



Fatima's story

Fatima is 10 years old and lives in Nigeria with her mother, father and brother in a friend's house.

10 million primary school aged children, like Fatima, are out of school in Nigeria.

There are 600,000 primary teachers in Nigeria, but 200,000 more are needed to give all children an education.



A typical day in Fatima's life

"First I say my prayers. Then I help my mother by collecting water, cooking and doing other jobs around the house. I also look after my three year-old brother, Umaru.

I feel so bad when I watch my friends walking off to school. I wish I could go to with them. If I went to school I would like to work in a hospital one day.

My father is a farmer. Sometimes we have onions to sell, so I go out hawking (selling) at the market."



Fatima's parents never had the chance to go to school. Her mother, Hadiza, says, "I would like Fatima and her brother to go to school, but we cannot provide for the demands from the school. If they become educated I think their future life will be better."

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