

## KIN (Kibera in Need)

### Education Support



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BEHIND THE SMILES

#### Dennis

**Dennis** is 14 years old in class 8. He goes to Kinyanjui Primary School which is less than a kilometre from his home. He goes every morning and the mother ensures he is in school by 6:30am for morning prep. Dennis comes from a family of five; three siblings and both his parents. The siblings are Daniel who is a beneficiary of KIN Education Sponsorship and is in form three and Peter who is in Class 2. They used to live in Kibera until the post election violence broke out and they were evicted from what they had known as home for a very long time.

They took refuge at Jamhuri IDP camp. As KIN was responding to the plight of children affected by the violence, the family of Dennis was identified for support. At this time Daniel was taken to Betty Academy while Dennis is being sponsored in Kinyanjui Primary. The family lives in Githembe in Kawangware slum not far from Kibera. His mother (Lucy) is a hawker and sells clothes within Kawangware. His father is suffering from diabetes. He tries to do casual jobs to provide for the family but much of what he earns goes to buying of drugs.



Dennis is a laid back and shy boy but he is very hard working in school. His teachers have expressed optimism in him saying if he continues to work hard then he will succeed in the future. Dennis wants to be an engineer when he grows up. He is also happy that he has had a chance to go to school and learn. He says that some of his friends are not in school because their parents cannot afford to pay the fee. He says,

*I cannot take for granted sponsorship to my education by KIN. I would probably be like some of the children who loiter around collecting recyclable items in dumping sites and along the streets. The help has made a full difference to my life.*

He is happy that he has had an opportunity to learn and make his parents proud.

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