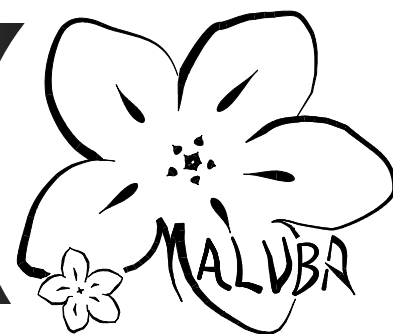


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"With the distance support we alleviate the poor standards of living of many families and children. The distant support allows daily sustenance, adequate food for hungry children, medical care and education to whom has not the financial resources."

Activists and volunteers give a support, here and there, that is above all, a moral one.

The economic continuous support allows to have some food, medicines, to pay school fees, but first of all it gives hope. This support is not and cannot be the ultimate solution or mere assistance, it is just a support to do better in their social and cultural environment without interfering with it.

We try to act protecting the rights of the people we support and at the same time respecting the efforts of our supporters.

We try to act in a transparent manner, thinking about our working methods and adhering to the principles of the *"Chart of distance support"* that we have signed.

Our work has been warmly appreciated. It is generous however it could be improved. Our supporters have rewarded us with their **trust** and their **concrete aids**.

Concrete aids that our supporters collect with sacrifice. However sometimes we have been criticized for not having reported enough detailed information and for not having encouraged a direct link between our supporters and the people who get the help.

Therefore we try now to explain the choices we have made as an Association.

We send two newsletters to our supporter: one at Christmas and one at Easter. We also send two *Maluba News* one in January and the other one in July.

It is not possible to have a more frequent information given that communication is difficult with Zambia. In addition to this, the long term lifetime of our projects do not allow to send information more frequently as there is the risk that this information is just very similar to the previous one.

Having said that, if the above mentioned practical reasons influence the frequency and the details of the information there are also other reasons linked to the **working method** that influence the exchanges of mails, photographs and presents.

We will not be able to manage the collection of messages and presents for the children who get the support, we could

not be sure then that everyone will receive his present or his message.

We will just contribute then to raise counterproductive and useless frustration or jealousy among the children. Moreover a continuous exchange of mails will imply a sentimental, strong and exclusive link that will create expectations difficult to realize for causes linked to the geographical, economic and cultural distance.

We are then strongly convinced of our choice not to favor this direct exchange of correspondence because we believe the support should be a free-interest act of love.

Several times we have referred the sad living conditions of the children in Zambia. With our eyes we have seen their look and it is not possible to erase this memory.

We simply try to offer them some hope to grown up being able to build their own future in their community and in their country.

We should not expect to receive something back ("*da*" without "*des*").

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