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Meet Samuel Mutale

Quick Facts

Name	Samuel Mutale
Birthday	24 July 2000
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Mother's Name	Elizabeth Mswimwoku
Mother's Profession	Sells ice pops
Father's Name	Robert Mutale (divorced)
Father's Profession	Unknown
Primary School	Bauleni Primary School
Secondary School	Chalo Trust
2015 Grade Level	Grade 8



Samuel's Family

Samuel lives in Bauleni, one of the most impoverished areas of Lusaka, with his mother and two younger siblings. Samuel's father, Robert, married another woman behind Samuel's mother's back. As a result, Samuel's parents are divorced. His father has been largely inconsistent and absent in the family's and Samuel's affairs, and does not support the family in any way. Samuel's mother, Elizabeth, used to have a small restaurant at a nearby market, but was closed down by the government because she didn't have the necessary permits. Since then, the family has suffered greatly. As the mother relies on selling ice pops for an income, the family makes only 150 kwacha (\$23)/month. This money must support the four family members who share a one-room home with no running water.

Samuel's Educational Background

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Samuel has attended Bauleni Primary School from Grade 1 to 7. He consistently performs at the top of his class, and most recently was awarded position 2 in his Grade 7 class. His favorite subjects are English, math, and social studies because he performs the best in those classes. He loves his teacher Ms. Faue, who encourages him to be a good and obedient student. KF chose only one student from Bauleni to sit the KF exam. However, Samuel impressed us all when, given the chance to compete, he placed #10 out of the fifty students who sat KF's exam. Samuel's quiet disposition is most likely due to his highly vulnerable background, and with an opportunity through KF, he will continue to work hard, grow his confidence, and really come into his own. Samuel is the first student from Bauleni to be awarded a KF scholarship!