



# Hey!

Got questions about Worldbuddies?  
Check out the following information:

**Q. Who can be a Worldbuddy?**

**A.** Anyone who wants to get to know a child their own age living in a community in need. All you need to do is get a grown-up's permission and support to sponsor a child.

**Q. Why do children overseas need me to sponsor them?**

**A.** There are kids in the world who go to bed hungry every night. They get sick because there is no clean water to drink and they can die because there is no medicine to make them better.

You get to help your Worldbuddy and their family get food, clean water, and medicine. What's even better is the money you give will be used to improve the life of everyone in the community where your Worldbuddy lives.

**Q. How much does it cost to be a Worldbuddy?**

**A.** Sponsoring a child costs \$45 a month, so it might be an idea to talk to the rest of your family about doing it together. You could put some of your pocket money in and get a grown-up to make up the difference.

**Q. So how do I become a Worldbuddy?**

**A.** Talk to a grown-up (either a parent, caregiver, grandparent or teacher) about sponsoring a child and then get them to call World Vision and ask about Worldbuddies. (0800 800 776)

**Q. What sort of things do you do as a Worldbuddy?**

**A.** Four times a year, around school holiday time, World Vision will send you an email with a link to the Worldbuddies webpage ([www.worldbuddies.org.nz](http://www.worldbuddies.org.nz)). There you'll find all sorts of cool ideas and suggestions on being a Worldbuddy, as well as some activities you can do.

One of the greatest things about being a Worldbuddy is becoming a friend with someone in another country and getting to know each other. You can do this by writing to your friend and sending them some of the Worldbuddy activities you do.





# Want to know more about Worldbuddies?

The following information covers everything from how to make Child Sponsorship contributions, to how does my money make a difference...

## Activities and resources

Worldbuddies will receive four emails throughout the year usually, around school holiday time. Besides activities for the kids, there are also some ideas and suggestions from Parents Inc. about developing values and encouraging children to think beyond themselves.

## It does make a difference

It's important that as a Worldbuddy your child can see the difference they are making in the life of their sponsored child and the community that child lives in. Worldbuddies receive the same information as other Child Sponsors, which includes:

- An annual progress report on your sponsored child's health, education and wellbeing
- An updated photograph of your sponsored child
- A greeting card around Christmas time
- A project update about changes in your sponsored child's community over the previous 12 months

## Child Sponsorship contributions

There are three different ways to make your sponsorship payments:

- **Automatic payment** – World Vision prefers this method as it reduces our costs and you don't have to remember to make payments
- **Cheque** – These can be sent at regular intervals; World Vision will issue a receipt each time, with a portion to tear off to send with your next payment when it is due
- **Credit card** – To set up an ongoing credit card payment please contact the WorldVision team on 0800 800 776

## How is your money spent?

By becoming a Child Sponsor you are helping to change the life of a child by making real and lasting change in their community. The money you donate is not given directly to your sponsored child but funds projects in their community that will help improve everyone's lives.

On average at least 75 per cent of money raised in New Zealand goes overseas. The money does not pass through political bodies or governments and help is given on the basis of need, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or gender.

## Letters and activities

Worldbuddies is about building your child's understanding of their world and the inequalities that exist within it. It is about developing a friendship where both children acknowledge each other as equals, despite living in very different circumstances. Consequently, Worldbuddies activities are designed to enable both children to participate, and letter writing is encouraged as a key way of learning about each other.

Look for the helpful hints on sending letters included in the Fun Zone page.

## Gifts

Other than small items that will fit in the envelope with your letter, such as pictures, photos, stickers, bookmarks and balloons, World Vision discourages sending gifts for a number of reasons:

- It can put your sponsored child and their family into a position where they feel obligated to send a gift in return
- Most children in the community will never receive gifts from overseas, making it difficult for those children who miss out
- Large packages invite curiosity and can encourage theft
- Gifts can incur customs tax and duty that World Vision must pay and in many cases these taxes are more than the value of the gift

## Special donations

As part of the Worldbuddies programme, you and your child can make an extra contribution to the community in which your sponsored child lives. For further information please contact our Customer Services team on 0800 800 776.

## Worldbuddies – a long term connection

Worldbuddies is about developing long term relationships. For this reason sponsored children come from communities where World Vision has begun work in recent years. World Vision works about 15 years in each community, so your child and your sponsored child will have plenty of time to develop a lasting friendship. If for some reason your sponsored child moves out of the area, World Vision will notify you and arrange for your sponsorship to transfer to another child from the same area.

## Further questions?

If you have further questions about Worldbuddies then please contact our World Vision team on 0800 800 776 or email [info@worldbuddies.org.nz](mailto:info@worldbuddies.org.nz)

