

Meet Mukanda Monde



Profile	
Name	Mukanda Monde
Birthday	November 4, 2007
Birth Place	Lusaka, Zambia
Area of Residence	Mount Makulu
Father's Name	Kayenge Monde
Father's Profession	Retired; former SEED Control employee
Mother's Name	Dorothy Kalunga Monde
Mother's Profession	Sells charcoal and secondhand clothes
Primary School	Mount Makulu Primary School
2020 Grade Level	Grade 8
Secondary School	Chalo Trust School

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Mukanda's Family

Mukanda stays with his mother and father in Mount Makulu. He has three biological sisters, though one does not live at home. His sisters all completed Grade 12 but have had difficulty securing the necessary funds to rewrite their exams and gaining admission to a tertiary program. He also lives with two of his cousins whose mother passed away. Mukanda's father worked for the government for several years until retirement; they have owed him pension money since 2009. As a result, he has resorted to small scale farming to provide for the family. With the recent drought, the farming has not proved profitable. Mukanda enjoys a close relationship with both of his parents. His name means "belt," as his father is monitoring him and mentoring him often. For example, his father checks his books and assignments every day when Mukanda comes home from school.

Mukanda's Educational Background

Mukanda's academic excellence was showcased as he came out number two on the KF exam with an exceptionally high score in Mathematics. When asked how he prepared to take the KF exam, he shared that he began studying before he even knew whether he would be selected from the group interview. His favorite subjects are Science and Mathematics. He soared through his Grade 7 national exams, passing with 782 points out of 900.

Mukanda's Extracurricular Interests

Mukanda is heavily involved in church. He even runs for the church athletics team. He has taken first and second place in the 100m relay for his church team. In addition, he participates in debate. He is very active in helping out at home as well. His father is looking to him to take the mantle and provide for the family as the only son.

Honors, Awards and Certificates:

- Passing #1 throughout primary school
- Primary school prefect
- Primary school class monitor

Mukanda's Thoughts

Mukanda has noticed that the medical clinic in his community has to refer patients out because they do not have the adequate resources to provide comprehensive care. One day, he sees himself convincing the government to open proper clinics. He also sees working as a doctor and providing medical education as a pathway to reducing community issues like alcoholism. Even with this vision, he also could see himself becoming an accountant.

On a personal note, he aspires to one day build a home and purchase everything for his family.