

## Action Aid – Reception



The child that Reception will be sponsoring is called Laboni.

Laboni was born in 2012 in the north of Bangladesh. She is one of two children in her family. Laboni speaks Bangla which is the national language of Bangladesh.

Laboni and her family live in a house made from corrugated tin. Her family drink water from a local well but in the rainy seasons, these wells fill with floodwater and the water becomes unsafe to drink. Medicines are limited as there are not many community health clinics in the area where Laboni lives.

Laboni's father is a farmer. Rice is the most commonly grown crops but yields are insufficient. The poor sandy soil lacks nutrients and when the rivers rise, the soil is easily washed away, damaging crops and creating food shortages.

Laboni goes to the local Primary School but there are not many books or teachers to meet the needs of the pupils.

Although Laboni attends school, the level of poverty in this community means education is not a priority for many families. Children often help on the family farm, and as a result, they drop out of school, particularly girls who leave school early to care for younger siblings or even to marry when they reach the required age.

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