

## Bringing a Ray of Hope to Seera and Her Family



**Seera Betty** is an illiterate 37 years old widow living with HIV/AIDS. She was started on treatment in 2012, but in 2014 she became paralyzed in right her right hand and left leg making her unable to move. Seera lost her youngest child, and she has now 6 children between 25-7 years. Currently she lives in a rented one room with three of her children. She has been unable to pay rent and has been living under the mercy of her landlord and neighbours.

In July 2017, a community volunteer introduced Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja to Seera.

She was living a very inhumane condition, very sick, inadequate food, poor beddings and shattered clothing. Above all she depended on her three youngest children aged 13, 11 and 9 years to do casual labour to get food for their family – and none of them are in school.

Seera has to take her medicine for AIDS every day, but the lack of food has made it difficult for her to take the drugs as she should.

Seera has been enrolled with RHHJ for three months now. She is provided with monthly food supply and comfort fund and given clothes for herself and the children.

The family is extremely grateful, happy, and their hopes are brought back. Seera can now take her drugs as she needs to, and she is slowly improving - she is even trying to walk on her own. Seera is looking forward to getting better and hopes to go back to selling fish as she used to do.

Seera and her children still have a very long way to go, but the RHHJ clinical team is working on improving her physical condition and the social workers are now working on resettling Seera with her father and brother so she has a reliable place to live.

And as for the children – they hope to get back to school, and we shall do all we can to help them through our school fee support programme.

