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Shaniella's Story Solomon Islands

Primary (F-2)
Photo Storybook



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This is Shaniella's story.



Shaniella is 23 years old. She grew up in a village in the Solomon Islands with her father, mother and three brothers.



Shaniella went to a local school until Grade 11 but was unable to complete her final year.



She knew that without the right job skills, she would find it hard to earn money for the things she needed.



In 2020, Shaniella decided she wanted to learn new skills. So she moved away from home to study at a rural training centre.



Shaniella is interested in learning how to work with visitors to the Solomon Islands, for example in restaurants and hotels. This is called hospitality and tourism.



She also started learning how to grow food, cook and sew.



Not long after Shaniella started, the school was hit by a landslide. It was terrible.



The landslide destroyed the school's water system. It also damaged buildings and the food garden.



Caritas helped the school install eight water tanks.



Students and the local community had access to clean drinking water and toilets again!



Caritas also provided planting materials to restore the vegetable garden.



200 chickens were provided along with training on how to look after them.



Caritas ran some Disaster Risk Reduction workshops, to help Shaniella and her community learn about risks and what to do in an emergency.



Now that there's enough food to eat and water for drinking and washing, Shaniella can complete her job skills training.



She is confident she will be ready to work in the hospitality and tourism industry when the Solomon Islands opens up to international visitors again.



Life is full of hope for Shaniella, for her school community and for all future generations.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did Shaniella decide to move away from home?
2. What happened at Shaniella's training centre?
3. How did Caritas Australia help?
4. What does Shaniella want to do when she finishes her training at the centre?

