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Dear Mr Sandhu,

Thank you very much indeed for your donation of £3,000 from the Sandhu Charitable Foundation we were delighted to receive it. It is very generous of you and we are extremely grateful that you have chosen to support us.

The work we do not only restores sight but transforms lives. Your gift will have a powerful impact on the lives, health and prospects for thousands of people that we help across the world. Thank you so much for this.

If you would ever like to know more about what we do, please do not hesitate to be in touch - my contact details are below.

I noticed that we have been corresponding with you at 56 Grange Road. If you would prefer that we used the Saunders House address on your letterhead, I will happily change this.

With our sincere thanks again - and happy New Year, Sarah Flint

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Gracia, Tanzania

Five-year-old Gracia Luvingu from Usoranga in Tanzania, washes her face at the village tap. She is helping to prevent the spread of infectious trachoma, a bacterial eye infection similar to conjunctivitis.

The disease is easily spread from person to person by unwashed hands and flies that land on the face attracted to the discharge the infection causes. Years of repeated infection scar the inside of the eyelid so severely that it turns inward and the lashes rub on the eyeball, scratching it and scarring the cornea. This is known as trichiasis, leading to severe vision loss and eventual blindness.

But trachoma can be prevented. Sightsavers and our partners follow the **SAFE** strategy for treating trachoma, which aims to tackle the disease from prevention to cure. **SAFE** stands for **S**urgery, **A**ntibiotics, **F**acial cleanliness and **E**nvironmental hygiene, which can result elimination of the disease from entire villages. Thankfully, Gracia has been taught that washing her hands and face will protect her from blinding trachoma.

