

Going to school – a fundamental part of a healthy future



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Abdu is 13 years old and he was born with HIV/AIDS. Both his parents died when he was young. Since then he has lived with different relatives, but nobody really helped him with his treatment. Abdu came to Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja, in 2015. He was failing on his AIDS medication, and his immune system was very poor placing him in much danger. Moreover, Abdu did not have enough to eat – and his relatives didn't think school should be a priority.

Rays of Hope has worked with Abdu since then – we got him admitted to St. Francis Health Care's home for children with difficulty taking their AIDS medicine. His medicine was adjusted and he was trained in taking it correctly. Abdu also gets food support, which helps him take the strong medicine. Furthermore he is now back in school. An education is – just like the right medication – a fundamental part of getting a healthy future.

Rays of Hope sees many children like Abdu – they come to us when they feel rejected and have no hope. It takes a holistic approach to get them back to a life with other children – medicines, food, clothes, and not to forget school. Abdu has now hope for the future, and with his schooling he has a chance to get out of the poverty and deal with the HIV/AIDS, which almost took his life.