Mozambique
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Dear Friend,

Increases in petrol prices, wheat, water… there is not a day that goes by without hearing about price increases. Yes, life is getting increasingly difficult for all of us. But still, we have a shelter, food and the love of our family and friends. So imagine how life must be for those who live with less than 1 dollar a day and who also have to cope with all these increases? Worse, imagine the life of a child who has lost his parents and has nothing at all? Although this is unlikely to happen in the UK, sadly this tragedy affects millions of children in Mozambique as you will discover on pages 4 to 5.

Our team in Mozambique are committed to helping as many orphans as they can but they dream of helping more. Will you help them to fulfil their dream?

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Editor

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Between 1977 and 1992, the Republic of Mozambique has been the scene of a destructive war. These were dark years during which almost a million people died and several million others displaced. In 1992, the Rome General Peace Accords have given way to an era of stability for this country in the East of Africa.

A grand mother receiving food to help provide for her orphaned grandchildren.

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During 2010, the Mozambican government decided to raise the price of bread by 30%, the price of electricity by 13% and to devalue the currency. These increases, added to the long war, Mozambique is regularly struck by natural disasters (droughts, floods, cyclones) creating a state of recurring food insecurity. The country has reached a state of alarming poverty today: 80% of the population lives on less than $1 a day.

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Children’s Fund. Soon we were able to move closer to the school in Maputo, living with Godparents that are very nice to us. When I finish Secondary School I would like to do a teaching course and my sister wants to be a medical doctor. I thank God for the Miracle given to us and the people who support World Children’s Fund who make this possible.

Anifa, 16 years old, Maputo (Mozambique)

Monthly food programme

Nearly 1,000 children are being helped with monthly food distribution as well as being taught how to grow their own food and tend their land in order to become self sufficient.

Home based care visits

500 families are supported – these are people that are vulnerable to many different diseases such as malaria and cholera.

Psychological support for orphans and families

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Skills training for work

Children follow courses where they can learn various skills that will help them to get a job more easily when they are older: tailoring, upholstery and shoe making. Their skills training already provide them some money that can help them to pay for the school fees.
Like so many of the children that we help, Yonathan is double orphaned, meaning that both of his parents have died. He was effectively alone in the world aged only 8 years old.

When this happens many go to live with their nearest relatives and Yonathan was no exception and he was taken in by his uncle. But here the situation is not always as good as one might hope. Straight away there is less space for everyone in the home and there is another mouth to feed, not to mention the fact that the adopted orphan dearly misses their parents...

For Yonathan, his stay with his uncle did not last very long and he was forced to flee amid quarrels over food, cleaning and daily routine. He lived on the streets of Goule, struggling to survive.

When we found him, we were able to give him food and attempted to contact more of his family in order to try and reintroduce him to a stable living environment. But until this was possible, he was taken in by one of the teachers at the Primary School that also runs a feeding programme for street orphans.

So he was able to benefit from decent food and education and eventually we managed to help him move in with his Godparents.

He continues to attend school to this day and is always grateful for the help you have made possible for us to give him.

More than one year after the earthquake that devastated Haiti, the situation is still dire for many people. In Leogane, at the epicenter of the disaster, few orphanages have to care for the many children who lost their parents and relatives in the tragedy.

In order to help them, World Children’s Fund sent a shipment of relief items. We provided baby food and clothing to about 700 families that lost everything and are still living in makeshift camps. We also supplied orphanages with food and clothes for 160 children, and relief items to over 1000 victims of the earthquake in the Hospital St Croix.

Doug Kendrick has been the World Children’s Fund programme manager for 10 years. He explains to us why giving by Direct Debit is essential to World Children’s Fund.

What are the advantages for World Children’s Fund of being supported with regular donations?

There are many advantages to supporting us in this way. The main one is that it helps us to plan better, knowing the amount of money that we will receive every month and therefore, we can organise our field actions better. Also, as we spend less appealing to our donors, we can spend more money on saving children’s lives.

And what are the advantages for our donors?

First, it will help our donors not to forget to send their donations! More importantly, it will give them full control on their support. I think it is easier for them to give a little bit every month rather than giving a big amount all at once. Also, they will receive less mailings from us which is also good for our planet!

Is the Direct Debit gift aidable?

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How should our donors set up a regular donation to World Children’s Fund?

Setting up a monthly Direct Debit from your bank account is really easy. You only have to fill in a form (like the one that you will find at the back cover of this newsletter) stating your bank account number and the amount you want to give every month. It only takes a minute to fill in and return to us – we’ll do the rest! Something very important to remember too is that a Direct Debit can be stopped at any time, just by giving us a phone call or by sending us a letter!
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