



Smarty the rat launches the crowdfunding operation “A mattress for a princess”

Give little girls from the Colombo orphanage in Sri Lanka a chance to sleep in a clean and comfortable bed.

Visit our page [un matelas pour une princesse](https://www.kisskissbankbank.com/fr/projects/smarty-le-rat-vous-propose-l-operation-un-matelas-pour-une-princesse) (a mattress for a princess) to discover the details of the operation and the compensations proposed. A minimum donation of 5 euros is required: it is not much for us, but it means a lot to them. Please share this message as widely as possible, little girls need you! <https://www.kisskissbankbank.com/fr/projects/smarty-le-rat-vous-propose-l-operation-un-matelas-pour-une-princesse>

I'm Nadia Katrib, the creator of Smarty the rat, a little character who helps people in need, and especially children. **Smarty the rat is a hero. A small, grey hero with whiskers.**

At first sight, Smarty the rat seems to be merely an adorable soft toy. But when you take a closer look at him, you discover that **he conveys a universal and resolutely positive message of hope**, and it feels good. With those big black eyes of his, Smarty shows us how to open ours and see the world in a different light. This little rat is a true messenger who claims in his stories that knowledge is the key to open all doors, and especially the door to love.

My own story lies behind Smarty's. I grew up in Kuwait, in a secure and protective environment that almost seemed like a timeless bubble. The year I turned 13, I was in France with my family for the holidays when disaster struck. Kuwait was invaded and everything changed. I never went home again. The only thing I have left from my childhood is a nightshirt.

Lost in a world that was not mine, I had to learn to fight prejudices that die hard.

Now a grown-up, it is through my books and soft toys that I intend to change the world. Smarty is the wonderful messenger I send to teach people to be more tolerant and loving.

My vocation:

Smarty is all my life! Through him, I fulfil my mission to help others.

Together, we undertake concrete actions, both locally and worldwide. The profits generated by the sales of Smarty the rat products are used to help the suffering and needy. To this day, 12 gravely ill children have been able to undergo cardiac surgery, milk cans have been distributed to an orphanage in Sri Lanka, and Yule logs have been savoured on Christmas Eve by elderly people who could not afford it... to mention only a few examples!



Today, it's to help this orphanage that we need your support!

They are 4 to 6 years old. They're called Christine, Natacha...and they live in an orphanage near Colombo in Sri Lanka. Unfortunately, these sweet little girls will continue to live there until they come of age, because they are already considered too old to be adopted.

I have shared a very emotional moment with them and I want the best for them. To begin with, among other urgent matters, there are the mattresses. Indeed, the ones they have are far too old. I wish to give them all a clean, comfortable bed so that they can feel safe in their home. Even though this home is an orphanage...

What do we plan to do with the money raised?

Thus, I propose that you participate in the operation "A mattress for a princess". We aim at collecting enough money to buy 25 mattresses, pillows and sheets for the little girls of this orphanage. The funds will be paid directly to the Smarty the rat company. The whole sum will then be sent to the nuns in charge of the orphanage in Sri Lanka, so that they can buy what they need on the spot. The Sisters have told us what the local prices are, and a complete bed (mattress, pillow, sheets) amounts to a total of 80 euros for each girl. If we reach our objective, thanks to all of you, we will send the money to the orphanage immediately. This way, the little girls will have their beds by the beginning of August.

Thanks to your generosity, these little girls will have a proper bed to sleep in.

If the fundraising fortunately exceeds the target amount, the extra money will be used to help with other urgent matters in this orphanage: for example, to buy clothes, food, school supplies, etc. We will of course inform our donors of all that so that they can see how their donations are concretely used.

These little girls need your help to grow up in better conditions. Smarty and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your contribution.

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