



Thank you

*You planted a seed of hope
in Patna.*

Watch it bloom.

The Seed

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

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

Bringing hope to children like Nishu

Nishu, 11, lives in a village in Patna. Although Nishu seemed lucky, life has been hard.

She and her friends were able to go to school. But their level of understanding was very low. Their parents didn't understand why getting an education was important, so they weren't interested in supporting them. Most of the villagers were illiterate so they couldn't help with homework.

Thanks to you, there's now a remedial school in Nishu's village and more parents value education for their children. Nishu and her friends go to school six days a week. They get extra teaching so they can learn, develop and achieve their full potential.

Life has changed dramatically for Nishu. "I can now identify the letters, read and feel better after joining these classes," she says. "And the best part of the remedial centre is the togetherness and fellowship."



TOP RIGHT: Thanks to you, Nishu and her friends are learning in extra classes. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Nishu now gets support for her schooling from her mum and sister. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Thanks to you, Nishu says, "I feel better after joining remedial classes."



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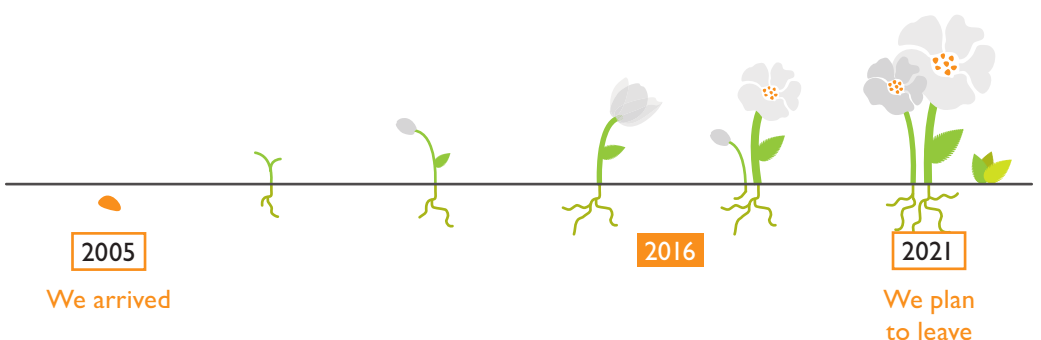
We've come a long way, and we're still making progress — *all thanks to you.*

We've been working with the community of Patna since **2005**. Back then, children faced many problems: fear of violence; lack of education; malnutrition; and waterborne diseases.

Since then, things have begun to change for the better. Children are recovering from malnutrition and have enough to eat, so they can enjoy their childhoods; the number of children suffering from diseases like malaria has more than halved; and more children have access to toilets and know about the importance of good hygiene to keep themselves healthy.

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 five to six years. We plan to leave in **2021**, 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.

- * Children who dropped out of school can still get an education at new education centres.
- * More mums take their children to health centres for immunisations.
- * Community leaders and parents see the importance of education and send their sons and daughters to school to help them get a better future.
- * **285** girls learned about feminine health and hygiene. They now share their knowledge with other girls in their community.
- * **1,000** children learn about their rights at **12** new children's clubs.
- * **750** children don't have to walk 2km for drinking water now their community has a water filter.
- * Almost **1,000** underweight children have gained weight through a special health programme.
- * Children have desks and benches at school and no longer fear catching an illness from sitting on cold hard floors.

“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: Amisha, 13, is grateful for her sponsor's support and for her gift. ©Katie Nash/World Vision
BOTTOM LEFT: At their children's club, thanks to you, children learn about their rights and speak out about the changes they want. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Radhika, 12, is proud of her new goat, thanks to sponsors like you.



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 Promise, 12, from Bangladesh.

"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

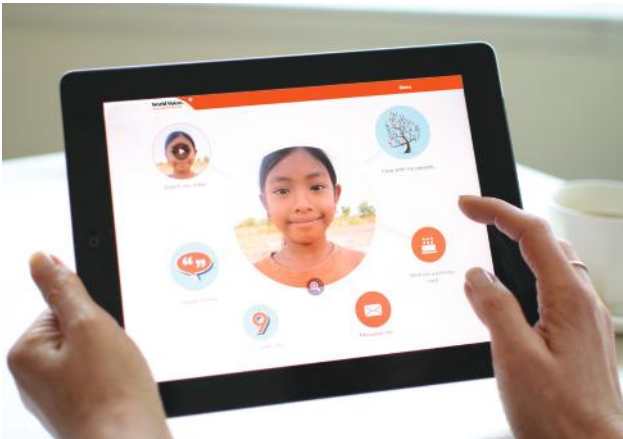
You're already creating a legacy by giving real hope to your sponsored child and their community. A legacy of permanent, positive change. By leaving a gift in your will, you can continue to bring life in all its fullness to vulnerable children for generations to come.

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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