

HELP SOSUAKIDS GO TO SCHOOL

The Help Sosuakids go to School Foundation was set up on 27 November 2007 by Sylvia Berkley. During her holiday in the Dominican Republic in February 2006, Sylvia saw widespread poverty, children roaming the streets with bare feet, prostitution and other things wrong. After returning to the Netherlands, Sylvia decided to try to help by enabling more poor children to go to school. To this end, she got in touch with the Sosúa Kids Organization in Sosúa.

This organization is run by a group of American Canadian and Dominican people, all of whom are voluntary workers. The organization ensures that school uniforms, shoes and learning materials are provided to poor children. Everyone has to buy these items to be admitted to the state's schools, and poor parents or orphans are unable to pay these costs.

Financial assistance is also provided for the Colegio Evangelico Asher, by contributing to furnishing costs, teachers' wages, clothes and food. In 2006, a Dominican couple, Judith en Roberto Terrero set up the Colegio Evangelico Asher, a private school for children who previously lived on a rubbish dump. Haitian children who are refugees are also admitted to this school. These children cannot go to the state schools. The government contributes nothing to their school, because it is not a state school. In 2019 around 400 underprivileged children are attending this school.

Goal

Improving the welfare of underprivileged children in the Dominican Republic, including Haitian refugees, by providing:

- education
- school uniforms and learning materials
- food

The goal will be achieved by:

- supporting small-scale projects
- proper supervision of the activities
- short lines of communication
- proper control of the funds
- proper monitoring of the children's progress
- minimising costs

WHY DO WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT?

Education

- is a means of providing sustainable social improvement.
- provides income
- works against corruption
- works against drugs and prostitution and crime
- improves healthcare
- provides awareness of the vulnerability of the environment

In Europe and a lot of other wealthy countries, we all enjoy the opportunity to go to school. This provides many of us with an opportunity to help others who do not enjoy this privilege. Grasp this opportunity!

Help Sosuakids is small- scale, has no commercial ties and works with donations that mainly come from private individuals.

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