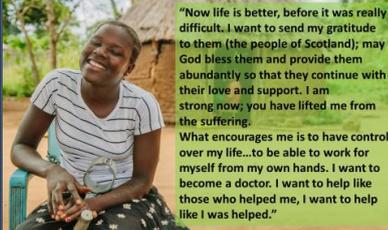


# Assembly Presenter Notes

<p>Slide 1</p>		<p>Hello, my name is xxx. Today I'm going to talk to you about the charity SCIAF and how we as a school can support this year's WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal, to help people in need around the world.</p>
<p>Slide 2</p>	<p>Our work</p>  <p>SCIAF helps families in poor countries to grow enough food to eat, to get an education and to recover when disaster strikes.</p>	<p>SCIAF are the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. They have been part of the Bishop's Conference in Scotland since 1965. Together with our help SCIAF support families in poor countries to grow enough food to eat, to get an education and to recover when disaster strikes.</p>
<p>Slide 3</p>		<p>This year's appeal focuses on SCIAF's work in South Sudan.  (CLICK) South Sudan is home to over 13 million people. It became the newest country in the world after it gained independence from Sudan in 2011. (CLICK) Scotland is almost 4,000 miles from South Sudan.</p>
<p>Slide 4</p>	<p>WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2021</p> 	<p>South Sudan is an incredibly diverse country home to over 60 ethnic groups, speaking 64 tribal languages in addition to English and Arabic, the official working languages.  Just two years after gaining independence, the country entered civil war and fighting continued.  In 2018, peace talks took place between key leaders and an agreement was reached. However, 5 years of civil war in addition to a 2017 famine pushed around 70% of South Sudanese into poverty. Nearly 2 million people have been forced from their homes and around 2.5 million more have left South Sudan to seek refuge in neighbouring countries.</p>

		<p>The result is that many South Sudanese now live in refugee camps in South Sudan and nearly 50% of the population faces daily food shortages</p>
<p>Slide 5</p>	<p>WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2021</p> 	<p>SCIAF and our partner the Sudan Evangelical Mission (SEM) have been working hard and continue to work hard to remove barriers to education for children and young people with disabilities and to break down stigmas within in the community and the classroom. This is Gulliver Matateo and he says “We provide a service to the community. The most important thing that we do is work with the community. We talk with them and then we plan together the way forward to reach the most vulnerable people”</p> <p>SCIAF’s projects are always about working with people to help themselves. To help people recognise that they have the ability to succeed with a little help</p>
<p>Slide 6</p>	<p>WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2021</p> 	<p>This is Vaida and she is 16 years old. Vaida is an amazing young woman who lives with her parents and 5 siblings. When Vaida was 14 she began to have trouble walking and eventually became paralyzed in both her legs.</p>
<p>Slide 7</p>	<p>WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2021</p> 	<p>For years Vaida’s mum, Angelina, carried her daughter to and from hospital as she tried to improve her condition. She was dedicated to giving Vaida whatever treatments were prescribed whilst also caring for her other children as best she could.</p> <p>One day, Vaida’s family heard about a program being run by SCIAF partner, the Sudanese Evangelical Mission (SEM). The staff were able to enrol Vaida in life changing therapies that helped her to strengthen her legs.</p>

<p>Slide 8</p>	<p>WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2021</p>  <p>SCIAF Lending to end poverty Scotland</p>	<p>As she gradually improved, Vaida worked on balance, strength and coordination to improve her walking. She was provided with an elbow crutch to support her while walking short distances. For longer distances, Vaida was given a hand-powered tricycle that she uses to go to school.</p>
<p>Slide 9</p>	<p>WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2021</p>  <p>SCIAF Lending to end poverty Scotland</p>	<p>Vaida said that the support from SCIAF has changed her life. Now she has hope for the future. She said that before she was helped by SCIAF, she could not do simple things by herself but now she helps with the household chores - washing her clothes, washing the dishes, fetching water and getting stuff from the market as well as helping her younger siblings.</p>
<p>Slide 10</p>	<p>WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2021</p>  <p>SCIAF Lending to end poverty Scotland</p> <p>“Now life is better, before it was really difficult. I want to send my gratitude to them (the people of Scotland); may God bless them and provide them abundantly so that they continue with their love and support. I am strong now; you have lifted me from the suffering. What encourages me is to have control over my life...to be able to work for myself from my own hands. I want to become a doctor. I want to help like those who helped me, I want to help like I was helped.”</p>	<p>Vaida in her words says, “Now life is better, before it was really difficult. I want to send my gratitude to them (the people of Scotland); may God bless them and provide them abundantly so that they continue with their love and support. I am strong now; you have lifted me from the suffering.</p> <p>What encourages me is to have control over my life...to be able to work for myself from my own hands. I want to become a doctor. I want to help like those who helped me; I want to help like I was helped.”</p>
<p>Slide 11</p>	<p>WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE 2021</p>  <p>SCIAF Lending to end poverty Scotland</p>	<p>SCIAF will continue to help the poorest people in the world. In the same way that Vaida and her family were helped, your help (point/look up to your class/audience), can transform many other people’s lives.</p> <p>Money raised by our school and others will help to adapt six schools so that pupils with disabilities can access mainstream education. Teachers will be trained to better understand the needs of children with disabilities and how to effectively include them in their classes. The children themselves will be supported through the provision of wheelchairs, ramps, hearing aids and canes, as well as health care to help them live more independently and actively</p>

		<p>participate in lessons, sports and other activities with their classmates.</p>
	<p><b>Get involved - Fundraise</b></p>  <p><b>UK Aid Match 2021</b> This year, our donations will make twice the difference.</p> <p>Our donations will be doubled by the UK government when we give to SCIAF's WEE BOX BIG CHANGE appeal before the 11<sup>th</sup> May.</p> 	<p>This year, our donations will be doubled by the UK government when you give to SCIAF's WEE BOX BIG CHANGE appeal before 11<sup>th</sup> May. This means SCIAF can make twice the difference!</p> <p>For every £1 we give, the UK government will double it so let's see what difference we can make!</p>
	<p><b>Let's Pray</b></p>  <p>Loving God, thank you for the beauty of your creation and for all the good things you graciously give us. We pray for more understanding of the differences between peoples and a recognition that we are all one in Christ. Thank you for making us all unique but still all created in your image. Help us look to Jesus as an example of someone who broke down barriers that excluded. Give us the strength and wisdom to work together and bring about positive change for those who are suffering. God of compassion, hear our prayer. Amen</p>	<p>Let's prayer</p> <p>Loving God, thank you for the beauty of your creation and for all the good things you graciously give us.</p> <p>We pray for more understanding of the differences between peoples and a recognition that we are all one in Christ.</p> <p>Thank you for making us all unique but still all created in your image.</p> <p>Help us look to Jesus as an example of someone who broke down barriers that excluded.</p> <p>Give us the strength and wisdom to work together and bring about positive change for those who are suffering.</p> <p>God of compassion, hear our prayer. Amen</p>