



# Mufindi Moments

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## What does Education mean to you?

For students all around the world, the month of May signifies an end—the air grows warmer, homework dwindles, and summer vacation is within reach. However, May in Mufindi is anything but warm, and our students are hard at work pushing themselves through exam review. The days grow shorter and a misty chill has settled over the mountains. So we do our best to keep our kids focused through this winter slump.

In this issue of Mufindi Moments, we want to take the time out to celebrate the educational achievements of our students and the educational initiatives of Foxes' NGO. Student sponsorship is one channel for sustainable development that needs constant energy and funding. The investment in our local youth is more impactful than we realize. Building up the infrastructure of Mufindi is key, but unlike walls and floors that show wear and tear with use, the seeds of educational opportunity flourish with time.

**Foxes' NGO is currently sponsoring the educational pursuits of 11 O-level local secondary school students to attend Madisi Secondary School and 7 A-level/University students to attend schools all around Tanzania.** Please see our "Fast Facts" panel inside for a more thorough breakdown of what sponsorship responsibility means. It is our goal that by investing in our children and providing educational opportunities, we can start growing the change Mufindi needs to heal itself from the HIV/AIDS crisis.

In the next few pages, you will meet our wonderful O-level students and hear their stories and dreams. And they have big dreams.

### Meet our Kids!

- Kain Kilanga
- Ava Mtende
- Simwache Chang'a
- Zakaria Vating'a
- Elkana Mduvike
- Dotto Mtilega
- Yasinta Mtilega
- Dismas Mkonye
- Kulwa Mtilega
- Datrai Masonda
- Auleliana Mmeta



**Auleliana Mdeti**

**Form 1**

*-What is your favorite subject?*

I like to study Chemistry.

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I would like to be doctor when I grow up.

*-If you could give advice/suggestions to younger students, what would you say?*

I would say this, study hard and don't play in class. You should listen to the teachers when they are teaching you.

*-How do you want to give back in your community?*

I want to teach the community that importance of education. These days, life is education.



**Elkana Mvudike**

**Form 1**

*-.What is your favorite subject?*

Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Swahili.

*- What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I would like to be a nurse.

*-Why is school important?*

My school is important because it is the source of my life.

*-If you could give advice/suggestions to younger students, what would you say?*

I would tell them to study hard.

*-What would you want to tell your family?*

I would tell them that we are studying hard because for example, our brothers, sisters and mothers may depend on us for the future.



**Dotto Mtilega**

**Form 2**

*-What year are you in school?*

I am in form two.

*- What is your favorite subjects?*

I like to study civics.

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I want to be a lawyer.

*-In five years, what do you want to be doing?*

In five years, I want to be working on something that is bringing development.

*-How do you want to give back in your community?*

I would like to thank them for helping to care for me through my studies. I want to return the favor and be able to take care of my family and teach some things to my family and community which can bring positive changes. I also want to teach the importance of education because, education is the key of life.

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

After finishing school, I would like to be a doctor in a big hospital like Mumbili or Ikonda.

*-If you could tell visitors one thing about your life in Mufindi, what would you tell them?*

Mufindi is a district with lots of natural resources but the people here do not have much education on how to use the natural resources. Because of this, the people of Mufindi are poor because they have the resources but they don't know how to use them in order to bring development to our district. Mufindi is behind in development because the people haven't gotten enough education and the people who are educated are not enough to teach the others so that we can develop our district. Also, I would tell them about the high rate of HIV transmission in Mufindi. People here don't have the best education about the transmission of HIV.

*-In five years, what do you want to be doing?*

In five years I want to have built a house for my family to live in and a house for me myself to live in. And I hope to be working.



**Datrai Masonda**

**Form 4**

### Secondary School Fast Facts

- 11 sponsored O-level secondary school students who live at the Children's Village or in Igoda Village.
- O-level: Pre-form to Form 4
- Foxes' NGO also sponsors 6 A-level/University students.
- All 11 O-level students are vulnerable children— having lost one or both parents.



**Dismas Mkonye**

**Form 3**

### What does sponsorship provide?

- \$80 USD covers the cost of school fees for one year for one student.
- \$90 USD pays for school clothing for one student.
- \$45 USD pays for school supplies for one student for an entire year.
- \$175 USD provides school lunches for one student for a year.
- \$35 USD provides new school books for one student for one year.

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I would like to work in tourism or go to the army.

*-Why is school important?*

School is important because education is the source which brings you from a dark place into the light.

*-What is a challenge that you have overcome that you are proud of?*

Some of the challenges I have faced are not having enough money to pay school fees, not having money at the times when we needed to buy school supplies or pay other contributions, and living very far away from school.

*-In five years, what do you want to be doing?*

In five years, I want to be testing to be qualified to do the work I want to do. And to be helping a community project.

*-If you could tell visitors one thing about your life in Mufindi, what would you tell them?*

I would first congratulate them on the work that's been done here in Mufindi with helping people with HIV. I would tell them that I am living a better life because of the NGO and the help they've given me. I am doing well, sleeping well, eating well and getting treatment.

*-Where do you come from?*

I come from Mlevelwa Village.

*-What is your favorite subject?*

Chemistry and Biology

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I would like to be a nurse.

*-What advice would you give your family?*

To study hard in order to save our future.

*-If you could tell visitors to Mufindi one thing about your life, what would you tell them?*

That we are studying hard because education is the key to life.

