



Case Study: Sofia

Sofia lives in Makuyuni in Tanzania with her parents and her four brothers and sisters. Her family are very poor and they often go hungry. The family farm on land nearby but they could not harvest any maize last year because of the drought. Because of this the family often goes hungry.

'I am Sofia Larumbe. I am 14 years old and I have never been to school. I used to spend my days herding cattle and goats for my father but most of them died because of the drought.'



Sofia from Tanzania

'These days, I help my mother selling fruits at market as well as doing my chores at home. And when my mother gets sick, I have to go to the market alone as we need that money to buy food and other necessities.'

'I help my family with cooking and other chores. My father tells me that my main responsibilities are those of a future wife and mother and that I won't need an education for that.'

'However, I would really like to go to school one day and be like other girls that are in school. I envy them so much and I like their school uniforms too. I know if I go to school one day I will get a good job that pays well so that I can look after for my family. When I grow up I would like to be a nurse so that I can treat people.'

'Last year my father was very sick and had to go to a distant hospital. It has also been very hard for us because we didn't harvest anything last year because there was a drought.'

'I will get married this year. I am already engaged and my parents recently met my fiancé.'

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