



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE BACKPACK AT A TIME

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ABOUT OUR FOUNDER

Mongai Fankam: A Trailblazing Advocate and Entrepreneur

Mongai Fankam, a Cameroonian American college student, is an award-winning activist and entrepreneur. Her dedication to education advocacy has connected her with world-renowned leaders, including Dr. Joyce Banda, former President of Malawi, Dr. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, former President of Mauritius, Nobel Peace Prize winner Mrs. Leymah Gbowee, and former First Ladies and leaders across Africa. Mongai has been invited to meet with influential figures, such as the former Prime Minister of Cameroon, His Excellency Mr. Yang Philemon, U.S. Senator Chris Coons, and the First Ladies of Cape Verde, Angola, and Namibia.

Mongai's journey began at the age of 3, accompanying her mother on mission trips to Cameroon. Witnessing the struggles of children in rural areas who lacked backpacks, Mongai took action by launching "No Backpack Day" at her elementary school. The initiative, where students come to school without backpacks to raise awareness, has since spread to nearly 40 schools, resulting in over 50,000 backpacks being donated to children in need across Africa and North Carolina.

In addition to her advocacy work, Mongai launched "Moh-tivity" fashions, a T-shirt line that supports No Backpack Day and other causes close to her heart. As she continues her studies, Mongai remains a quiet yet powerful inspiration, emerging as a global community leader committed to making a difference.



ABOUT NO BACKPACK DAY



No Backpack Day is a unique and impactful event where students across the United States leave their backpacks at home for a day. Instead of using their usual school bags, they carry all their books, notebooks, and supplies in their hands or in plastic bags. This symbolic act serves as a powerful reminder of the daily struggles faced by millions of children around the world who, due to financial hardships, cannot afford a backpack. These children often walk long distances to school, carrying their educational materials in their arms or in makeshift bags. No Backpack Day not only raises awareness about this global issue but also encourages students to empathize with their peers in less fortunate circumstances, fostering a spirit of solidarity and compassion. Through this initiative, participants are inspired to take action and contribute to making a positive difference in the lives of children who lack basic educational resources.



EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THEIR SHOES: **NO BACKPACK DAY**

Empathy is a powerful teacher, and No BackPack Day offers students a chance to walk in the shoes of those less fortunate.

Hosting a No BackPack Day is simple—just follow these steps:

- **Schedule Your Event:** Contact us to set a date for your school's No BackPack Day.
- **Spread the Word:** Inform your students to leave their backpacks at home. Use emails, flyers, and posters to get the message out.
- **No BackPack Day:** On the designated day, students will experience school without their backpacks, raising awareness for children in need.
- **Donate:** For the rest of the week, your school will collect essential backpacks and school supplies.

Check out the list of needed items:

- New backpacks
- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons
- Notebooks
- Binders
- Pens
- Markers



WAYS TO SUPPORT

- **Host a No BackPack Day Event:** Organize a No BackPack Day at your school, workplace, or community group to raise awareness and collect donations of backpacks and school supplies.
- **Donate Backpacks and Supplies:** Contribute new or gently used backpacks, school supplies, and other educational materials to be distributed to children in need.
- **Purchase from Moh-tivity Fashions:** Support No BackPack Day by purchasing T-shirts from the "Moh-tivity" line, with proceeds going toward the cause.
- **Spread the Word:** Share information about No BackPack Day on social media, in newsletters, or through word-of-mouth to increase awareness and participation.
- **Financial Contributions:** Make a monetary donation to support the ongoing efforts of No BackPack Day, helping to expand the reach and impact of the initiative.
- **Advocate for Education Equity:** Use your platform to advocate for policies and programs that promote education equity and access to resources for all children.





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