



Relationships

Being a Global Citizen 2 - Scenario Stories - Ages 7-8 - Piece 5

1. I have to fetch water from the well twice a day - before and after school. It can sometimes take me up to an hour since it is 2 km away and I often have to wait my turn at the well. Even though I wake up really early, I am still often late for class. After school, I find it difficult to find the time to do my homework and play with my friends since, I have to fetch more water and do other household chores to help my parents.
2. My parents were not able to go to school since they were very poor and had to help out on the farm. They want me to go to school to get a good education, but most of the time they are unable to afford the school fees and necessary school supplies. Also, if I help them work, we are less likely to go without food. They are considering making my sister and I quit school so we can help out around the house while our brothers go to school. They think it isn't as important for girls to get an education.
3. My dad lost his job and we have been struggling to pay the bills. They turned off our gas, since we couldn't pay and we've been having a tough time this winter. Even if we cuddle up with all of our blankets, it's still really cold. Sometimes when it's really cold, we all go over to my aunt's house and sleep in the living room so that we can spend the night without freezing.
4. There are 5 of us in our family; my mum, my dad and my younger brother and sister. My Dad works quite late every evening, so when I come home I have to look after my little brother and sister, and help them with my homework before cooking and serving our tea. My mum has a medical condition that means that she cannot move around the house very much, so I do the cooking and cleaning, and then when my dad comes home at about 8 in the evening I can do my homework. Sometimes I feel a bit lonely as I can't see friends after school or at the weekend because I have to look after everyone else.
5. My birth mother was unable to take care of me so I was taken into foster care. Some of the families I have lived with have been OK, but others have not been so nice. Some haven't cared what I said or thought and didn't treat me so well. Luckily for me, I am currently living with a family that is really nice and supportive. They are even talking about adopting me. I really hope they do, because it is really difficult to move around so much and not have a place to call home. I would really like a forever family because then I would feel loved.