

Meet Doreen Siamafuwa Mwanza



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Profile

Name	Doreen Siamafuwa Mwanza
Birthday	January 8, 2005
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Area of Residence	Paradise
Mother's Name	Rachel Siamafuwa
Mother's Profession	Sells floor polish
Father's Name	Henry Mwanza
Father's Profession	Works at Crown Paint
Primary School	Lilanda Primary School
2019 Grade Level	Grade 8
Secondary School	Chalo Trust School

Doreen's Family

Doreen lives in a neighborhood of Lusaka called Paradise with her parents and her three siblings. Her mother, Rachel, sells Cobra, a brand of floor polish, in their community, and her father works as a general worker for Crown Paint, a popular paint company in Zambia. The water supply in Paradise is so polluted that not only does the family have to walk several hundred yards to fetch water, but they also have to buy all the water that they use. Among the family's daily challenges, they cite regular access to food, clothing the children, and finding enough money to purchase school supplies and uniforms. Doreen's mother's sister and her family also live nearby the family in Paradise. Doreen's aunt and her mother expressed a serious commitment to ensuring that Doreen finishes her education, because they believe that she will be able to support the family with her successes.

Doreen's Educational Background

Doreen attended primary school at Lilanda Primary, where she often passed number one in her class. Her favorite subjects are English and social studies. She enjoys English because she enjoys improving her reading and English fluency, and she likes social studies because she feels that learning about history and current affairs is importing. Despite having forgotten her glasses at home when she was writing the KF recruitment exams, she managed to pass in the

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top ten of those who wrote the examinations. She used to be a prefect at school, helping teachers with their work and writing assignments for her classmates on the board.

Doreen's Extracurricular Interests

Outside of her academics, Doreen is involved in her church, the Living World Gospel Church, by singing in the choir and helping to keep the church clean and swept. She particularly enjoys singing.

At school, Doreen participates in sports, and she especially enjoys running and netball. She is the best in her age group for running at her school and competed at the Olympic Youth Development Centre in Lusaka in the 1500 m race last year, in which she took fourth place out of all the competitors.

Doreen's Thoughts

When Doreen grows up, she'd like to become a doctor. She has a passion for healing people and taking care of those who are sick. She also wants to make sure to provide for her younger siblings and facilitate them completing their educations.

When asked about what she'd like to change or improve about her community, Doreen cited the importance of ending the ritual killings that are common to that area. Each year, there are a series of killings of community members to harvest their organs for religious purposes, and Paradise, the area where she and her family live, is prone to such killings, making the area extremely unsafe. Doreen would work on this issue by holding community discussion groups and sensitizing members of her community.