

GIVING HOPE WHERE THERE IS NONE – TOGETHER WITH THE FAMILY



Doreen is 32 years old and a mother of four children. She is HIV+ and was started on ARV medicine for HIV/AIDS. She had a stroke which left her paralyzed in the right side of the body. Being unable to care for herself she is depending of her aunt to administer the medicines to her. This has unfortunately not worked well. Other relatives are taking care of the children . the whereabouts of the father is unknown.



The team found this patient in very poor and dirty living conditions. She had absolutely nothing, not even a place to relieve herself. The only thing in the room was a mat to sleep on – there were no covering let alone clothes except a piece of cloth around her.

The Hospice team counseled the aunt about the necessary support and care that Doreen needed. At the next visit the team found her in the same room but it was now clean and she had been given clothes and some beddings.

The Hospice Team supplied her with mattress, blanket, sheets and a toilet chair. Doreen was very grateful and full of laughter and tears of joy. The Hospice nurse also helped Doreen and the aunt practice for Doreen to start walking with a stick.



Care Plan

The local Hospice Jinja Community Volunteer will collect the HIV/AIDS medicine for Doreen and monitor adherence for the first month. The volunteers will also get her blood sample for CD4 count to check whether she needs to change her medication.

On next visit, she will be assessed by team to evaluate the need for further care.

