

## STUDENT PROFILE



**NAME:** Halima

**AGE:** 23

**SCHOOL:** Mount Kenya University

**COURSE:** Diploma in Education (Special Needs)

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Halima is 23 years old.

She is a final-year student at Mount Kenya University pursuing a Diploma in Education (special needs).

Halima has been a SAAS student since she joined high school in 2019. Her educational journey faced hurdles before SAAS came in to assist.

She is the second born in a family of three: two girls and a boy.

Halima and her siblings were raised by their grandfather after their parents passed away when she was seven years old.

The family lives in a two-room house with power but no running water in the Matopeni area, a slum near the Kongowea market. They all depend on one of Halima's uncles, who works casual jobs, for their basic needs.

Halima completed primary school after a Muslim school took her in and enrolled her in their orphan program, which catered for three-quarters of the fees. However, the school could not take her to high school.

Since settling into school with the help of SAAS donors, her education journey has been smooth, as her dream of becoming a teacher is closer to reality.

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

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