



Thank you

*You planted a seed of hope
in Namacurra.*

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.

Hope is growing for children like Janete in Namacurra

Janete, 14, lives in a rural village in Namacurra with her brother Deoniso, 17, and their mum and dad. For children like Janete, life used to be hard. Her dad worked on a farm for many years, and although the money he earned could send Janete and Deoniso to school, there was no money left over for school materials, clothing, nutritious food to eat, or a safe home to live in.

Through help from sponsors like you, Janete's dad heard about some land outside of their village that had better soil for growing sesame crops. He decided to quit his job and buy some of this land to start growing sesame. Over the course of a year he earned enough money to build his family a safe home.

Janete and Deoniso have also bought new clothes and school materials. "My mum and dad grow a lot of sesame, and after they sell, they give me money to buy my own clothes and school materials," says Janete.



TOP RIGHT: Janete with her mum and dad, outside their new home, thanks to sponsors like you, they have a safe place to live. **BOTTOM:** "This field is much bigger and more fertile, so I can grow much more food," says Janete's dad.



“When I compare my field now to the one I had before, this one is much bigger and more fertile, so I can grow much more food,” says Janete’s dad.



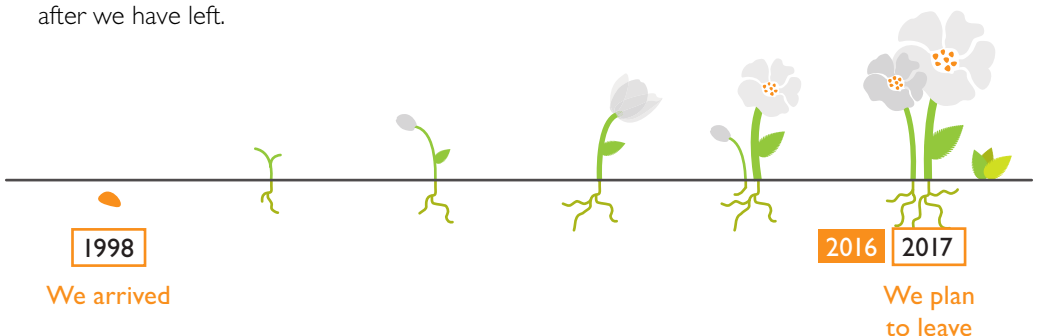


We've come a long way, and we're still making progress — *all thanks to you.*

We've been working with the community of Namacurra since **1998**. Back then, children faced many problems: fear of natural disasters and illness; lack of food; poor education; and the pain and grief of being orphaned through AIDS.

Since then, things have begun to change for the better. Hundreds more teachers have been trained so children in school can reach their full potential; dozens of wells have been dug, providing clean and safe water; and mothers have learned how to prepare nutritious meals for their children. But there have been setbacks, as drought in the area has been made worse by El Niño, making it harder to grow food. Without your support, it could have been a lot worse. Your support means more 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 year or two. We plan to leave next year in **2017**, as we're confident that by then 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.

- * After severe floods, we built temporary classrooms so children didn't have to drop out of school.
- * 4 boreholes have been dug, giving families access to fresh, safe water.
- * Over 150 toilets have been built, improving health and hygiene for children.
- * 50 farmers have learned new farming techniques and now make more money to provide for their children.
- * 250 savings group members have been trained, meaning they can help families in their villages to start up businesses.
- * Fewer children are malnourished now parents know how to prepare nutritious meals.
- * The quality of teaching has improved – now children get a better education.
- * Savings groups mean families can take out loans to start their own 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: Children from Namacurra communities study in this school built thanks to you. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Joana is happy after receiving the kit. She says, “I will take a bath with soap today.” **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Savings groups have been set up, so families can borrow money to start their own businesses, like Janete, 14, and Deoniso's, 17, family.



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

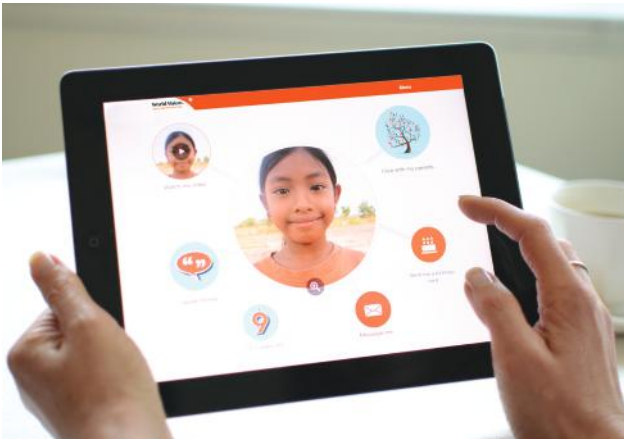
You're already creating a legacy by giving real hope to your sponsored child and their community. A legacy of permanent, positive change. By leaving a gift in your will, you can continue to bring life in all its fullness to vulnerable children for generations to come.

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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