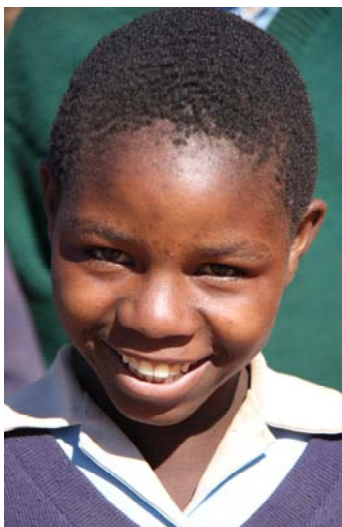


Send-a-girl-to-secondary-school Teacher-to-Teacher Project 2012



Secondary school in Zimbabwe is not obligatory. As the few secondary schools in the region are often located too far from the children's home villages, students need to pay for room and board, a costly sacrifice for most parents and caretakers. Thus the majority of teenage girls, like the ones pictured here, stop their formal schooling after primary school, as this privilege is customarily reserved for male children. Therefore, an extension to the ETAS Matopo project was launched at the ETAS AGM in Lucerne in January 2011, and a fund was created to enable female primary school graduates to continue their education. Three years of secondary school costs about CHF600.00 per year, or CHF1,800.00 in total, which covers school fees, room and board and school materials.

Donations can be made individually or in partnership and can be paid on a monthly or yearly basis. The girls will be chosen by school Heads in autumn 2011, basing the selection on merit and need. Efforts are now also underway to secure major contributions in order to build a new dormitory, including sanitary facilities. ETAS will provide sound financial and bursary planning to ensure that any girl selected will be able to complete the three-year curriculum.

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