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The current allowance does not cover the costs of the children. We care for 4 children permanently so our costs for food, clothing, washing, power and water are very high. We have to enroll them in 3 after school activities each which are also very expensive. One of the kids goes to a school 25km away from home due to his needs but there is no public transport so we have to drive 100km every weekday with no reimbursement from our NGO. The NGOs have full say over what they pay for (which is very little outside of the normal allowances) and they make demands from their carers as if they were full time employees such as travelling large distances for medical appointments. Recently we were told to get prescription melatonin for the children instead of getting it from the website that the paediatrician recommends because its easier for DCJ to monitor. However the NGO refuses to pay for the \$100 difference. The allowance needs to be increased significantly.