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**Amos**  
**12 years, Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya**



## Amos, Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya

My name is Amos. I was born on 6 October 2004. My favourite game is football. My favourite football player is Diego Costa. I make my own football. I get papers, fold them together. I get string and tie them around the papers. My favourite colour is red.

I love cow's meat. I eat it once a month. I usually eat maize. I eat maize in the morning. I eat maize for supper.

I love to read. I read after school. Maths and English are my favourite subjects. Charles is my best friend. I like to fetch water and read with Charles.

I help my mother to farm. I like weeding.

I would like to be a traffic policeman when I grow up, to help people. I would like to help kids get to school. I need to study hard to become a traffic policeman.

Tell people in Ireland that we are working hard and say hi to them.



Amos and his family used to grow lots of vegetables on their own farm. They could eat those vegetables, and sell any left over at the market to make money. Because of climate change the rain has not come at the same time that it used to, so it is more difficult to grow their vegetables. His dad has moved to a town far away to find work to earn money. Amos misses his dad very much when he is away.



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**Ali (in the blue shirt)  
11 years, Punjab, Pakistan**



## Ali, Punjab, Pakistan

My name is Ali. I am eleven years old. I live in a beautiful village with green fields and a big ground where we used to play cricket. I go to school in a nearby town with my cousins. I want to be a teacher when I grow up.

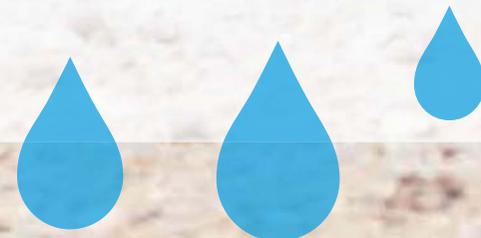
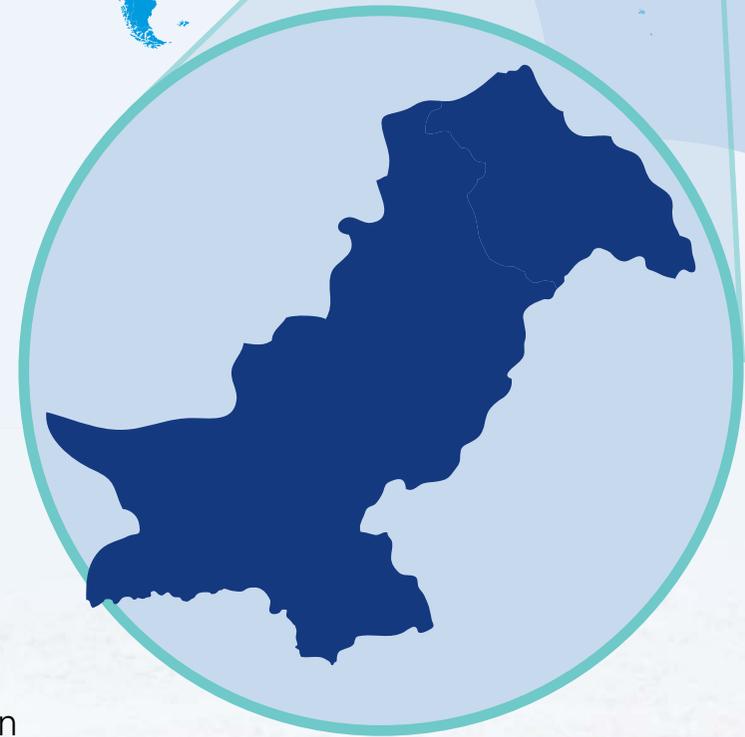
I live with my grandmother, my three siblings and my mother. My mother grows wheat and vegetables. We also have one cow and some hens which give us milk and eggs.

In September 2014, heavy rains fell. The river water level rose up very high. One day there was an announcement in the local mosque that there was a flood warning. We were asked to leave our village. Everyone rushed to take their families, animals, some food and some belongings to the camp in a high, safe place.

The flood hit my village. My house was swept away. Our crops were destroyed. After twenty-two days in the camp we went back to our village. The only road to our village was destroyed, making it difficult to get to school, the hospital and the market.

The people in my village came together to fix the road. I am too young to work fixing the road, but I wanted to help. I started bringing drinking water to the men working on the road. I have also asked my cousins and friends to help. Now the road is fixed and we can get to school and the hospital. We can also transport vegetables to the market to sell them.

I want to say hi to children in Ireland. I hope my story explains the difficult time we faced when the flood came.





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**Arianne**  
**Leyte Island, the Philippines**



## Arianne, Leyte Island, the Philippines

Arianne lives in a house with her mother, father and younger brother. On 8 November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan hit. This is the strongest storm that ever hit the Philippines.

Strong winds caused huge waves that destroyed many of the houses in Arianne's village. Arianne remembers hearing a loud noise before the wave crashed. Her house was destroyed. She went to the airport for shelter with her family. The airport was packed with other homeless families. Arianne and her brother got sick from drinking dirty water. After two days a ship brought them to a neighbouring island where they stayed until it was safe to return home.

Arianne and her family now live in a new house. It is built on stilts, so that it can avoid being flooded in the future. It also has stronger walls to withstand strong winds. They are very happy in their new home and feel safe there.

Four million people were forced from their homes in the Philippines during Typhoon Haiyan. That is almost equal to the population of Ireland! Imagine if everyone in Ireland were forced from their homes. Where would we all go?

Climate change is causing storms to get much worse and to happen much more frequently.



A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a dark blue tie with green diagonal stripes, stands in front of a blue soccer goal net. He is smiling slightly and holding a blue soccer ball with white patterns. The background shows a green lawn and a white goalpost.

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**Rory**  
**8 years, Co. Down, Northern Ireland**



## Rory, Co. Down, Northern Ireland

My name is Rory and I am eight years old. I live with my Mummy, Daddy and six-year-old brother Eoin. We both go to school in a small village near Downpatrick, Co. Down.

Downpatrick has been an important town since ancient times. St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is buried here next to the cathedral. I don't live in a town or village but out in the countryside.

I like school and I really enjoy PE and music. I love Irish music and I play the fiddle for the local under-twelve Comhaltas group. I also play Gaelic football for my local team. Because it rains a lot in Ireland we often have to cancel training as it's too wet to play! Last spring the lane to our house got flooded as the river overflowed so we couldn't get in or out.

Most years we get some days off school because of heavy snow. Our country roads don't get gritted which means that they're often too dangerous to drive on in the snow. I don't mind though as I get off school and we can go sleighing down the hill beside our house. It's great fun. We always build a snowman in the garden too.

Last summer we went to Spain on our holidays as it's sunny and hot there. Sometimes I wish we had nicer weather here but Mummy says Ireland wouldn't be known as the Emerald Isle then.

