

# JoJo Maman Bébé

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## Nema Newsletter

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With the completion of the Ningaia village primary school, 2012 is getting off to a great start. What's more, the launch of new Nema projects means the total number of people benefitting in the region has risen from 16,000 to 24,000! Enjoy reading our latest newsletter, and don't forget you can follow Nema on Facebook and Twitter.

Ningaia's shiny new primary school is only the second school to be built in this remote area of Mozambique. Schools in this region typically consist of mud walls, thatched roofs or sometimes the shade of a large tree. But just because there is one new concrete building doesn't mean the work stops here...

We also need to provide school desks so pupils can sit and learn in comfort. Our target is to build 100 desks with chairs, using local carpenters and locally sourced wood.



Above: Ningaia's new primary school being built and funded by JoJo.

### Latrine lover

Nema's latest project aims to teach parents how to protect their families from diarrhea - one of the biggest killers of young children. A team of volunteers have been busy training a total of 72 families, the equivalent of 360 people, to build latrines in their own homes. One of those trained is Rabia Momade, a single mum who has been able to provide her family with a private household latrine which means they no longer have to venture to the outskirts of their village. Regular work in this part of the world, (where most people are subsistence fishermen and farmers) is hard to find, so a contract like this is a great bonus. With the regular employees and the new school builders, Nema is now employing 16 people.

The project will continue to run in Rueia throughout December, during which a total of 300 households will be reached.



Above: Rabia pictured with her child.

### Scholarship update

The nearest secondary school is 50km away from the Guludo area, so the vast majority of children are unable to attend due to the time and money it takes to get there. Launched in 2007, Nema's scholarship project covers school and boarding fees, transport to and from the school at the beginning and end of every term, as well as essential school materials such as notebooks, pens, pencils and school uniforms.

We're very pleased to report that 2011 saw the funding of 127 students from 12 villages with full scholarships to study at secondary school. The new round of prospective students have now submitted their applications for 2012 places.

## Water factbox

Every day over 6,000 children worldwide die from diseases caused by drinking unsafe water. In 2007, less than 50 per cent of this area's population had access to safe water and the majority of pumps were in disrepair. So far we've completed 30 new or rehabilitated water points in 12 villages, resulting in the provision of clean water to over 12,000 people.



## Safe and well

Nema's plans to make safe eight wells in the villages of Manica, Nacutuco, Guludo, Crimize and Messano, to diminish the spread of water-borne diseases, is under way. Nema's Caitlin and Assane have met with local government officials to discuss the recruitment of a water company to run the work. Once chosen, Nema's plans

to improve the wells will begin. Nema also bought four Water Bicycles and selected four members of Naunde community to take part in the initial phase of the SOWADIS Water Project. This aims to make clean drinking water more widely available and to create greater income-generating opportunities through the selling of sterilised water.



## Shoe time!

Nema's application for 17,000 pairs of TOMS Shoes (where a pair of shoes are donated to a child in need, for every pair bought) has been approved. Caitlin and Assane got to work surveying the shoe sizes of 900 of the region's children aged 3-18, to enable them to order the right sizes for our target group.



## Malaria project

Nema's malaria workshops train families to recognise and protect themselves against malaria. The malaria project has reached the end of its current phase now that the 12 chosen villages in the region have had training. A grand total of 2,300 households (equivalent to 11,500 people) received vital mosquito nets. In the future, funding permitting, Nema will expand the project to Manica, Nampija and Nacutuco villages.

### Malaria factbox

Although a preventable and treatable disease, malaria remains the number one child killer in Mozambique. One hundred and twenty five children die from malaria every day in Mozambique, giving the country one of the highest child mortality rates in the world. Nema also distribute insecticide-treated mosquito nets to vulnerable groups such as pregnant women and children under the age of five.

**Our teams at Jojo continue to support Nema both financially and with hours of admin and fundraising support. Our graphics team, marketing team, MD and accounts departments work so hard to help this fabulous charity help so many to help themselves. Please click [here](#) to find out how you can help too or go to [www.jojomamanbebe.co.uk/pu+our-charity+Our-Charity+I](http://www.jojomamanbebe.co.uk/pu+our-charity+Our-Charity+I)**