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SISILIA'S STORY TANZANIA

PRIMARY (F TO 2)

PHOTO STORYBOOK

Sisilia preparing to go to school. Photos: Caritas Australia



We all need water, but some people don't have clean water at home or at school. What happens when they don't?



Sisilia is 13 years old. She lives with her family in Tanzania. Her home is small, with one bed and no toilet.



'My mother does small farming and sometimes sells vegetables to get money. Life is hard, but we try our best.'

- Sisilia



In Tanzania, a lot of people do not have access to clean drinking water or toilets.



Every day, Sisilia walked a long way to get water from canal. She did this 3 times a day. The water was dirty and sometimes made people sick.



The water was heavy and took a long time to collect.
Sometimes Sisilia was late for school or too tired to learn.



Sisilia's community and school joined the A+ Successor Project. The project helped build water taps in Sisilia's village and school.



Now, it only takes Sisilia 2 minutes to collect water near her home and there are water taps at her school too!



At school, the children can wash their hands, drink clean water and water the school garden. They eat the food they grow for lunch.



Sisilia also joined the School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH) Club. She learnt about handwashing and keeping the classrooms and toilets clean.



She teaches other students and sometimes parents what she has learnt through speaking, songs and poems.



'I feel proud when I teach others about hygiene and sanitation through SWASH club.'

- Sisilia



Sisilia is now a leader in her community. She is determined to continue learning. Her favourite subjects are Science, English and Maths.



In the future, Sisilia wants to become a pilot so she can see new places. She also wants to build a strong and comfortable home for her family.



She hopes that the time she saves collecting water can be used to focus on her schoolwork and achieve her dreams.



You are helping families like Sisilia's when you share her story and donate to Project Compassion.

QUESTIONS

1. What made life hard for Sisilia and her family?
2. How did the A+ Successor Project and Caritas Australia help?
3. Why did Sisilia find it hard to do her schoolwork?
4. What has Sisilia learnt through the SWASH Club?
5. What does Sisilia dream of becoming and why?
6. How will you share Sisilia's story with others?