



# SAAS

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Ignatius is 13 years of age. He was born on 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2005. He finished his primary education this November at Kongowea primary school. He is currently in form one at Maweni secondary school. He is an average student as he attained 254/500 marks.

### **Family Background**

Ignatius is an only child in his family. Both Ignatius and his mum stays with his grand mum who takes care of them. Ignatius' mum is constantly sick and she is currently on ARV's. Due to her poor health she can not work for longer hours. In that family they also stay with Ignatius' aunt and cousins who all depend on the grand mother. Ignatius' grand mum is a fish vendor, on a good month she earns 60 euro which she uses in paying rent and also feed her extended family. Ignatius has never seen his dad ever since he was born. His mum says that the dad abandoned them when Ignatius was 6 months old. This forced Ignatius' mum to raise him all alone. Things did not turn out well for his mum as she wasn't lucky to get a job. She opted to sell her body to men so as she can make ends meet. Later his mum was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS since 2010. This affected her a lot both mentally and physically. She decided to ask for her mum's help in raising Ignatius.

Since the income of Ignatius' grand mum is very low, she can not afford to send him to secondary school. The family were able to hear about SAAS from a friend, hence they came here to look for help.

All the family members stay in a double room which has electricity but no running water. We feel that Ignatius is a bright young man if given a chance he will be able to study hard and save his family from abject poverty which they are in.

### **Educational Background**

Ignatius would like to become a doctor as he sees his mum suffering a lot because of sickness. He likes languages and science. He enjoys playing Basketball.

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