

Dear friends,

"Busajo Campus" is a center that hosts street children, located in city of Soddo, about 360 km south of Addis Ababa. The final aim of the project is the re-integration of the children into their families of origin and their reinsertion into the social life of the city. To achieve this objective we use educational tools such as: school, sport, music, dance, work, learning and teaching what "being together" means.

The center is equipped with all the basic necessities: food, water, electricity, but we must always remember that we live among people who walk kilometers on foot with jerry cans on their heads to get water, who live with sunlight because there is no electricity, who often do not eat every day and who do not have access to any type of treatment if they feel sick. But we also live among people who know how to smile, who know how to take life for what it gives and who wait for tomorrow always believing that it will be better day.

We must be respectful, we must know how to listen and observe a world we do not know. We will not change Africa in a few days or even in many years, but we can transform our stay into a life experience for us and for them, in a testimony of respect for our and their culture, of diversity as a resource for each of us. Moderation, respect, awareness that your stay is short, sharing, abandoning comforts, not teaching but comparing experiences, dimension of service... these are few suggestions dictated only by experience.

During your stay we ask you for an act of faith in us, trust our advice even if you don't understand it at the beginning, put yourself at "service" because in the dimension of service you understand and get to know, abandon your habits and for a period live ours in full.

Rules that we have imposed on ourselves and that we would also like our guests to respect

- Don't make promises, neither to children nor to workers.
- Do not give or donate anything to children or to workers at the center (candy, clothes ...).
- Always respect children's privacy and their privileged relationships with educators.
- Do not exchange your personal addresses.
- Children cannot access the Guest House for any reason.
- No smoking in front of children or in closed areas of the centre.
- No alcohol.
- Any request made by children or workers must be reported to the operators.
- Do not take personal initiatives with children.
- No photographs or video at the centre.
- Absolute respect for local traditions.
- Appropriate clothing (avoid tank tops, shorts or tight clothes).
- Water is not drinkable, here it is a precious asset and should not be wasted.
- Hang the laundry in the designated spaces and not on the railings of the Guest House.
- Garbage should be thrown into a designated hole in the ground, do not throw away containers made of plastic or glass, which are recycled and sold.
- Do not leave lights on unnecessarily.
- Leave the rooms clean upon your departure.
- Comings and goings must be agreed in advance and are secondary to the needs of the centre.

The Guest House was built specifically for our guests and volunteers, so please make good use of it and we hope you will have a positive experience.