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## Student Profile

Name: **Margaret Ngoma**

Gender: Female  
Date of birth: 13<sup>th</sup> February 1996  
Place of birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Mother: Daka Atiness  
Profession: Unemployed

Primary School: Chibelo Basic School

Secondary School: **Chalo Trust School**

2010 Grade Level: **Grade 8**



*Margaaret and her mentor*

### Family Background:

Margaret lives with her mother in Kalikiliki. She is 51 years old and only completed her education through Grade 6. Margaret's father passed away in 2003. The family now lives in a three-room home which floods during the rainy season. Margaret is one of six children. The first and second-born children are married and do not live at home, the third-born child, Margaret's brother, lives at home and works as a security guard to support his mother. He earns about K350-400,000 (\$75) per month, although the work is not consistent. Mamuna, the fourth-born son, graduated from Grade 12 in 2007 and now does "casual work." The fifth-born child also finished school and is now unemployed. Margaret is the sixth-born and youngest.

### Educational Background:

#### **Primary – Chibelo Basic School**

Margaret has attended Chibelo Basic School from Grades 1 through 7 where she liked her teachers because they encouraged her. English and Social Studies were her favorite subjects. She placed number one in her class in seventh grade. She excelled especially in English and Mathematics.

### Margaret's Interests:

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Margaret's hobbies include reading and singing. She also participates in netball where she is a defender. She also participates in private tutoring after school. She has also been a member of the club Family Health Trust (FHT) since 2003 where she learns about HIV prevention during weekly meetings. An important lesson the organization has taught her is not to succumb to group influences.

## Career Interests:

Margaret aspires to be a doctor. "I will educate the community concerning health matters and teaching the youth to abstain from drugs and sex before marriage. I will also teach the community about the dangers of sexually transmitted infection and how they can avoid it. I will also empower youths to resist peer pressure so that they can be good citizens of this country.

## Teacher's Comments:

"Margaret has the potential to learn and go far. She is always the best in the class since I started teaching, and she is well disciplined. She is obedient both in class and out."

## Margaret's Thoughts:

"My name is Margaret Ngoma and I am aged 13. I started primary school at Chibelo Primary School and that is where I am now doing grade seven. I am the last born from my family of six, with three brothers and two sisters. I like singing in the church choir where we congregate and helping my friends in need.

I was not able to go to school because of school fees, but with the introduction of free primary education by the government, I am able, so I really thank the Zambian government for that. When I started schooling, we did not have enough teachers, but now we have enough teachers and they are helping us academically. I had a problem when thinking where I could get school support when I go to Grade 8. But now I am happy because Kucetekela Foundation is willing to help those in need.

I feel encouraged by the Kucetekela Foundation and I know that I will go far with my education since Kucetekela is ready to help me better myself and my family."