

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Why is the price of the bedkit increasing?

The bedkit price is increasing because the items that help the children get a good night's sleep have increased in price due to inflation in our bedkit distribution countries. The \$40 price ensures that the bedkit items remain at the same good quality to help a child's health and wellbeing.

Will 100% of my bedkit donation go to the child's bedkit?

Yes! The Sleeping Children Around the World model remains the same as when the charity was founded in 1970. Sleeping Children Around the World is operated by volunteers, from the processing of donations to the distribution of bedkits. This ensures 100% of every bedkit donation reaches a child in need.

When was the last time Sleeping Children increased the cost of the bedkit?

The last bedkit price increase was in 2008 from \$30 to \$35.

When will the bedkit price increase occur?

Effective March 1, 2023, the bedkit price is \$40.

Will the bedkit items stay the same?

Yes! Each \$40 donation provides one bedkit consisting of a mat or mattress and bedding, mosquito net to prevent malaria, school supplies, clothing, etc. Bedkit contents vary from country to country depending upon local needs.

Will my bedkit donation given prior to March 1, 2023 be "topped up"?

Yes! All donations given prior to March 1, 2023, that have not yet been distributed, will be "topped up" to reflect the \$40 bedkit price. This bedkit price transition is made possible through a generous bequest from long-time Sleeping Children supporter, Don Brodie.

What about the bedkits that are backlogged due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

We are working our way through the backlog, with plans for 7+ distributions in 2023. Through a generous bequest, and with permission from the executors, we have the funds to augment the current backlog of bedkits to ensure consistent funding in 2023.

Are bedkit distributions occurring in 2023?

Yes! Bedkit distributions currently planned for 2023 include Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Honduras, and the list will continue to grow! We are working with all of our Overseas Partners to resume in-person bedkit distributions.

How did COVID-19 affect Sleeping Children bedkit distributions?

Remote distributions facilitated the distribution of 33,000 bedkits. However, we have an enormous backlog of bedkits to deliver to the children because of our donor generosity. We appreciate your patience in waiting to receive your bedkit photo(s) as we start to ramp up and resume normal operations in the coming months.

If you donate to us, your official tax receipt will be issued in the usual time frame, but the photo(s) of the children who will receive your bedkit(s) will be delayed. We guarantee that 100% of your bedkit donation will be held securely.