



Thank you

*You planted a seed of hope
in Vaishali.*

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.

The future is bright for Bipin

Bipin is 12 and lives in a village in Vaishali with his mum, dad, three sisters and two brothers. Life has been hard for Bipin. His parents couldn't earn enough money to provide the essentials for their children. Half of the crops that Bipin's dad grew had to be given to the owner of the field that they rented.

Thanks to you, a village development committee was set up, and through this, Bipin's family were given a cow. Bipin's mum and dad made a deal to supply a local hotel with milk from their cow, and in return were given an advance that they could use to pay off their loan.

Today, Bipin is able to go to school and is getting a decent education. His mum and dad have been able to rent more land, which means more space to grow food to harvest and earn more money.



TOP RIGHT: Bipin with his parents and their family cow. © 2016 World Vision. **BOTTOM:** "I didn't know a cow could be my hope in the midst of hopelessness. The day she entered our lives, she brought with her joy, and livelihood," says Nirmala, 35.



“We will never forget the kindness we received when we were given a cow,” says Shanti, Bipin’s mum.





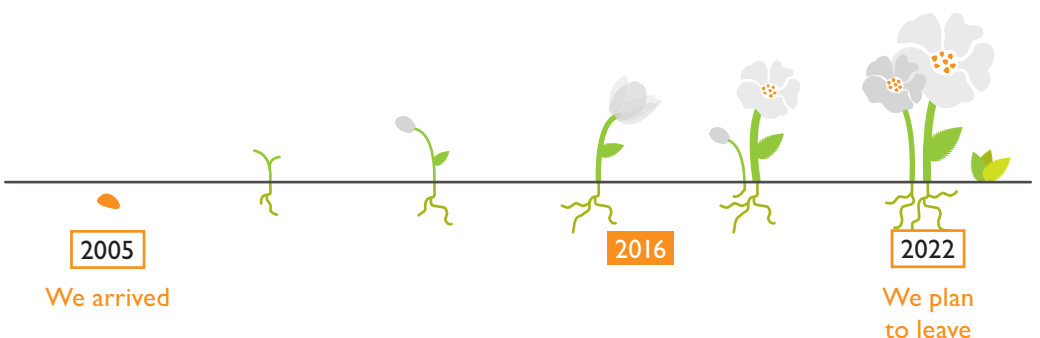
We've come a long way, and we're still making progress — *all thanks to you.*

We've been working with the community of Vaishali since **2005**. Back then, children faced many problems: malnutrition; fear of illness; poor hygiene; and a lack of education.

Since then, things have begun to change for the better. Children are recovering from malnutrition, giving them the strength to run, play and enjoy their childhoods; more babies are being breastfed and immunised, keeping them healthy, disease-free and giving them the best possible start in life; and more children are going to school and getting the education they need to reach their potential.

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.

- * **4,500** children now have access to clean and safe drinking water, meaning they no longer have to fear quenching their thirst.
- * We've given cattle to the most vulnerable families in the community. They can now sell their milk to make money to provide for their children.
- * **100** volunteers have learned about child rights, meaning that children are safer and better protected.
- * More parents now have a regular income and can give their children the best start in life.
- * **88%** of children are now attending children's groups, helping them grow in confidence and enjoy their childhoods to the full.
- * More mothers are now feeding their children a more nutritious diet – with green vegetables and lentils rather than just potato and rice.
- * **82%** of children had essential vaccinations before their first birthday.
- * We've given benches and desks to schools, making children more comfortable and happier while they're learning.

“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: Nirmala, 35, with the rest of her family. Her children attend the remedial classes you have made possible in their village, so that they can catch up on the studies they missed. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Anuska, 6, has recently started going to school. “I want to study. I am happy that I get to go to school,” she says. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Kajal, 7, (front row, centre), has a bright future, now her mum can sell milk from the cow your support provided. © 2016 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 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

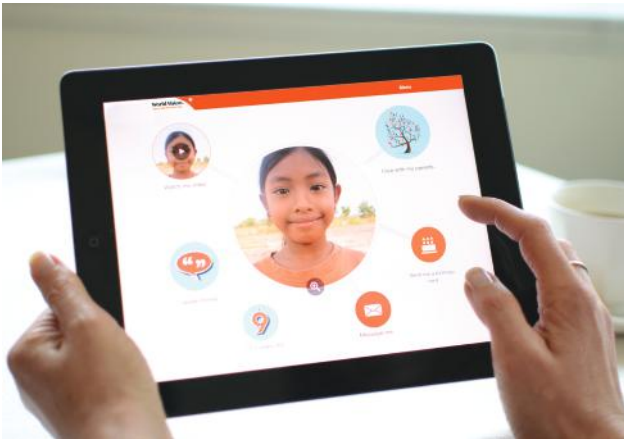
You're already creating a legacy by giving real hope to your sponsored child and their community. A legacy of permanent, positive change. By leaving a gift in your will, you can continue to bring life in all its fullness to vulnerable children for generations to come.

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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