



Thank you

*You planted a seed of hope
in Kisiriri.*

Watch it bloom.

The Seed

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

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

Turning life around for Hosea and his family

Hosea, 13, lives with his grandmother, uncle and younger sister and brother. After his grandfather died, his grandmother struggled to provide for them all. She and Hosea's uncle could only find casual farm work. There was just enough money for one meal a day and nothing left over for Hosea's schooling.

Hosea had to drop out of school. His future seemed hopeless. He worked all day, watching over his neighbour's cattle whilst they were grazing, collecting beans from nearby farms and carrying bricks for money. He didn't even have time to play football.

Thanks to you, there is hope for Hosea. A local savings group offered his grandmother a loan to buy land, fertiliser and seeds. She grew enough to feed Hosea and his family, with more to sell at the market.

"I feel cared for and protected. I have stopped work and enjoy school. I am sure my dream of becoming a maths teacher will be possible," Hosea says.



TOP RIGHT: Hosea enjoys spending time with his grandmother now he doesn't have to work. **BOTTOM:** Thanks to you, Hosea has stopped working and goes to school regularly. Now he has time to play with his friends.
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“Now I can go to school and continue with my studies. I am thankful for the support for myself and my family. After finishing school, I hope to be a teacher,” says Hosea.





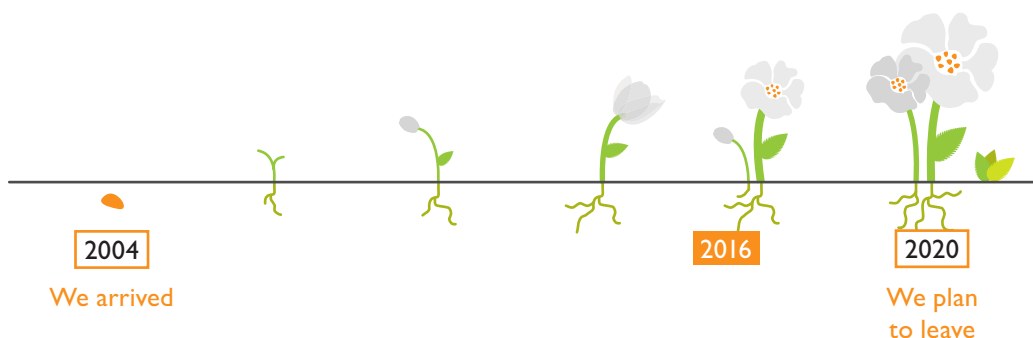
We've come a long way, and we're still making progress — *all thanks to you.*

We've been working in the community of Kisiriri since **2004**. Back then children faced many problems: the grief of being orphaned through AIDS; fear of abuse; the threat of starvation or severe malnutrition; poor-quality education; and the risk of malaria, diarrhoea and worm infestation.

Since then, things have begun to change for the better. Many malnourished children have been helped to recover so they can grow up healthy and strong; children are doing better in school, so they can make the most of future opportunities; and child protection groups have been set up to help teach the whole community about children's rights.

Despite these improvements, life is still hard for your sponsored child, and we really need your continuing support to ensure all the good we have managed to achieve for them isn't lost.

Thanks to your incredibly generous sponsorship of your sponsored child, we can stay in the area for another four to five years. We plan to leave in **2020**, 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.

- * We've given families the skills to earn from livelihoods such as weaving and beekeeping, with help from **45** community groups.
- * Families have clean drinking water a short walk from their homes from **3** new boreholes and **1** community well.
- * **44** farmers are learning to grow better crops and trade them to feed their families.
- * Vulnerable children are protected and know the **17** community groups offer a safe place to go.
- * Children in **4** children's clubs help to keep their school clean and protect the environment by planting trees.
- * **1,505** more children sleep under mosquito nets, safe from life-threatening malaria.
- * **2,193** children under five years old have been immunised, protecting them from preventable diseases.
- * **1,596** children eat more nutritious food now their families know how to grow crops and start up small businesses.

"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: Faith, 7, (with card in hand) loves showing her friends the card she got from her sponsor with their words of encouragement. © 2015 Mukitale Moses/World Vision. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Thanks to you, parents learn about children's health, including the importance of using nutritious flour. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Elias, 13, knows the water he collects from the well is clean and safe, thanks to you. © 2015 Lena Renju/World Vision



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

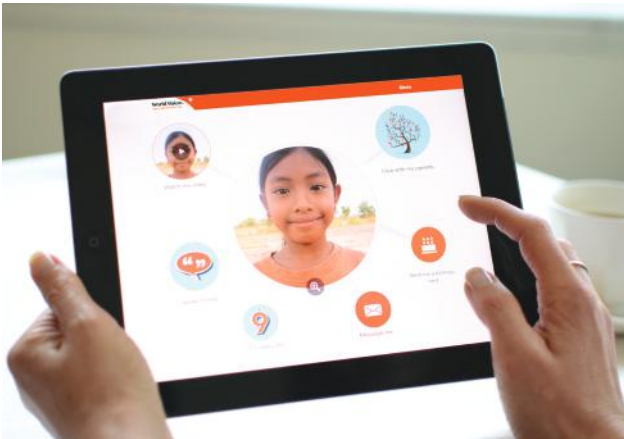
You're already creating a legacy by giving real hope to your sponsored child and their community. A legacy of permanent, positive change. By leaving a gift in your will, you can continue to bring life in all its fullness to vulnerable children for generations to come.

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

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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: Omary, 13, and his younger sister, Mwanaidi, from Tanzania. © 2016 World Vision

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