

## Meet Bupe Musonda



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### Profile

<b>Name</b>	Bupe Musonda
<b>Birthday</b>	May 2, 2005
<b>Birth Place</b>	Lusaka, Zambia
<b>Area of Residence</b>	Misisi
<b>Mother's Name</b>	Mary Musonda
<b>Mother's Profession</b>	Maid
<b>Primary School</b>	Lotus Primary School
<b>2019 Grade Level</b>	Grade 8
<b>Secondary School</b>	Pestalozzi Education Centre

### Bupe's Family

Bupe lives in Misisi together with her mother, elder sister and younger brother. She also has two other elder sisters and an elder brother, all of whom live in different parts of Lusaka. Bupe's mother works as a maid in various houses in Madras, one of the areas of Lusaka predominantly occupied by Indian families. Bupe's father passed away six years ago, and since then, her mother has been supporting the family on her own, working full time and maintaining confidence in her children and their education, expressing a track record of involvement in their schooling and academic activities.

### Bupe's Educational Background

Bupe attended primary school at Lotus Primary School. She usually passes numbers one through four in her class, completing the year as best student when she was in Grade 4. Her favorite subjects are science and English, because she feels they will help her in her journey to become a doctor. She has been a prefect at school since Grade 5. During her group interview, Bupe exhibited the leadership training she's learned during her time as a prefect in an activity where the other students pretended to misbehave and Bupe had to bring the classroom back to order.

## **Bupe's Extracurricular Interests**

In addition to her school work, Bupe is involved in a variety of extracurricular activities. She attends church at the United Church of Zambia, where she participates in the Girls' Brigade. Over the past several years, she has been involved in drama and poetry at her church. She has also enjoyed playing netball. She also participated in a community DREAMS club, which empowers young women in her community, teaches them their rights and educates them about the biology and spread of HIV/AIDS. In the past academic year, she has largely taken a break from these activities, so she could adequately prepare for her primary school leaving examinations. She has, though, maintained her participation in her school's debate club, which she hopes to continue in secondary school.

## **Bupe's Thoughts**

During the home interviews, Bupe discussed her desire to eventually become a doctor and its connection to her father's sickness before he died. When he was sick, and the family brought him to UTH, she saw the way the doctors were able to help him. Her father told her during this time that he thought she should become a doctor, and this piece of guidance has stayed with her ever since.

She cited that if she could improve her community, she would work together with the government to improve the roads and build clinics in Misisi. Building more clinics in Misisi would especially help community members who don't have the transport money to travel far to access farther clinics for their healthcare.