



Barbara's story



Barbara is 17 years old and goes to Nazombe Primary School in Palombe, Malawi.

Barbara is visually impaired; at Nazombe Primary School they have an education resource centre for the blind.

Barbara said: **"I like school because I feel I will become empowered and I will become independent,** I will also be able to help others that are not able to come to school for various reasons, whether they are orphaned or they are just vulnerable, I can help them so that they can also access education like I have done."

She is able to help others at the school who are vulnerable as a leader of an after-school club which tackles violence and harassment against girls, **targeted simply because they are girls.**

Barbara says: "If I didn't come to school I wouldn't have known the importance of education... Because I came to school I have a lot of information that is useful for me."





Barbara said that her and other members of the after-school club are better informed, and know what is not supposed to happen to them at school.

Now that she has attended the after-school club, Barbara said she would feel better able to support if a girl came to her to say she had been subjected to violence.

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