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YLEP01 - ABER PATRICIA



Patricia Aber is 19 years old. She was born on the 3rd of November 1997. She has reached S.6 level of education. Patricia has never seen her father, although he is still alive. She grew up with her auntie, whom she thought was her biological mother, until the age of 14 when the truth about her mother was revealed to her. She had a hard time accepting her biological mother, since she had dumped her at her sister's house at the tender age of two.

She desires to pursue a catering course and her dream is to one day open up her own restaurant.



YELP02 - NANSAMBA KETRA RUTH

Ketra Ruth Nansamba is 19 years old; born on the 14th of November 1998. In 2016 she finished her Primary Seven education. Her father passed on and she lives with her mother in Ntinda. Life has not been very friendly, but she hopes for a better tomorrow. Her mother own a small grocery stall from which the small earnings help them to survive.

Petra has taken on petty jobs in the village to be able to support her family. Her dream is to become a fashion designer with the biggest boutique in town. She wants to be able to employ jobless women. If given the chance to go back to school, sewing and tailoring is what she desires.

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YLEP03 - ACHIENG RUTH

Ruth Achieng is 21 years old; born on the 24th of October 1992. She is the fourth born of eight children and lives in Kasokoso (an area within Kampala) with her mother and siblings. Her father passed away while she was in Primary Three (P.3). Her mother was able to pay her school fees for a year after and then Hope Alive! stepped in from P.4 - S.2. She later received a sports bursary (scholarship) in ballet in Mbarara at Citizen High School where she studied S.3 - S.4. During the school holiday she got pregnant and could not continue with her studies.



She was blessed with a baby girl on 13th November 2016 whom she named Mercy Prossy Ikiror.

Ruth felt out of place and did not feel she belonged with her age-mates. She has been training in ballet but the school has not been faithful in paying the salaries at the Ballet School.

She hopes one to become a professional referee or a flight attendant. However, she is so passionate about baking and hopes one day to open a Bakery.

YLEP04 - TWIUCWIN JOAN

Joan Twiucwin is 20 years old. She was born on the 27th of July 1997. Her parents are peasants staying in the village. She has been raised by her aunt whom she lives with in Naguru (a slum in Kampala). She is the third born of six children. Her aunt had been paying her school fees, but is not able to support her any longer due to lack of funds. Senior Four (S.4) is her level of education.



Joan would love to take on the tailoring and design course.

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YELP05 - MASENDI PROSCOVIA



Proscovia Masendi is 19 years old; born on the 23rd of March 1998. She lives in Naguru (a slum in Kampala) with her parents. She is the second born of five children. Proscovia has been one of the beneficiaries of Hope Alive!. Hope Alive! sponsored her education from Primary (P.1) through Senior Four (S.4).

However, Proscovia got pregnant during the long school vacation. She is blessed with a baby boy named Gabriel Ranson, born on the 29th of November 2016. She could not go back to school as she had disappointed her sponsors. Her father got fired from his job and that made it even more difficult for her to fulfill her dreams. Her mother is a seasonal business woman, depending on market demand. Sometimes she sells mangoes, bananas, groundnuts (peanuts).

She desires to take on the catering course if given the chance. She loves cooking!



YELP06 - ALPHA ADAGIO ABAHO

Alpha Adagio Abaho is 17 years old; born on the 8th of January 2000. She lives in Mbuya with her mother and siblings. Alpha could not continue with her studies because the mother did not have the money to take her further. Her father never played any role in her life. She does not know where he is or if he is alive. She is the last born of nine children.

If given the chance, Alpha would love to take on the catering course.

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YELP07 - MITIWU LAUREEN

Laureen Mitiwu is 20 years old. She was born on the 5th of September 1997. She has five siblings. She was raised by a single father. The mother divorced the father, so she was sent to live with her grandmother at Bweyogerere. Life became so difficult, so she started babysitting neighbor's children. By doing this she has paid for her own education. She is now at university pursuing a degree in procurement and supply chain. However, the hustle of trying to raise her own school fees is wearing her down.

Laureen desires to get a skill in sewing & tailoring.



YELP08 - AGUTI BRENDA ARIKU

Aguti Brenda Ariku is 20 years old; born on the 11th of May 1997. Her level of education is Senior Four (S.4). School fees has been her major challenge as her parents have always had difficulty paying her school fees. So she never returned home with her final exam reports (A Level Leaving Exam) because of the outstanding balance due. In fact her final transcript is still at school because she has never been able to clear her dues. She lives in Naguru (a slum in Kampala) with both parents. She is the third child out of six.

