

## Meet Ruth Siakonga



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### Profile

<b>Name</b>	Ruth Siakonga
<b>Birthday</b>	17th June 2007
<b>Birth Place</b>	Lusaka, Zambia
<b>Area of Residence</b>	Kamanga
<b>Father's Name</b>	Philemon Sikaonga
<b>Father's Profession</b>	Restaurant Owner
<b>Mother's Name</b>	Bridget Phiri
<b>Mother's Profession</b>	Vegetable Seller
<b>Primary School</b>	Kamanga Primary School

### Ruth's Family Background

Ruth lives with her parents and siblings in a two-room house with no power and electricity in Kamanga. She has four siblings, with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> born having graduated from high school last year and currently looking for employment in order to help support the family. The 3<sup>rd</sup> born is in Grade 10 and the last born is 7 years old and is in grade one. Ruth's mother was born and raised in Chipata. She only moved to Lusaka when she got married in 2004. The lack of funds meant that she was unable to attain any education. On the other hand, Ruth's father was able to finish his primary school education, and he later moved to Lusaka at the tender age of 15. After his arrival, he began working in the Lusaka central business district as street vendor, selling water and fruits. After years of saving, he has now been able to open up a small restaurant in Lusaka. Their family income stems from the father's restaurant and the mother's vegetable business at Kamanga market.

## **Educational Background**

Ruth attended Kamanga Primary School of Kamanga for her primary education, where she was consistently in the top 3 of her class from grade 1 through grade 7. She did impressively well on the KF entrance exam, emerging as the best student. She is currently the class monitor, tasked with the duty of maintaining order in her class.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

Beyond the tedious academic rigor Ruth faces at school, she is involved in various activities such as drawing, singing, dancing and marching at church. She enjoys hanging out with her friends in her community and sees this as something important in building long lasting relationships, which she termed 'spending time together.' She happens to be a huge fan of games such as word legends, which help in building her English skills.

## **Her Thoughts**

Ruth is a girl who is very confident and would love to do great things in her life. The everyday struggles that she witnesses in her family provide motivation for her to be successful. Ruth would love to be a doctor after she graduates from college. She is highly fascinated by the prospect of traveling the world, through the opportunities available to KF students. It has been a life-long dream to be the first one in her family to board an aircraft.