



“OnePupil, OneKorojo”

PROJECT PROPOSAL

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1. Summary

OnePupil is a US based 501 c (3) public charity. It is established by a team of volunteers to support children in certain rural schools in Ethiopia to attend primary education and strive to reduce the number of children dropping out of school before reaching secondary school. Locally, OnePupil strives to support and promote after school STEM programs among the minority community.

In line with the stated mission of the organization to reduce number of children dropping out of school before reaching secondary school, OnePupil proposes to implement the “OnePupil, OneKorojo” project. By providing needed school supplies to the 302 students attending Addis Alem Elementary School in Mecha Woreda, Gojjam zone of Amhara regional state, the project will remove one of the major obstacles that prevent children from doing well and staying in school.

2. Introduction

OnePupil is a charity founded by Mrs. Eden Mengesha and Dr. Belhu Metaferia, a team of husband and wife who immigrated about twenty years ago from Ethiopia and now live in Maryland. OnePupil was established with the purpose of helping school children in rural Ethiopia get education, reach their potential and achieve their dreams.

In order to fulfill its mission, OnePupil works very closely and in partnership with its target population to design and implement projects to address felt needs of its target population.

3. The need

Due to the abject poverty in the rural community of Mecha Woreda of Gojjam zone of the Amhara regional state where Addis Alem Elementary School is located, families that are invariably persistence farmers cannot afford to provide their school-age children with needed school supplies. According to latest available data, the percentage of children ages 7 – 14 in rural Ethiopia that are out of school could be as high as 45% and the dropout rate for the same age group stands at 32%.

In conversation with school administrators at Addis Alem Elementary school, lack of school supplies was identified as one of the primary reasons that children drop out of or perform very poorly in school.

4. Project Objectives

This project is conceived to address the lack of school supplies which is one of the vexing challenges that confront school-age children in rural Ethiopia in general and those attending Addis Alem Elementary School in particular. By providing enough school supplies that a child needs for the whole school year, it is expected that a child’s chance of staying in school and exhibiting an improved academic outcome will be greatly increased.

By providing each child in Addis Alem Elementary school with enough school supplies for the entire school year, OnePupil plans to achieve the following objectives;

- Bring the number of students who drop out of school due to lack of school supplies to zero

- Increase the percentage of students that are promoted to the next grade to as close to 100% as possible.

5. Project scope

OnePupil will provide needed school supplies for the 302 first-grade students of Addis Alem Elementary School. Addis Alem Elementary is a rural school located in Mecha Woreda, Gojjam zone of the Amhara regional state. Provision of these supplies will remove one of the primary obstacles students in the target rural community face and is one of the primary reasons why children drop out of school or exhibit weak academic performance. This project will be completed by February 28, 2018.

Each student will receive the following school supplies

School supply	Description	Quantity Per Student	Total Quantity (Dozens)	Unit Cost Per dozen (ETB)	Total Cost (ETB)
Note book	Wide-ruled note books	4	101	132	13332
	Square-ruled note books	2	51	264	13464
Pencil	Erasable pencils	6	151	36	5436
Pens	Ball point pens	6	151	60	9060
Eraser	Rubber erasers	2	51	60	3060
Sharpener	Pencil sharpeners	2	51	60	3060
Ruler	12” ruler	1	26	72	1872
Total Cost (ETB)					49,484
Cost per student (ETB)					164

6. Project Funding

OnePupil wants to execute this project before the end of February, 2018 in order to provide assistance to needy students during the current academic year which ends around first week of July.

Since OnePupil has been in existence for less than six months and doesn't have any source of revenue other than the annual contributions of its board members, OnePupil board members have committed to fund this project with a one-time individual contribution.

The project price tag includes the cost of procuring needed school supplies, logistical cost (transportation to and from the nearby city of Bahir Dar to procure and transport school supplies), cost of creating artifacts (photos, videos, interview recordings) and cost associated with evaluating

project effectiveness which will serve as an input for future projects as lessons learned during the execution of this project.

7. Schedule

The project will be implemented per the schedule below.

Task	Finish	Assigned to
Secure funding for the project		
Determine the amount of needed for procurement	2/6/18	Project team members
Work on the logistics of delivering the supplies to the students		Project team members
Raise the needed funds from OnePupil board members		OnePupil Board members
Procure and deliver needed school supplies		
Work with volunteer in Ethiopia to procure all needed supplies	2/25/18	Project team members
Look for other non-profits to partner with to complete this task		Volunteer in Ethiopia
Deliver needed school supplies		
Deliver school supplies to students	2/27/18	Volunteer in Ethiopia
Produce artifacts of the project completion		
Digitally record (photo/video) students receiving supplies	2/28/18	Project team members
Interview students, parents, teachers, school administrators		Project team members
Evaluate project outcomes		
Follow up with teachers and school administrators	7/15/18	Independent auditor

8. Budget

Expense	Description	Cost (ETB)
Procurement	Cost of needed school supplies	49,484
Logistics	Transportation and other logistical expenses	2,000
Create artifacts	Cost associated with taking photos, videos, recording interviews	4,000
Evaluate	Cost associated with conducting evaluation of project outcome	TBD
TOTAL COST		55,484

9. Evaluation

An independent entity (individual or organization) will conduct an on-site evaluation of the success of the project by gathering data on the following among other things;

1. The number of student-beneficiaries of the project that stayed in school until end of the school year
2. The number of student-beneficiaries of the project that were promoted to the next grade
3. Any measurable academic improvement in literacy, numeracy levels or other metrics.