

Name: Cinyscovia Achieng Agola

Year of birth: 2004

Age: 15 years

School: Karabondi Girls' Secondary School

Kisumu, Kenya

Family background:

Cinyscovia is the last born out of four children. They are all girls. Her mother died in 2014 when she was in primary class 4 and her father followed in 2016 when she was in primary class 6, leaving the orphaned girls in a desperate situation. The first born girl dropped out of school in 2016 and got married early. She works as a casual labourer in a flower farm in Naivasha. She provides for the 2nd and 3rd born sisters who are in a day school and live in a rental room at a market center in their rural home in Ndhiwa.



Future aspirations: To be an engineer and help other girls in a similar situation to get an education and build their community.

Current financial situation: Cinyscovia lives with her maternal grandmother who is aged and cannot take care of her needs. When she reported to school, her grandmother could only afford to buy a packet of sanitary towels (Euros 0.6) and half a bar of soap (Euros 0.5). She had no uniform, no school fees and no basic boarding requirements. Principal Christine Musiga kept her in school without any basic necessities because her situation was too desperate. One of the teachers bought her a school skirt and a school shirt. She depends on fellow students in her dormitory to survive.