



Case Study: Nastura

Nastura is 10 years old and she is an orphan. She lives with her grandmother, Tatu Rajab, in the village of Makuyuni in Tanzania. Their house is made of clay walls with an old tin roof. The house is in bad condition and rain water soaks through the house whenever it rains.

The family find it very hard to get enough money to buy the food they need to live and sometimes they go short of food.

'My name is Nastura, I go to school at Makuyuni Primary, I am in class 4 and I am 10 years old. I have lived with my grandmother ever since my parents died.'



Nastura from Tanzania

'When I wake up in the morning, I sweep the compound, I wash the dishes and then bathe and go to school. When I get back from school I wash dishes.'

'I find it difficult to keep up with school work because I cannot go to school every day. Instead I need to help out my granny so that we can make enough money to feed the family. My granny makes and sells a local local drink made from maize-flour and seeds. I help out sometimes when I go around Makuyuni selling the drink to our neighbours.'

'I also help out by going to collect water from the local well. The queue is usually very long. Sometimes it takes me three hours to collect the water and carry it home.'

'Recently my granny has been unwell. She had to spend two weeks in hospital and she is still too weak to dig in the garden or to carry water. Things are very difficult just now and I am not sure how much longer I will be able to carry on going to school as I am needed at home. Sometimes, my family and I go to sleep hungry. But my granny thinks that it is important that we should get an education so that my brother and I will be able to look after one another when we are older.'

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