



Thank you

*You planted a seed of hope
in Chioco.*

Watch it bloom.

The Seed

Your 2016 sponsorship update
from your sponsored child's community in Mozambique.

Thank you for helping to bring hope to your sponsored child's community.

Growing hope for children's futures in Chioco

Agnes, 22, Constanca, 20, and Mario, 14, live with their parents in a village in Chioco. When the children were younger, the family couldn't earn enough from farming to provide everything they needed. Agnes helped on the farm rather than go to college. Constanca and Mario went to school without school uniform and essential equipment.

Agnes and her parents spent a lot of time digging wells to water their crops, and that reduced how much they could grow. They grew barely enough to feed them all, leaving very little to sell. Thanks to you, water is pumped onto their farm so they can grow more rather than dig wells.

"Now we produce more vegetables throughout the year; we can all eat properly. The extra food we have, we sell at our local market," says Constanca.

"My parents were able to buy me and my younger brother school uniforms and equipment, and Agnes was finally able to go into further education," she says, smiling.

The future looks bright for this family, all thanks to sponsors like you.



TOP RIGHT: Thanks to you, Constanca and her brother have what they need to go to school because the water pump helps their family grow more crops. **BOTTOM:** Constanca, Agnes and Mario's dad bought a motorbike with their extra earnings to help him get to the market.



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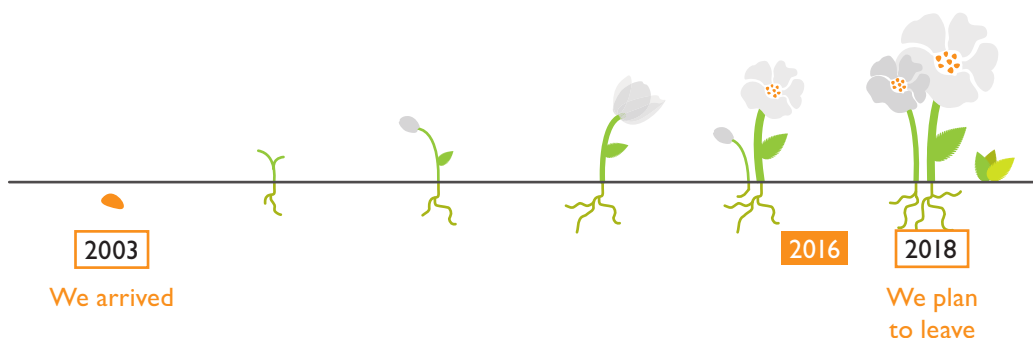


We've come a long way, and we're still making progress — *all thanks to you.*

We've been working with the community of Chioco since **2003**. Back then, children faced many problems: fear of being orphaned through AIDS; malnutrition; lack of education; low standards of teaching; poor access to healthcare; and fear of catching a preventable illness.

Since then, things have begun to change for the better. Schools have new classrooms; parents now understand the importance of sending their children to school; and families have learned to grow more varied crops to feed their children. But there have been setbacks as the drought over the last two years has been made worse by El Niño, making it harder to grow food. Without your support, it could have been a lot worse. The training in new farming techniques mean families are better able to cope, but the situation is still a concern. That's why we need your continuing support to ensure all the good we have managed to achieve isn't lost.

Thanks to your incredibly generous sponsorship of your sponsored child, we can stay in the area for another two to three years. We plan to leave in **2018**, but we will only go once we are confident that the change you have made, and the hope that you have given, will continue after we have left.



How you have helped this year...

We've picked out a small selection of the ways you have helped to bring hope to your sponsored child and their community. The reality is that you've helped us achieve much, much more.

- * **100** parents know how to teach their children to read.
- * More girls are going to school and getting an education.
- * **100** children can go to school now they have been registered and have a national identity.
- * Parents help their children with their homework, and see that it helps them at school.
- * Parents have learned to identify and prevent diseases so that their children stay healthy.
- * **12,478** children have had essential vaccinations.
- * **21** bicycles for health centre workers mean sick children get treatment faster.
- * **16** health committees have been trained in preventing diseases.

“Seeing the video is very touching and makes my sponsorship more real to me.” Gillian, Newtownabbey.

Have you seen your video from your sponsored child's community showing just how much your support means to them? Watch it today.

Register now at www.worldvision.org.uk/my-sponsorship. See back cover for more details.



TOP LEFT: It's easier for Manuel Jairosse's grandson, Amarildo, to water his vegetables now there's a village water pump. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Now that teachers are better trained, children get more from school. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Thanks to you, children learn about gardening as an after school activity.



