

RISING FROM HEADING A FAMILY TO SCHOOL GOING

Born in August 1997 to Isiko Emmanuel and Isiko Jenifer in Budondo Sub County in Kagera village, Isiko is the first born of 6 the children. "My father Isiko Emmanuel passed away in 2002 and left my mother with six children. Life became worse since he was the source of livelihood for us all, no food, no school fees," he notes. In 2005, their only the mother also passed away. The six kids started loving with a helpless grandmother Namulinda. She could afford paying school fees for the children or even grow food for a living. "Being so weak to support the family, I took up the responsibility of heading the family since I was the first born. I dropped out of school," he narrates. He started working on sugar cane plantations to earn money to support the family and pay school dues.

Fortunately, the grandmother joined one of the PEFO granny groups and life became easier because of the benefits involved. She started receiving seeds, pigs, house hold items and among others. "After joining PEFO I quit working on sugarcane plantations because we could get household items. PEFO came in the time we needed help most. We had food at home, sugar and many things. I went back to school and am now in a Secondary school in Harding Christian academy. PEFO pays my school fees with my siblings and all scholastics are catered for. I rose from heading a family to attending classes," with a cute smile, Isiko narrates

Despite being weak, their grandmother has been there for the kids, she put a shelter over their heads when they lost their parents passed away. "We thank our Jajja (grandmother) for being there for us always. She is our guardian ever since. Actually it is through her effort that I joined PEFO," Isiko thanked the grandmother.

Isiko is one of the students doing well in school with better report cards. We wish him the best in his education