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Student Profile

Name: **Jessy Njungu**
Gender: Female
Date of birth: 11th September, 1998
Lives in: Kaunda Square
Mother: Agnes K. Njungu
Profession: Cleaner
Father: Kambangala Njungu
Profession: Deceased
Primary School: Kaunda Square Basic School
Secondary School: **Chalo Trust School**
2012 Grade Level: **Grade 8**



Family Background:

Jessy lives with 11 other people, including her mother, 4 brothers and 1 sister in her brother-in-law's house. They moved into this house after the death of her father in December 2010. Her family is worried about the housing situation because, as in-laws, they have no guarantees and could be asked to leave at any time. Two of her brothers have graduated from school but are unable to find work. It is very hard for her mother, now a widow, to find the money to make ends meet for the family. The household income is about 1,200,000 Kwacha (\$240) per month. However, the job her mother is now doing will only yield an income after six months.

Educational Background:

Primary – Kaunda Square Basic School

Jessy has studied at Kaunda Square Basic School from Grade 1 to the present without having to stop. She enjoys KS but complains that there are not enough teachers to run clubs at the school. Her favorite subjects at school are Science and English. She has earned high marks consistently throughout her time at KS; her teachers clearly hold her in high esteem.

Jessy's Interests:

Jessy enjoyed being part of Math Club at her school before it was cancelled. She also participates in the orchestra at her church.

In her own words, Jessy has “big dreams.” She wants to become a Doctor, specifically to fight against and provide counseling for early pregnancy, especially in the villages. If she were successful she would also give back to her community by counseling people on how to

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keep their environment clean. She really wants to help her mother and her young nieces specifically, and all children in general. She feels confident that with the enough financial support she can do very well and go far in her studies.

What others think of Jessy:

Her teachers at Kaunda Square describe her as “extremely bright...the best in class, maybe the best in school.” She is also “punctual and driven.”