



About my country India




India has over 1.1 billion people and is the seventh largest country by size in the world. Stretching from the Himalayan Mountains in the north, to the Indian Ocean in the west, India's landscape and climate vary greatly.

India has a hot and tropical climate, and the monsoon season (when it rains a lot) is between June and September each year.




Dumka = World Vision Area Development Programme
 New Delhi = India's capital city
 Language = Hindi and English



 **Average temperature**
 As India is a big country, the climate and temperatures can be very varied.
 Low in winter 8°C
 High in summer 42°C

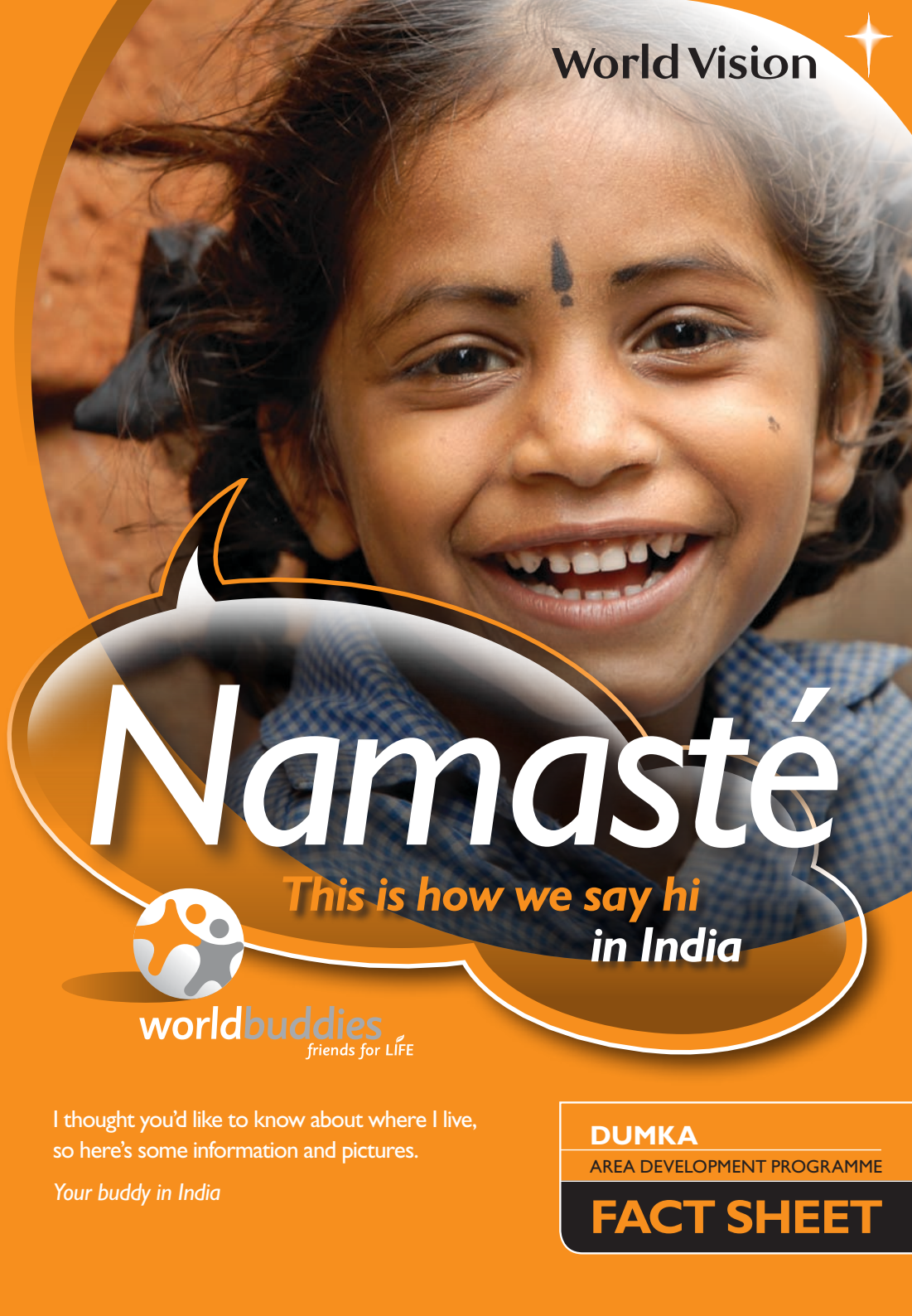
 **Average rainfall in a year**
 About 1200 mm per year

 1.12 billion people live in India and it is the 2nd most populated country behind China.

More than 80 per cent of the people are Hindu, and other major religions include Islam, Christianity and Buddhism.

A person in Jharkhand State can expect to live up to the age of 60.

Over 60 per cent of the people who live in the area where World Vision is working live on less than \$NZ2 per day.



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 This is how we say hi in India


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I thought you'd like to know about where I live, so here's some information and pictures.

Your buddy in India

DUMKA
 AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
FACT SHEET

How are you lending a hand?

Our village wants to be able to live without help from World Vision one day.

We hope to achieve this by the year 2022. As my Worldbuddy you'll get updates on how things are going.

Through World Vision, your Worldbuddy Sponsorship is changing things. Back in 2006, World Vision started to work with leaders in our community to run projects that are helping us. Here are some of the things they are doing:



Life in my village

My village is in a district called Dumka, which is in the northeastern part of India in the state of Jharkhand. About 1.2 million people live in Dumka.



Hill Range of Dumka, Jharkhand

It is hard to find safe, clean water here. We sometimes have to collect our water directly from streams and ponds, which often carry germs and disease. Many

children don't have enough of the right kinds of food, which means they don't grow properly and get sick easily.

Most people in my village are farmers. Unfortunately, they only grow a small number of crops because there is a limited amount of land available and very little water. Getting their crops to market to sell is also hard as some villages are a long way from towns or cities and the roads are poor:

Some children don't go to school because they are needed to work in the fields with their parents. Our schools are often a long way from our village and so the children who do go have to walk a long way each day.



Helping to provide safe, clean water

Teaching better farming techniques



Training teachers and providing books and desks



Teaching people about good hygiene



Teaching Mothers to prepare healthier food for their children