

POCKET MONEY RATES FOR YOUTH LEADERS 2026

Rates for pocket money in connection with youth leader exchanges supported by DUF's international pool.

Based on "Cirkulære om Satsregulering pr. 1. januar 2026 for tjenesterejser"¹, issued by the Danish Ministry of Finance, DUF has established the following maximum pocket money rates for youth leaders. The pocket money rates are stated per person, per month.

The public daily allowance rates for official travel are reduced when the traveller receives free meals.

The pocket money rates for youth leaders are therefore calculated as half of the reduced daily allowance rates (*procentgodtgørelse*, see "Cirkulære om Satsregulering pr. 1. januar 2026 for tjenesterejser" p. 11), because costs for food are covered during the youth leader's stay.

In 2026, the pocket money rate covered by DUF's international pool is a maximum of DKK 2,344 per person, per month. This does not apply to the countries listed below, for which the following maximum rates apply.

Table 1. Maximum rates for pocket money for youth leaders in 2026 (DKK per person, per month)

<i>Africa</i>	Rate (DKK)
Mozambique	1,886
South Africa	1,562
Zambia	2,142
Zimbabwe	1,620

<i>Asia</i>	Rate (DKK)
Bangladesh	2,142
Bhutan	1,184
India	1,562
Malaysia	1,584
Nepal	1,314
Pakistan	1,341
Thailand	1,935

<i>Middle East and North Africa</i>	
Tunesia	2,232
Egypt	2,165
Iran	1,620

<i>Latin America</i>	
Bolivia	1,620
Colombia	2,142
Cuba	2,264

Please note that the total amount that youth leaders receive in pocket money and to cover food expenses should be comparable to the salaries in the partner organisation. This is to prevent financial distortion between employees and full-time volunteers.

The pocket money and food allowance received by youth leaders do not constitute salary, but are considered per diem allowances and are therefore tax-free in Denmark. Please note that per diem allowances may be taxable during stays in Denmark if the place of residence and the place of work are close to each other. Likewise, it is important that you, when preparing the budget, familiarise yourselves with the tax conditions in the partner country.

¹ Note: The public rates for official travel allowances can be found in "Cirkulære om satsregulering pr. 1. januar 2026 for tjenesterejser" on this website: <https://cirkulaere.medst.dk/media/3ilh30m2/119-25.pdf>