



Thank you

*You planted a seed of hope
in Ntwetwe.*

Watch it bloom.

The Seed

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

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

“All we had were poles and a roof over our heads”

Rose, 10, is a sponsored child. Her school used to be very basic. “All we had were poles and a roof over our heads. No walls, no floor, no door,” she says. Their classroom was a shelter for cows, goats and pigs. The children often got jiggers (where fleas burrow into the feet to lay their eggs) and were frequently ill.

If it rained unexpectedly, Rose and her friends had to run home to avoid getting soaked. It was hard for children to concentrate because all the pupils and teachers from primary levels one, two and three shared the same classroom. When one teacher spoke, all the children could hear. Many teachers weren't even turning up for work.

“We often got jiggers and one cough episode after another. On those days, when every part of the village was green, the rains would fall without a warning and all the children would run home to avoid being soaked,” says Rose.

Now, thanks to you, Rose has her lessons in a new three-classroom block at their local primary school. Gwaliwa Christine, district inspector of schools, says, “With no fear of rain or dust, 88% of teachers are present in school.”



TOP RIGHT: Thanks to you, each primary level now learns in their own classroom, so children can be inspired to reach their full potential. **BOTTOM:** Rose, 10, is learning in the new classroom which has been built through your help.



Thanks to you, Rose now gets the education she needs to achieve her potential.





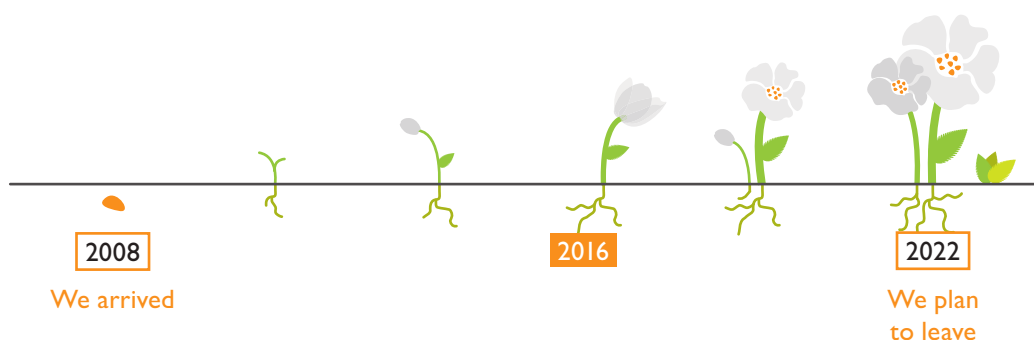
We've come a long way, and we're still making progress — *all thanks to you.*

We've been working with the community of Ntwetwe since **2008**. Back then, children faced many problems: fear of illness; poor nutrition and sanitation; lack of education; and the fear of early marriage.

Since then, things have begun to change for the better. More children attend school, now equipped with better materials; most families have mosquito nets, so bedtime is less frightening; many children have been helped to recover from malnutrition, and with healthier diets they can run, play and enjoy their childhoods.

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 six to seven years. We plan to leave in **2022**, 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.

- * **1,089** children now play sports like netball and football with their friends and keep active.
- * **40** children went to a child convention, where they learnt about issues that affect them and how to keep themselves safe.
- * **13,796** children under five years old received vitamin A supplements to help them grow up healthy and strong.
- * **9** community groups help protect children and provide a safe place for those who need it.
- * Children and families can go to **3** new health centres when they feel unwell.
- * School children across **11** primary schools have **230** new textbooks to help them read and learn.
- * In **12** children's groups, children learned about better hygiene habits, such as hand washing, to help protect them from disease.
- * Children have formed child parliaments in **11** schools, giving them confidence to practice leadership and other important life skills.

“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: Harriet, 53, and her children, Enoka, 8, Tracy, 11, and Tony, 13, are thriving now they have pigs to rear. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Robert enjoys eating now his mum knows how to cook healthy food, thanks to you. © 2015 Simon Peter Esaku/World Vision. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Thanks to your support, children have a safe and well-equipped place to learn.



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

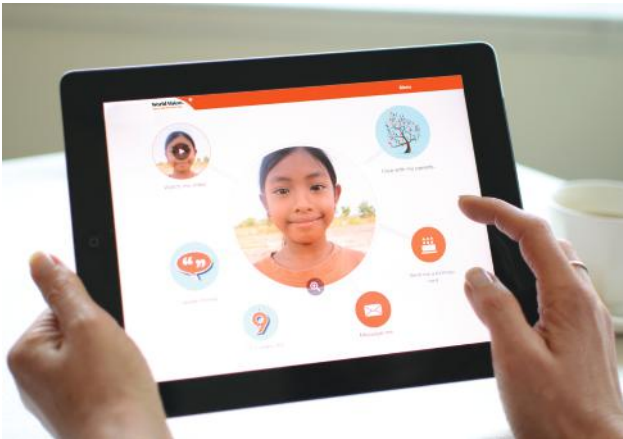
You're already creating a legacy by giving real hope to your sponsored child and their community. A legacy of permanent, positive change. By leaving a gift in your will, you can continue to bring life in all its fullness to vulnerable children for generations to come.

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

#carveaheart



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World Vision is the world’s largest international children’s charity. Every day we bring real hope to millions of children in the world’s hardest places as a sign of God’s unconditional love.

FRONT COVER: Lillian, 9, and her half sister Milika, also 9, from Uganda.

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