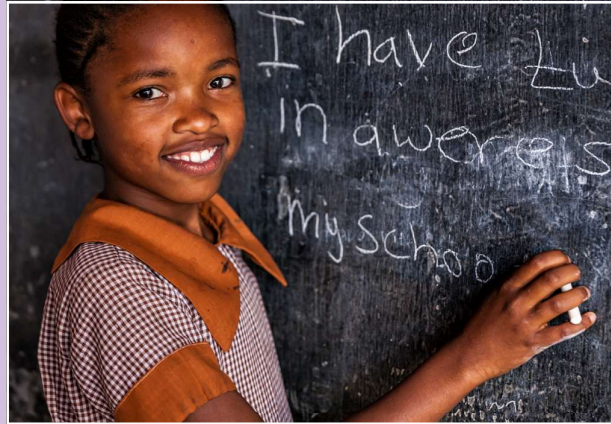


Dreams and Goals

Mary Fact Sheet 1 - Ages 9-10 - Piece 4

Hello my name is Mary and I live in a country called Kenya. My home is in a little village in the countryside. I am 10 years old. I live with my parents. I have a big family. I have 4 older sisters who are married with children of their own. We all live together.



It can take me an hour to walk to my school. There are no buses where I live. School starts early at 8am but finishes around 2pm. There are lots of children in my class. The classroom is basic. In most lessons we listen and repeat what the teacher says. We don't have computers or many books to use. I enjoy school and one day would like to go to University. There are lots of different jobs in the city I might like to do when I am older. One day I will find a husband and have children.

After school I need to help my family with all the chores. We have a goat and a few chickens which give us milk and eggs. My father also grows a lot of our own food. My job is to get the water from the well for the crops and livestock. I have to walk to the well and back. The water is heavy to carry in buckets and bottles. My house doesn't have a water supply. After that I help my mother and sisters prepare our evening meal, clean the house, and look after the children.



Although we work hard, we do have time to enjoy ourselves too. We often play games together. My favourite game is football.

In the evening we tell stories and sing songs. We don't have a television set so we keep ourselves amused in different ways. I am very close to my family and the time we spend together is very important to me.