*-How do you want to give back in your community?*

I will tell my community that education is the key to life so study hard in order to have a good life.



**Ava Mtende**

**Form 1**



**Yasinta Mtilga**

**Form 2**

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I want to be an accountant in a bank.

*-In five years, what do you want to be doing?*

I want to be helping to care for young children in orphanages, doing work like: washing their clothes, playing with them, and teaching them to talk and say short phrases like "thank you sister", "Good morning aunt, mother, brother, father, grandmother etc."

*-Why is school important?*

I know that my family doesn't have a lot of money, so school is very important to me in order to help my family and the surrounding community. After I get an education I want to get a job so that I will be able to help vulnerable people in my community like street children, the disabled and the elderly.

*-What is a challenge that you have overcome that you are proud of?*

I used to be very shy. I felt shy to all people; my classmates, teachers and leaders. I felt too shy to look people in the face when they were talking to me. Now I have more confidence.

*-What is your favorite subject?*

My favorite subject is Geography.

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I would like to work in the tourism industry.

*-In five years, what do you want to be doing?*

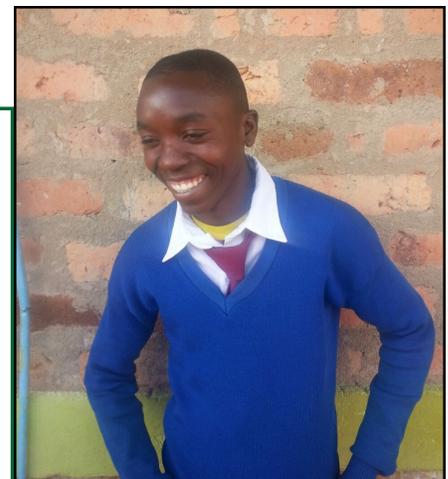
I want to be a translator for tourists that come to Tanzania. And I would like to have my own home.

*-Why is school important?*

School is important because I am increasing my knowledge to better my life for the future.

*-What would you want to tell your family?*

I want to say that we should work hard, live in peace and love one another.



**Kulwa Mtilega**

**Form 3**

*-What is your favorite subject?*

I like to study English, Swahili and math.

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I would like to be a teacher.

*-In five years, what do you want to be doing?*

I want to be helping disabled children and elderly people.

*-Why is school important?*

It is important because if you don't study you will have big problems in life.

*-How do you want to give back in your community?*

I want to teach people that you have to study hard. If you can study then you will be able to get work and you can have a good life.

*-If you could tell wageni one thing about your life in Mufindi, what would you tell them?*

I would tell them that the old life is different than the new life.



**Simwache Chang'a**

**Form 1**



**Zakaria Vating'a**

**Pre –form**

*-Where do you come from?*

I come from Mkonge village.

*-What is your favorite subject?*

I like to study Physics.

*-What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I want to be an electrician.

*-In five years, what do you want to be doing?*

The type of work which brings development.

*-Why is school important?*

Because education is the key of life.

*-If you could give advice/suggestions to younger students, what would you say?*

I would tell them to study hard.

*.-What is your favorite subject?*

My favorite subject is Biology.

*- What do you want to be when you grow up?*

I want to be a doctor.

*-In five years, what do you want to be doing?*

I want to be continuing with my studies.

*-Why is school important?*

Because education saves you from having a bad life and allows you to have a good life.

*- If you could give advice/suggestions to younger students, what would you say?*

I would tell them to have good behavior and to study hard.

*-How do you want to give back in your community?*

I want to teach my community to do work that provides development for the community and creates a following of people continuing with that work.



**Kain Kilanga**

**Pre-form**

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## Foxes' Community and Wildlife Conservation Trust– Foxes' NGO

Foxes' NGO was established in 2005 to support projects aimed at combating the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Mufindi district of Tanzania in East Africa. We aim to provide shelter, sustenance, education, and medical care for orphans, other vulnerable children, and people living with HIV/AIDS within the project area.

Do you have a great photo of the NGO and its projects? Please share it with us at foxesngo@gmail.com to see it in these newsletters!

If you are interested in sponsoring one or more of these students, please visit one of Foxes' NGO partner charities to make a donation:

[www.mufindiorphans.org](http://www.mufindiorphans.org) (USA)

[www.mufindinystavat.net](http://www.mufindinystavat.net) (FN)

[www.wildorphans.org](http://www.wildorphans.org) (UK)

[www.africanbookbox.org](http://www.africanbookbox.org) (CA)

If you would like more information on our students, their stories, and their needs, please email us at [foxesngo@gmail.com](mailto:foxesngo@gmail.com).

### Foxes' NGO

#### *Education Fast Facts*

- Currently sponsor 18 secondary school/university students and 25 primary school students
- In Tanzania, only 5% of children enroll in Secondary School.
- \$60 USD per month sponsors one Secondary School student for a year!
- In Tanzania, only 62% of children finish Primary School.
- \$15 USD per month sponsors one Primary School student for a year!
- Our on-site Early Childhood Education Program supports the Kindergarten and Pre-school classrooms for almost 40 children under the age of 7.
- Mobile Book Boxes reach over 300 students in village Primary Schools.
- Kindergarten Village Outreach supports 20 village Kindergarten teachers.
- Igoda Teaching English Library reaches over 500 village students each week.
- Threads Vocational Sewing School also provides students with English, Communication, and Business Administration classes.