

Victor Andika



Victor has been in the program since June of 2008 but his former sponsor has declined to continue his support. He is 12 years old. The picture at left was taken when he was 11, and the one below is more recent (January 2010).

Victor lives with his aunt and 13 other relatives in a three-roomed house. Both of his parents died of Aids.

The family uses a stove or a charcoal jiko for cooking. The guardian, Victor's aunt, separated from her

husband due to her HIV+ status and went to Sweden. She has now learnt that her husband married another wife. She is self employed selling clothes in a market and this is the only source of income to feed the 15 family members.

Victor is HIV negative but normally has chest problem especially during cold season. He has dental and eyesight issues but is taken to the hospital once he's sick. He takes three meals per day and shares the bed with his three cousins. They buy borehole water and use a pit latrine which is within the compound but shared among people within the same compound. The neighborhood environment is conducive for his study since its quiet and safe.

Victor is a average student. He scored 305 out of 500 on his last exams. His teacher says he is a very polite and disciplined boy. He performs well in English, science but needs to improve in social studies. He always does his homework and has positive attitude towards the school. The teacher is concerned about Victor's weaker subjects and says that she will help him.

He would like to go to a boarding secondary school and his dream is to become an engineer when he grows up.

