

Send **All** My Friends to School



Difasi, from Uganda

Nine year-old Difasi lives in a small village in Uganda and has been blind from birth. He used to go to school with his six brothers and sisters but didn't get any special support to help him learn. Difasi had to drop out because his parents were struggling to pay the school fees for all their children.

"I live on a small plot of land with my family. We grow coffee and potatoes. We used to grow bananas but the crops got diseased, so we have less money now.



Every day, in the morning, I wash my face and go to dig on the land with my father. I also help to carry water and peel vegetables for the family. In the afternoon I look after the cows and wait for my friends to come home from school. I like to play football with them and jumping and running games.

Fred and Soka are my best friends; they always look out for me when there are fights with other boys. I feel sad and lonely at home without them.

I have always had very low vision. Once my mother took me to try and get medical help in a nearby town, but there was no doctor so we didn't go back.

I would love to go to school so that one day I can be independent. Sometimes I go, but I'm usually sent away as I can't pay the school fees. I dream that in the future I will ride a motorbike and have the chance to become a doctor."



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