If given the chance, Brenda would love to attend the hairdressing course.

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K03 - NAMUDDU NORAH is a 67 year old mother of 10 grown children and cares for 5 grandchildren ages 2 to 17. She was widowed in 2006 when her husband died of malaria. Since then she has struggled to provide a home and food for her family. She currently works for Kampala City Council Authority "slashing grass" at a very low wage.

Her goal is to complete basic business training and to save in the village bank so she can develop her business of selling flowers and trees. She states, "I am not educated and so did not go to school. I love gardening and started a business out of my hobby. I also love singing and praying."



K04 - AFWOYORWOT MATILDA is a 56 year old widow and mother of seven, five of whom are under the age of 18. She has been their sole caregiver since the death of her husband in 2006. Matilda currently works for Sseko Designs manufacturing sandals to provide for her family.

She is a born-again Christian, depending on the Lord for her every challenge. "When my husband passed away life became so hard, feeding the family was impossible for a very long time until I got a job sorting beans for people. After that, I got employment at Sseko and life is a little better than it was before.

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K06 - NAUTONO ESTHER NALONGO is 55 years old, a widow since 1995. Her husband died of AIDS leaving her HIV+. She is a born-again Christian with five children in her care ages 18 down to 4. Esther completed nurses training and worked as a nurse, but is currently unemployed.

She desires to complete basic business training and then attend sewing and tailoring school, so she can pursue a future in tailoring.



K13 - ELIZABETH NAMBAFU is 59 years old and a widow since the death of her husband in 2002. She cares for her 17 year old daughter and three grandchildren. When her husband died his family took all the property and evicted her and her children.

Elizabeth is a born-again Christian who was working as a cook at the Compassion offices until the center closed and she lost her job.

Her desire is to complete the basic business training and take out a loan from the village bank to start up a business.



K15 - OKOLLE MARGARET is 54 years old and has been a widow since 2005 when her husband died of a stroke. She has eight grown children, and still has one finishing S6 level. In addition, she cares for three small children ages 5 months to 8 years.

Her small business is selling roasted peanuts and making peanut butter paste. She has been trying to build a house but has not finished it yet. She is a Catholic who worships at St. Jude Church.

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K18 - ROSE OKELLO is a 52 year old widow who has two grown children and is caring for five more, all aged 15 and under. Her husband died suddenly in 1992. Her in-laws rejected her and her two sons. She practiced knitting and was able to support and pay school fees for her boys.

As a born-again Christian, she knew God would make a way. Today she has a job as store keeper at Nakasero.



K19 - OZELLE MAGDALENA is a 62 year old widow whose husband died of prostate cancer. She also lost four children on different occasions. When her daughter died she took over care of her grandchild. One of her children died of high blood pressure, another of pneumonia, and another of poisoning.

She is currently selling greens in Nakawa market, a business that is seasonal and not very successful. She lists her religion as Catholic and worships at St. Jude Church in Naguru.



K27 - BUSINGYE LOY is a 58 year old widow whose husband was killed in an auto accident 22 years ago. Since then she has raised her four children and is caring for one more. She is a born-again Christian and worships at Vision Church. Even though life has been hard she has managed to keep these children in school by selling vegetables and working as a messenger at the Uganda Coffee Marketing Board.

Joy is looking forward to basic business training and taking of small loans from the village bank in order to develop a more sustainable business.

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K31 - AKONGO AGNES 49 years old, proud mother of three sons, one of which is still living at home. She also cares for a ten year old. Her husband died of AIDS in 1999. She feared she would be HIV+ and so put off testing until 2004 when she learned of her HIV+ status.

In 2004 she contracted meningitis and lost her sight and her memory for a several month period. She is thanking God for her life since regaining both her sight and memory.

She would some day like to have her own shop selling second-hand clothing.



K34 - NABALE JOYCE is 56 years old, a widow since 1995 when her husband died of a snake bite. She has one child of her own and takes care of two others. She is a nursery school teacher and sells poultry to provide for her family.

She is a born-again Christian who fellowships at Lugogo Baptist Church and loves the Lord.

She hopes to learn through the basic business training how to make her poultry business more self-sustaining.



K35 - ADYERO EVELYN is a 35 year old widow whose husband was killed in an auto accident in 2003. She was left to care for their four children plus three others not her own. She has a seasonal retail vegetable business and she makes beads to help provide for her large family.

She is saddened because she learned 13 years after the fact that she was orphaned at a young age and raised by a family she thought was hers. Now she feels very alone.