How do children like your sponsored child feel when they hear from their sponsor?

We asked sponsored children to share their thoughts with us...

"I keep them in my secret box, so that no one can get them." Elina, 5, Armenia.

"I want to spend Christmas Day at church singing songs for my sponsor so that God can bless her." Bibian, 15, Zambia.

"I am happy to receive a Christmas card from my sponsor in the UK. I've shown it to my friends and I keep it in my bag. I want my sponsor to visit me, and I would love to say hello to them." Sokly, 15, Cambodia.

However you choose to stay in touch with your sponsored child – whether by writing, emailing them on My Sponsorship, sharing photos or just taking a few moments in a busy day to think about or pray for them – thank you for bringing hope to your sponsored child.

Keep an eye out in the post as we'll send a Christmas card for you to send to your sponsored child in a few weeks' time.

ABOVE: Christmas cards add a spark of excitement to a normal day for Letson, 5, from Zambia.

"I am very happy to see that I am in your thoughts. You are so special to me. I am thankful for all you have done for me."

Gentiana, 12, Albania.

For the long-term, for lasting change, **for ever.**

Thanks to you, and other sponsors who are equally generous, we can work alongside a community for 15 years. That gives us time to help them bring about lasting change themselves, so they can continue to care for children long after we've left. When we do leave, it's because they're strong enough to stand on their own two feet.

Amanda (pictured below) has sponsored six children over 31 years, including Wasim, who she met in person on a trip to Bangladesh. She knows how it feels to say goodbye after so many years...

"It was a wrench... [but it was] so lovely to have that connection with Wasim and to see him grow and progress, and now we're sponsoring Joya. So we have every hope that she will progress as well as Wasim did."

Mary has been a sponsor for 34 years. In this time she's sponsored eight children. She tells us what this was like for her...

"As I never married and haven't had children of my own it's been a blessing knowing that I have helped in some way to improve the lives of children a long way away and let them know that I care about them and love them. I will always be a sponsor and support World Vision even when I'm gone."

How you can improve the lives of children for ever

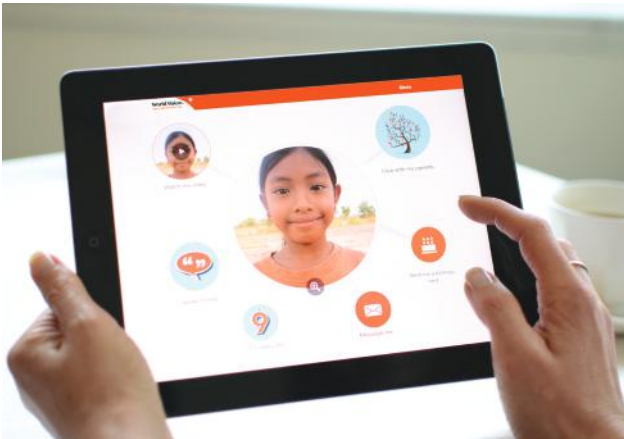
You're already creating a legacy by giving real hope to your sponsored child and their community. A legacy of permanent, positive change. By leaving a gift in your will, you can continue to bring life in all its fullness to vulnerable children for generations to come.

To find out more about this way of giving, please call our Legacy team on

01908 84 10 60 or email legacies@worldvision.org.uk



Feel closer than ever before



“I love being able to send a message. It’s so easy to do and brings them closer as part of the family.”

Ruth, Billingham.

Go to My Sponsorship today

My Sponsorship is the place on our website where you can find out more about your sponsored child, send messages, see photos and watch videos.

Here’s what sponsors like about it...

“The video is amazing! Brought a tear to my eye.” Joanna, Newtownards.

“It’s great to see more photos of the community where my sponsored child lives (I went through every photo looking out for her).” Hannah, London.

“I love the part where I can send pictures and tell them about a day in my life. Seeing the videos of what’s happening in the communities just makes it so real.” Kathryn, Kings Lynn.

How to register?

Go to www.worldvision.org.uk/my-sponsorship to register today.

All you’ll need is your Supporter ID.



This Halloween, join in with other sponsors and carve a **heart** in your pumpkin as a symbol of hope for children living in fear.

For more ideas and to find out how you can get involved visit www.worldvision.org.uk/carveaheart

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FRONT COVER: Anabela, from Mozambique, sits comfortably at the new school desk.

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