



## **Action Aid – Year 6**

Year 6 is sponsoring Yoon Wati, a seven year old girl who lives in Myaing, an area in the Magway region of Myanmar (formerly Burma). She lives with her parents and one sibling. Yoon Wati's home is built on stilts to protect her family from flash flooding. The walls are made from woven palm leaves, which regularly need repairing and the roof is made of tin. Yoon Wati's father earns a living through casual labour earning around 2,000 kyats (£1.50) a day. In addition to taking care of the family, her mother also helps supplement the family income as a daily labourer.

The conditions of Yoon Wati's local primary school are extremely poor, lacking secure buildings, equipment and trained teachers. If she falls ill, her family have to walk over 8km to reach a health post. Sadly, Yoon Wati's family cannot afford to rent land or buy livestock meaning they have no back up if crops fail or if work dries up. Myaing is in the dry zone, which means collecting water is not easy. Majority of families, like Yoon Wati's, collect water from locally dug wells, usually within 1km of most home. But in the dry season, families have to walk much further to find water.

Throughout the year, we will be running fundraising events as part of our sponsorship program with Action Aid. We will also be writing to Yoon and she will also write back to the children.

