

## Meet Blessing Kasabo



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### Profile

<b>Name</b>	Blessing Kasabo
<b>Birthday</b>	September 11, 2005
<b>Birth Place</b>	Lusaka, Zambia
<b>Area of Residence</b>	Kuku
<b>Mother's Name</b>	Evelyn Nthampwila
<b>Mother's Profession</b>	Hair plaiter
<b>Primary School</b>	Twatasha Primary School
<b>Secondary School</b>	Pestalozzi Education Centre
<b>2018 Grade Level</b>	Grade 8

### Blessing's Family

Blessing lives with her mother and two sisters in Kuku compound. Her father passed away in 2012, and her mother, Evelyn, has been caring for the family alone ever since. Evelyn plaits hair at Kamwala Market, and she has plans to diversify her business ventures in order to better support her daughters as they continue in their education. Blessing has five older siblings, one of whom is an automechanic. The others are all doing piece works, except for Blessing's youngest older sibling, Mary, who just finished Grade 9 at Twatasha Primary.

### Blessing's Educational Background

Blessing attended primary school at Twatasha Primary School. She regularly passes first in her class and is a class monitoress. Her favorite subjects have been English and science, partially because she appreciates the teaching styles of the teachers of those courses. She also enjoys English because it helps her learn how to speak more eloquently and science because she feels it will prepare her well to be a nurse in the future, and she enjoys learning about the world around her. For secondary school, Blessing will attend Pestalozzi Education Centre.

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## **Blessing's Extracurricular Interests**

When Blessing finishes school during the week and when she is free on weekends, sometimes she goes to the market at Kamwala with her mother in order to help her plait hair. At school, Blessing participates in running and long jump in athletics. She is also on the Quiz Team and in the Debate Club. Her favorite activity is the Quiz Team, because, she says, it allows her to push her brain to work harder. Blessing is also an usher at her church, and she models in any extra time she has.

## **Blessing's Thoughts**

Blessing cares deeply about the people in her life. At one point during the group interview, one of her friends became overwhelmed when she articulated memories of her father who had passed away. Blessing took time during the interview to comfort that friend and explain to the staff that it is difficult for that friend to talk about her father. Her caring for others is also evidenced in her desire to become a nurse once she completes school.

During her home interview, Blessing discussed the importance of education in her life and for her future. According to her, "Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world," and it is "the key to success." The KF staff was impressed by her reflectiveness and maturity.



(Left to Right) Mary (Blessing's sister), Evelyn (her mother), Blessing, and Mrs. Nkowane (Kucetekela Foundation Executive Director) during the home interview.

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Blessing (far left) and her mother and sister at their home.