



Lions-UNICEF School-in-a-Box Fact Sheet

Education is playing an increasing role in emergency response. Schools provide children with protection, stability and a return to normalcy...UNICEF

The School-in-a-Box Kit has been used by UNICEF since the mid 1990's. Education experts from UNICEF and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) originally developed the kit to provide basic education to hundreds of thousands of children who had been displaced by the events in Rwanda in 1994 and were living in refugee camps. The purpose of the kit is to ensure the continuation of children's education in the first 72 hours of an emergency. With this kit, teachers can establish makeshift classrooms almost anywhere.

Contents of School-in-a-Box: The box can be used almost anywhere in the world and contains school supplies and materials for a teacher and up to 40 students. The contents are culturally neutral. Other locally purchased products, such as books in local languages, toys, games and musical instruments, are supplemental. All materials are packed in a lockable, stackable, sturdy metal storage box.

In 1996, Lions Clubs International signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with UNICEF to support the School-in-a-Box program. Funds are supplied to UNICEF's central supply division in Copenhagen, where most of the boxes are assembled and then forwarded to countries experiencing emergency situations. In some circumstances, boxes are produced locally. The "School-in-a-Box" Fund is a global fund and gifts cannot be designated to a specific country.



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To Make a Donation: Each UNICEF School-in-a-Box costs approximately US\$257.00. Individual Lions, Lions clubs, Leo clubs, districts and other concerned individuals who wish to donate to the purchase of a School-in-a-Box Kit should issue a check made payable to: "**Lions Clubs International Foundation**" with the notation, "**School-in-a-Box**" and send to: 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842 USA, Phone: 630-468-6934, Email: lcif@lionsclubs.org. Contributions can also be made by credit card: Visa®, MasterCard® or American Express®. Donations to the School-in-a-Box fund may be made in any amount.

To Receive a Club Banner Patch: For a donation of **US\$500** or more, a Lions club, Leo club or district will be recognized with the "School-in-a-Box" banner patch (pictured above). Please include the "**Lions UNICEF School-in-a-Box Banner Patch Application**" (IAD 306-A) when sending your donation of US\$500 or more. Upon receipt of the club's or district's donation, the patch will be sent directly from LCI, free of charge. Each subsequent annual donation of **US\$500** or more from the club or district will result in the receipt of a dated chevron banner patch.

For More Information: Contact the **Health and Children's Services Department** by email at Children@lionsclubs.org or by telephone (630-468-6867) and visit the association's Web site at www.lionsclubs.org. To see a complete listing of the box contents, visit the UNICEF Web site at www.unicef.org.