



Zeinab's story

Here is Zeinab who with here brother Ali, their mother didn't want them to be identified from the photo as they feel unsafe and so they chose to have a photo take of their backs.



Zeinab was not able to go to school in Syria due to the war. It was not safe for her to go anywhere, including school, so her family were forced to leave.

Zeinab says: "After the war broke out in Syria, my family and I had to relocate to Lebanon and leave our home and life behind."

When Zeinab came to Lebanon it was difficult for her to find a school that would enrol her, her Dad had to ask around lots of people before finding her a school.

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Zeinab feels lucky as was able to start school this year, but added: “I am scared of using the toilets at school. My cousin was inside once and a boy tried to lock her in and was laughing at her. The door knob is broken so she was very afraid. She was crying and shaking. I told my mom about what happened. She talked to the school but the door knob is still broken.



Zeinab says: “I like school. My favourite subject is Arabic. Our teacher reads to us and it is fun. Little Red Riding Hood is my favourite story. I have fun with my cousin and my brother. I like to play hide-and-seek with them during our school break.”

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