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Alternative Gift Policy

Each GLO Alternative Gift ordered counts as a donation.

Every one of our GLO Alternative Gifts is an item specifically and regularly distributed by our partners to improve the lives of individuals and communities. In other words, our partners genuinely request funds to buy goats, bikes, sewing machines and sanitary pads to lift individuals out of poverty. Many of our partners offer business start-up support and mentoring to individuals too.

To make sure that we can fulfil our promise to deliver these gifts, when you buy an alternative gift from GLO, your donation will be distributed by GLO to a partner who will determine when and where the need is greatest. If the partner decides that there is a greater need in the community for another (similar) item, they are free to use these funds to purchase it. GLO partners are committed to audits, strict protocols and financial accountability to ensure funds are always used to bring community transformation and benefit.

The donation price has been calculated from actual costs to provide the best and most effective support. However, as Burundi is currently suffering from extreme inflation, there may be a difference between your donation amount and the item price, in which case, donations will be pooled to enable the partner to provide beneficiaries with a goat, bike, sewing machine etc.

Your alternative gift donation will enable GLO to continue providing vital help for those most in need.

In the event we are deluged with contributions for a specific Alternative Gift, we may need to re-orient your gift to another needy cause. Gift Aid is used where most needed.

Thank you for your incredible support!

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