

# The Worm Project

*Combating World Hunger Through Parasite Removal*

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## Daniela's Story

Story courtesy of Vitamin Angels

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Daniela lives in a small, quiet town in Mexico. She recently celebrated her fifth birthday with her parents, grandmother, and two sisters! Since moving from Mexico City, Daniela and her family have enjoyed living with her grandmother, Rosa. Daniela's father, Daniel, travels as a carpenter to different construction sites, often traveling from one to seven hours away from their home. Rosa helps her daughter, Martha, care for her energetic granddaughters, who often spend their days in school and playing with their cousin, Pamela.



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### HELP!

#### **Donations Down & Millions of Children May Go Untreated!**

Donations to The Worm Project for this year (thru Sept. 2020) are less than half compared to the same time last year.

Last year, your donations enabled us to purchase medicine to treat 11.2 million children. With malnutrition on the rise due to food insecurity caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is even more critical to treat children for parasitic worms. It has been a difficult year for everyone and my heart is hurting thinking of the millions of children who will continue to suffer from parasitic worms unless you help. It only takes one tablet costing 2.5 cents to treat a child for worms. PLEASE make a donation today.

To learn more about our mission, check out the back page of this newsletter or go to [www.wormproject.org](http://www.wormproject.org).

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The steadfast grandmother shares with us that health is essential to her and her family. She hopes to care for and protect her grandchildren from getting any flu or infection, so she is diligent about seeking local health distributions for them. Due to Vitamin Angels program partner's local distribution efforts, Daniela has consistently received albendazole tablets. Before receiving her first administration of albendazole, Rosa says Daniela did not eat very much. However, since her first administration, she has not been sick and shares that Daniela's appetite has increased. Daniela is said to have more energy lately, using it to learn, swing, and play with her sibling and cousins.

With the support of The Worm Project, we are continuing to provide albendazole to children like Daniela and millions more around the world. Together, we are helping protect children from infection and illness, and improve overall health and well-being.

## Deworming Medicine for Burundi

Story & photos courtesy of Food for the Hungry



Diane at work

Over the years, The Worm Project has partnered with Food for the Hungry (FH) by donating deworming medicine for the Burundi National Deworming Campaign. Food for the Hungry (FH), our partner in Burundi, provides deworming medicine and training to community members on health and hygiene. In just the last two years, The Worm Project has

donated 3.5 million Albendazole tablets for Burundi. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world.

The suffering from parasitic worms in Burundi is a familiar story for The Worm Project. This 12 year-old girl named Diane describes how she felt before treatment for intestinal parasites? "Most of the time I suffered from stomachaches with intense nausea and diarrhea. I was feeling tired all the time and I could not do activities that require physical effort including fetching water or looking for firewood or even playing with other children," said



Diane weaving her Basket

Diane. Her parents were fearful when their children exhibited these symptoms because they had no money to take them to a health facility.

As Diane's parents began applying the health and hygiene lessons they learned from FH community educators and received treatment for deworming, their children became healthier and cases of diarrhea have largely decreased. According to Diane, "Now I don't miss school. I'm regular at school, and I can participate in different games with my classmates or children in the neighborhood." Diane's mother, Clemence, says, "I am grateful for the support of FH which introduced lessons on health and nutrition in our communities. Before, I did not know that one of the causes of diarrhea was poor hygiene practices."



Diane with her mother



## Schy's Story

Story & photos courtesy of Vitamin Angels



Three-year-old Schy lives in Tombe Gateau, Haiti. The small town sits at the top of the mountain and is cooler than most parts of Haiti. Schy's mother, Elise, cares for energetic Schy and his old sister, Faiensa, while also running a small sewing business. The family walks to the local market, five minutes from their home, to buy rice, beans, and cornmeal for their daily meals. Although the market is only a five-minute walk from their home, the nearest hospital is a two-hour walk away. As transportation is expensive and the time to travel would be a loss of income for her family, Elise prioritizes her children's health. The caring mother says keeping her children healthy is of the utmost importance to her.



Elise shared that when Schy was born, he suffered from frequent fevers and low appetite. When Vitamin Angels' field partner began local distributions of albendazole, she immediately took her children to receive the intervention. Soon after receiving his first deworming tablet, Elise noticed Schy's appetite growing, and that he was looking healthier. As the Vitamin Angels team has maintained a relationship with the family, we have had the privilege of following Schy as he grows. Elise shared that the outgoing



boy has continued to receive the deworming tablets, "Schy is healthy! He's become more energetic, happier, and alert. He recently has been asking a lot of questions."

One of the promises we make to the mothers and children we serve around the world is that we will keep coming



back. With the support of The Worm Project, we can continue to provide albendazole to children like Schy, and millions more around the world. Together, we can help protect children from infection and illness, and improve overall health and well-being.

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## The Worm Project: What we do:

The Worm Project buys medicine to treat children infected with parasitic worms in the poorest countries of the world.

- Over 800 million children (roughly 1/4 of the world's children) are at risk of being infected with parasitic worms
  - Parasitic worms cause physical and cognitive impairment in children due to malnutrition
- The Worm Project purchased and distributed enough deworming medicine to treat 11.2 million children in 2019
- Each deworming tablet costs less than 3 cents and treats one child for parasitic worms
  - One tablet kills virtually all the worms living in children
  - Medicine is extremely effective and safe
- All-volunteer Christian organization is extremely cost effective
  - Expenses are extremely low
  - Donations are tax deductible

*"... Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
(Matthew 25:40 NIV)*



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