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Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your generous donation of 115 backpacks plus 15 boxes of extras, and for supporting Mary's Meals.

For many of the children who receive a donated backpack, it will be the only gift they have ever been given.

We love The Backpack Project because it complements our school feeding programme by providing children with items that support their education.

Tadala, 12, from Malawi, tells us: "I'm very happy I'll be able to keep my exercise books and pens safely in my new bag. I'm going to cherish everything within my bag.

"It will all help me learn. It's like I have won a prize."

Mary's Meals is a simple idea that works. Through the provision of a daily meal in a place of education, chronically poor children are attracted to the classroom where they can gain a basic education that provides an escape route from poverty.

Our vision is that every child in the world receives a meal a day in their place of education.

Supporting Mary's Meals through The Backpack Project is a practical way to enable children to make the most of their education.

On behalf of the 1,230,171 children around the world receiving Mary's Meals every day, I thank you with all my heart for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

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