

## YOUR LIFE, MY LIFE!

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This resource is based on a series of short films (each approximately 20-45 seconds in length) originally published by Oxfam as “Friday’s Lunch Time Treats”. The rationale behind the films is to highlight how, even in the midst of the most challenging circumstances, people and especially children, are able to find moments of fun and joy. The film-makers say: “*Wherever we visit, in whatever circumstances, we can always find something to remind us of our wonderful world.*”

The full collection of films can be found on the Oxfam GB You Tube channel:

[www.youtube.com/user/OxfamGreatBritain](http://www.youtube.com/user/OxfamGreatBritain)

For this resource we have selected fifteen films that we feel are the most appropriate for sharing with learners aged 5-9 years. You may find the following background information about each film useful.

#### Videos filmed in specific countries

- **Building Blocks**

*Filmed in Sierra Leone*

Despite its wealth of natural resources, around 70% of people in Sierra Leone live in poverty. Ten years after the end of the civil war, Sierra Leone was still rebuilding. Then in 2014, Ebola struck. Although the immediate Ebola crisis is now over, the effects across the region have been huge. Communities have been torn apart and economies, at a local and a national level, have been badly affected.

The featured children were filmed playing with their building blocks after the Ebola crisis subsided. Oxfam has been providing clean water, toilets and hygiene classes at their school.

- **Ethiopian wedding celebrations**

*Filmed in Ethiopia*

Ethiopia is currently undergoing a devastating drought and Oxfam is supporting families, including many pastoralists, by providing them with water, food for their livestock and some emergency cash. In cities like Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa, however, life goes on as normal. This wedding celebration was filmed in Dire Dawa.

- **Scooter Racing**

*Filmed in the Philippines*

When Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in November 2013, Oxfam was able to help repair the broken water system in the worst-hit city of Tacloban and launched a programme to help over half a million people with life-saving aid and long-term support. The featured children found a stranded ship and turned its deck into a skate park.

- **What's the best toy you ever had?**

*Filmed in South Sudan*

The child featured in this film is playing with his homemade toy in Lologo, South Sudan. South Sudan is currently engaged in a bitter civil war and almost half the population don't have access to clean water. Oxfam has been supporting people in various ways, including by providing clean water, hygiene facilities, food, fuel and income support.

- **What's your best frisbee moment?**

*Filmed in Zambia*

Despite a growing economy, Zambia has one of the highest levels of poverty and inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa, with well over half of the population living below the poverty line. Oxfam works with communities to increase awareness about HIV and AIDS, promote women's rights, deliver improved access to water and sanitation, and support people to make a fair living and gain an education,.

- **What would make you jump for joy?**

*Filmed in Zambia.*

See above.

- **When were you last a superhero?**

*Filmed in the Philippines*

When Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in November 2013, Oxfam helped over half a million people with life-saving aid and long-term support. The featured children were filmed after Typhoon Haiyan playing as superheroes in their homemade costumes.

- **Where did you have your best splash?**

*Filmed in the DRC*

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is abundantly rich in resources, but decades of bad governance, foreign interference and brutal armed conflict have taken a horrific toll. Between 1998 and 2012, an estimated 5.4 million people died because of the violence, endemic poverty and preventable diseases. More than 2 million people fled their homes. Renewed conflict has caused over 760,000 people to flee their homes in eastern Congo since the start of 2012.

The featured children were filmed while Oxfam staff were visiting Boporo camp for displaced people. Oxfam has been providing clean water and sanitation in the camp.

## Videos filmed in various countries

- **Euro 2016: football tricks from around the world**

*Filmed in various countries*

- **How do you scrub up?**

*Filmed in Sierra Leone and the Philippines*

- **Kick ups, side step: what's your football trick?**

*Filmed in various countries including Sierra Leone*

- **What makes you laugh out loud?**

*Filmed in various countries including Sierra Leone, UK, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo*

- **What's on your plate?**

*Filmed in various countries including Sierra Leone and the Philippines*

- **What's your best pose?**

*Filmed in various countries*

- **When did you last go with the flow?**

*Filmed in various countries including South Sudan and Sierra Leone*

## Find out more

- For further information about Oxfam's work in specific countries, see: [www.oxfam.org.uk/what-we-do/countries-we-work-in](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what-we-do/countries-we-work-in)
- For general information about the countries featured, see the country profiles section of the BBC website: [news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/country\\_profiles/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/country_profiles/default.stm)
- For up-to-date country data, see the World Bank website: [data.worldbank.org](http://data.worldbank.org)