we invite you to look through the Annual Report of Plan India. It's on the website and we can send to you on demand also.

### **Can I communicate with the child I sponsor?**

Absolutely! If you write to your sponsored child, they'll write back to you! Writing to the child your sponsor is one of the most rewarding aspects of sponsorship.

**Can I visit my sponsored child?**

Yes! We encourage sponsors to consider a trip to their sponsored child's community. It's a life changing experience to meet your sponsored child and their family and you will be able to see first-hand the impact your sponsorship is making. Please contact us six weeks in advance of a visit so we can make the necessary preparations for you.

**Will I receive a tax receipt for my donation?**

Yes. Sponsorship Donations are eligible for 50% tax exemption u/s 80 G (5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

**I have more questions – who can I speak to?**

Our donor support team is happy to answer any questions you have about our work. Kindly mail us at [donor.service@planindia.org](mailto:donor.service@planindia.org) or call us at 011-48953902/03 to learn more about Child sponsorship.