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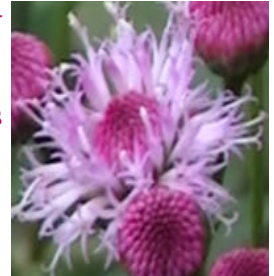


Emmanuel Sairowua – Emmanuel received top scores on his Kenya Clearing Primary Exams. His father is a drunkard so there is no money for secondary school. Not to give up, Emanuel sat through class 8 3 times hoping somehow he'd get a sponsor for secondary school. This is not uncommon in Kenya and students are not allowed to sit for more than 3 years. Three was Emmanuel's lucky number as OFDC was able to sponsor him this year due to another child completing secondary last year.

Emmanuel is not shy. He asks many questions and will be an asset to Kenya when he completes his studies.

Jacinta Nyuthe : Jacinta received top scores on her Kenya Clearing Primary Exams. Her family had no money to send her to secondary school so she repeated class 8, hoping for a sponsor. She joined secondary school when her father borrowed money for her school fees. During school break she helped her father “dig” to repay the loan. Her mother who also worked at farming to repay the loan, was stricken with cerebral malaria and is now mentally ill (the after-effects of this disease) and unable to work. Jacinta dropped from school to help her father.

Not giving up, she wrote a letter to OFDC pleading for school assistance to continue her education. Jacinta is back in school due to OFDC donor contributions. Demonstrating strength to ask for help, Jacinta is sure to be a leader and voice for Kenyan women.



Simon Ledama: Simon's mother gave up a day's salary (\$1) from working in the fields to come to Oloiboti Primary to ask OFDC for assistance for her son's secondary education.

Because Simon is a top student he receives some community support but not enough to cover all of his fees. He was at risk of being “chased home”. Simon's mother arrived bare-foot, a true sign of poverty. When asking for assistance, the poorest of the poor will borrow shoes when they have none. The help we give Simon will be felt by his mama and siblings.



Asanta sana (thank you).