



Mandala Trust

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Guidelines for People Seeking Donations

The Mandala Trust is a small UK-based registered charity (Reg No. 1096861).

We are dedicated to supporting children and young people in vulnerable situations around the world.

Through targeting dedicated organisations and individuals working for their communities at a grass-roots level, and supporting them through small grants, capacity building, and developing sustainability, we are able to achieve real and lasting benefits for those children and young people we aim to serve.

As a small charity we aim to use our income wisely and to best effect. This means:

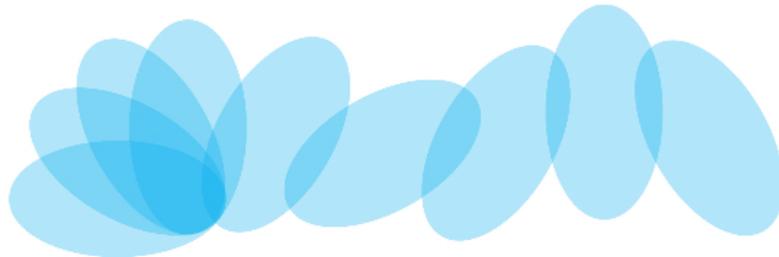
- We contribute to the developing world, where need is greatest.
- Our beneficiaries are children without a stable environment within which they can play, learn and grow.
- We are happy to consider funding small start-up grass-roots projects which are unable to meet the general criteria of mainstream funding providers, and support capacity building to develop sustainability.
- We seek to support local people who are working to change lives within their own communities.
- If the required support cannot be provided locally, we expect travellers to volunteer and to self-fund.
- We favour donations which are investments towards a better future, rather than day to day running costs.
- We expect those who receive our donations to work broadly in line with the ethics that inform our work: broadly stated, to do no harm. In practice this means spending wisely and well, working with the beneficiaries towards sustainability, whether of income, community ownership or independence. We also encourage our beneficiaries to take into account the environmental impact of their activities and to work towards minimising the carbon footprint.

Examples of previously funded projects include:

- **Tong-Len, Dharamsala, India.** Funding the first year's start-up costs, equipment and furnishings for this home for street children. Supported in building capacity in order to achieve long term sustainability.
- **The Khuphuka Project, South Africa.** Funding towards initial building costs and vehicle for this emerging community based HIV and AIDS outreach project.
- **Sareka, Cambodia.** Funding start-up costs, medical aid and a bicycle powered paper making press in order to support an income generation project to achieve full programme sustainability.
- **'Apoyo a la madre solo' domestic violence support service, Argentina.** Built and furnished a refuge for women and children survivors of domestic violence.
- **Bhwasa Community Medical Centre, Nepal.** Provided medical equipment and supplies and funded a project in support of local orphaned and vulnerable children.

We hope this helps. Please contact our chair at the address below if you would like to talk about your needs before putting in an application. With respect and appreciation, The Mandala Trust.

Di Bligh (chair): di.bligh@mandalatrust.org



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Funding Application Form

The Mandala Trust seeks to support one or two new grass-roots projects each year, that specifically help children and young people (under 25 years old), helping to alleviate suffering and poverty. More information at:

<http://www.mandalatrust.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/TheMandalaTrust>

Contact name:	Job Title:
Organisation:	Telephone:
Email:	
Postal address:	
Purpose for which the funding is sought (please give as much detail as possible and attach on a separate sheet if necessary):	

What is your project budget? (Please attach a detailed project budget to your application.)

How do you plan to make the most of our contribution?

Please outline what plans there are to make the organisation sustainable.

What evidence will you provide as to how the donation has been spent?

Do you have a Management Committee? Yes / No

Do you have a Constitution? Yes / No If yes, please attach to your application.
If no, when will you have one?

Do you have a Child Protection Policy? Yes / No

If yes, please attach to your application.

If no, will you work with The Mandala Trust to adopt a Child Protection Policy?

Signed (an emailed copy will be accepted as signed)

Date

Please return the completed form to:

Di Bligh, Chair

di.bligh@mandalatrust.org

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