



# Making the connection



My country is a hot, dry place. Water is scarce. Three times a day I have to fetch **water** for my family. This takes a lot of time and sometimes I miss school. The water at our well is unsafe and can make people sick.

There is hope though. New wells are being built with the money raised by New Zealanders who sponsor World Vision children in my community. This will make it easier to get clean water and I won't have to miss school. If I can get an **education** I will be able to get a good job.

Zalifa, 12 years, Niger, West Africa

My mother works hard to look after my brother and me. But we often only have enough **food** for one meal each day. This makes my body weak so I get sick easily. The cost of **healthcare** is high and my mother cannot afford to pay a doctor.

Things are changing though. With money raised through World Vision's 40 Hour Famine, my mother and I will be able to get more food. My dream is to be strong enough to go to school so that I can become a doctor one day.



Al Amin, 6 years, Bangladesh, Asia



When the earthquake hit our village it destroyed our home. We had no **shelter** and to stay warm we had to wear every piece of **clothing** we had.

We were lucky though. People from New Zealand heard about our situation and gave money to World Vision. This money was used to provide us with food, water and corrugated iron to build a shelter. This has given us hope for the future and we are looking forward to working in the fields again and going to school.

Momina, 10 years, Pakistan





# Making the connection

**POVERTY** is when people cannot meet their basic needs. People living in poverty have no choice but to survive as best they can with what they have.



Water



**POVERTY** is a **BIG** problem  
1 in 4 people in the world live in poverty.



Housing

## THE BASICS



Healthcare



Clothing



Education



Food

### The good news about **POVERTY**

Our world has enough things to meet everyone's basic needs. The problem is these things are not shared out evenly. If people and countries that have more than enough shared with those who do not, there would be no poverty.

Bella and her family sponsor Than Son, a young boy who lives in Cambodia. By sharing a little of what they have, Bella and her family have helped Than Son, his family and their whole community get a clean, safe water supply. The Child Sponsorship money from Bella's family is also being used to improve farming practices so that there is more food available for everyone.



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