

# PROJECT COMPASSION



## *Jambo!* (That means hello in Swahili!)

My name is Sisilia – I'm 13 years old and I live in a small village in northern Tanzania. You might recognise me from this year's Project Compassion videos, or maybe you've learnt about me and my community in your parish this year. I'm so excited to hear that you have taken part in Project Compassion, and I wanted to write to you to say a HUGE **Asante Sana** (thank you very much)!

For a long time, I had to walk long distances every day to collect water. It would take me up to 30 minutes each way, and I had to do it three times a day! The water would sometimes make me sick, and the long walks often left me feeling very tired and unable to focus on my studies. But with the help of people like **YOU** and your amazing support of Caritas Australia, everything has changed.

Thanks to Caritas Australia and its partner, the Diocese of Mbulu Development Department, my school and village now have clean water taps – and they have made such a difference! It now takes me just two minutes to collect safe, clean water for my family, giving me more time to focus on my education, my favourite subjects (English, Science and Maths), and to chase my dream of one day becoming a pilot.

I also joined a SWASH (School Water, Hygiene and Sanitation) Club, where I help to teach my friends about hygiene and sanitation through songs and poems – sometimes, we even get to teach our parents too! I feel proud to be able to share what I have learned with the rest of my community.

Your fundraising during Project Compassion is making a huge difference, helping children like me go to school and build brighter futures instead of spending hours walking for water. I hope you feel proud – I think you are incredible!

**Asante Sana (thank you very much),**

Sisilia

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