

## Shammah Odhiambo



Shammah has been in the program for over a year but his former sponsor has declined to continue his support. The picture at left is from summer 2009, and the one at bottom is from January 2010. Shammah is now 16 years old.

Currently Shammah's sister is his guardian. His mother has recently abandoned the family and his father died of HIV/AIDS. His eldest sister (20) is now supporting the entire family of nine, including herself. We are attempting to locate the mother.

Shammah is a hardworking boy especially doing household chores. His sister's main concern is for Shammah to be more serious in his school work so that he can finish primary and join a better secondary school. On his last exams Shammah scored 278 out of 500, which is only slightly above passing. He now attends Nelson Mandela Academy and is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

He is always happy at school and has a positive attitude towards school. His best subjects are Kiswahili and social studies. His teacher says he needs to put more effort on composition writing and also mathematics. He always does his homework. He is a very social boy.

