

PEFO Gave me Hope in Education

Doreen was born in 1998 in Budondo Sub County in Buwagi village. She is the 2nd in the family of 6 children whose mother passed away. "My mother passed away in 2007 of HIV/AIDS and we were left with our dad who is also sick and weak. Since he couldn't take care of us, he sent us to live with our grandmother till I completed P.7 at Kyomya p/s. He was jobless and is sickly which affected our access to basic needs in time," Doreen narrates.

While living her grandmother, Doreen fell sick and developed a hearing problem. This affected her concentration and performance in class. She could fight for a front seat in class in order to hear what the teacher was teaching. Although she could understand well what was being taught, securing a front seat was a hustle. "I always fought with my classmates to get a seat but I also had to come very early yet I was living very far, so it was hard life at school for me," Doreen explains.

Fortunately after the Primary Leaving Exams were released, she was among the best performers. "I was then enrolled into PEFO Education program because I had scored 12 aggregates on top of being vulnerable child. Since then, I have never looked back. PEFO pays my school fee provides scholastic materials as well as guidance and counseling. I try to work hard to ensure that I don't disappoint my sponsors who gave me hope to live and my father," she notes.

Doreen is currently studying in Trinity College Buwagi in Senior Three (S3) and is among the best performers