



Agrina's story

Agrina is 15 years old and lives with her mother, father and two brothers in the Southern district of Zambia.



Agrina attends Njola East Community School in Zambia's Southern District.

Every day she sets off on her walk to school extremely early at 4.30am. She arrives at school at 7.15am after walking for nearly three hours, over dry, dusty, hilly, terrain.

As her school has no running water Agrina shares responsibility for collecting water for the school from a pump two kilometres away.

Agrina used to walk to school with her friends, but they dropped out of school so now she has to walk alone.

She is scared of animals like poisonous snakes and rabid dogs and gets frightened if she is alone, especially as she feels intimidated by "men who are not good".

There are only two filthy latrines at Agrina's school which are used by over 180 students. The latrines are poorly constructed over pits and there is a concern that these could collapse at any time putting the students at a huge risk.

The latrines have no doors, only a wall outside partly shields them from prying eyes. Agrina says doesn't feel very comfortable in the school toilets because they are so exposed and so she can't relax – in her words "my mind is always conscious that someone might walk in on me".





Agrina would love to use her time studying instead of collecting water and when she is older she dreams of being a nurse. She doesn't have much free time, so when she does she prefers to study than to play because she wants very much to finish school.

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