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# Newsletter Sponsorship



Students of Guié High School  
Burkina Faso



"Home Visit" in the slums  
of Cho Quan students in VietNam

Like the majority of students around the world, the sponsored children in Burkina Faso and Vietnam have added the mask to their school supplies. For many of them, they are finishing their exams to move on to the next grade.

It was a different story for the Lebanese and Armenian students who have only been able to take online courses throughout the year, their countries undergoing regular lockdowns.



# News from the sponsorship centres...



Sur les chemins de l'école  
Ho Chi Minh - Việt Nam 2021

The Covid crisis, and the financial and social crises that followed, have had a major impact on the education of your young godchildren. Online courses, distance learning and the use of computer technology have not been available to everyone. With the active support of our local coordinators, centre managers and the sisters of the different Congregations in the four countries of intervention, the children have redoubled their efforts and commitment to complete their schooling. At the beginning of 2021, despite the circumstances, some twenty new sponsors have joined this human adventure.

Education in all circumstances, thanks to sponsorship, is the best armour for coping with everyday life and becoming independent.

Thank you for enabling 450 young people, through individual sponsorship, and more than 1000 children, through our project sponsorships, to continue on this path in 2021.

## ARMENIA

In addition to the health crisis, Armenia suffered from the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, which plunged the country into a political crisis, causing great anxiety among the population. Schools remained closed and many parents also lost their jobs.

The centre managers, together with our local coordinator, Arminé, persevered in maintaining contact with these very vulnerable families.

At Boghossian, the children, boarding with the sisters, continued their daily life. The children at the Endanik centre were not able to take part in all the activities, but they were able to use the computers and follow some support courses.

The desire to resume all activities is very strong and the prospect of resuming them in September is considered.



Newly sponsored  
Gumri - Armenia 2021

## BURKINA FASO

In the "country of men of integrity", the confinement only lasted a few months. Very quickly, the school year beginning in September allowed the students to return to school. The impossibility of setting up online courses strongly justified this choice. The necessary measures, including barrier gestures, became a ritual so that classes could continue face-to-face. Pupils and university students have redoubled their efforts to stay focused with the mask on and listen carefully to their teachers.

Life in the nursery did not change much. The nannies, because of their training, have been very careful not to change the children's daily lives so that they can continue to grow and flourish in this supportive environment.

With your support, 45 pupils and 50 children in the nurseries are flourishing, despite their difficult daily lives.

## LEBANON

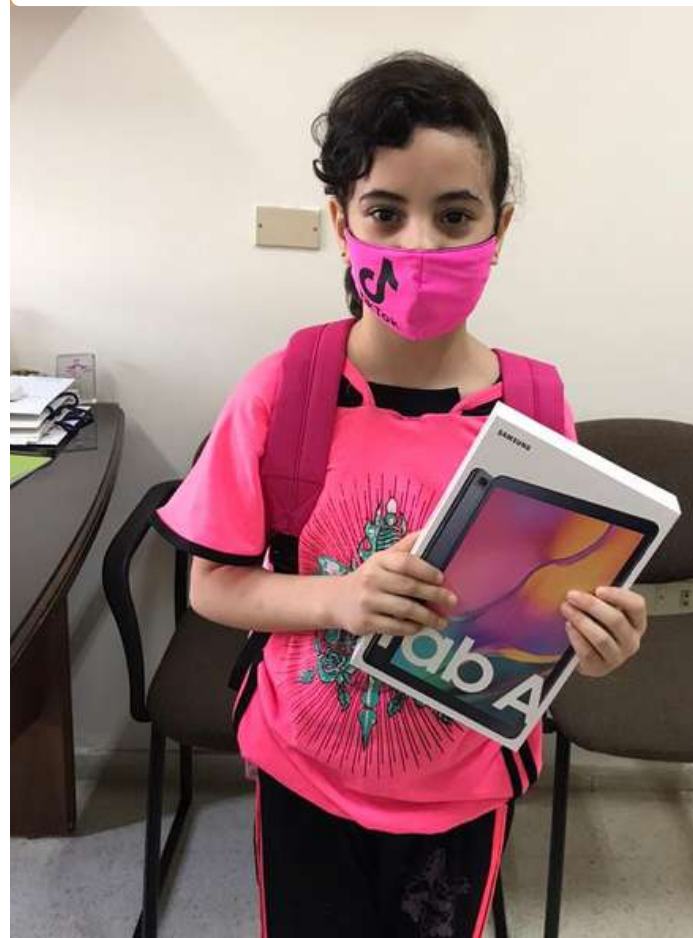
The sponsorship with Mission Enfance could not take place without the investment of our local coordinators and the people in charge of the centres. In Lebanon, the sisters of the "Bon Pasteur" Congregation, responsible for the different sponsorship structures, have done their utmost to stay close to the children and keep their centres active, especially in terms of emergency food aid and support courses. With resilience, they live a difficult daily life but full of hope, not for themselves but for the youth they care for.

The centre in Deir Al Ahmar reopened as soon as possible to allow children and young people to attend classes online. At the Roueisset centre, in this vulnerable area of Beirut, psychological help has also been offered to families and children, for whom the confinement and the economic crisis have made them give up. The opening of schools for the start of the school year in September is scheduled and will give the Lebanese population a breath of hope.

\*We offered 16 tablets to the sponsored children of the Saint Vincent de Paul school in Beirut.



Barrier gestures at the Guié school  
Burkina 2021



Access to digital technology\*  
Beirut - Lebanon 2021





Home schooling  
Ho Chi Minh - Vietnam 2021

## VIETNAM

When the Vietnamese government announced the second temporary closure of schools last March, Sister Maria Trùc Linh, who is in charge of several sponsorship centres, wrote to me: "With this closure of schools, the lives of the children are being put at risk, because we give each of them one full meal a day". Sponsorship in Vietnam is also about that.

Thanks to their dedication, the sisters, who are responsible for the sponsorships and projects, have not left no one behind during this period. They organised what they call Home Visits and numerous food distributions, sometimes at the risk of their own health.

Last May, the pupils and students all took their final exams in person. Schools are expected to open soon so that children from the most vulnerable families can enjoy the full range of educational activities on offer, as well as everything essential to meet their basic needs.

**URGENT**

Zonabo is a 15-year-old girl. She perseveres in her studies in order to give herself the opportunity to go to university to get a job that will allow her to build a better future. Without sponsorship, Zonabo has no future.

Like Zonabo in Burkina Faso, many children in Vietnam, Lebanon and Armenia are still waiting for sponsorship.

To help them grow up, blossom and become the builders of tomorrow's societies, sponsorship is the fastest way!

I remain at your entire disposal, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Talking about sponsorship around you is also helping us!**

