

## ROSE IS READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL



May 2016

Rose was 14 years old, when she first came to Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja in October 2015. She is the first born of six children; the parents are small scale farmers. She had developed a big swelling on her neck, and the local health center recommended her to go to Mulago Hospital in Kampala for biopsy, but she did not go due to financial constraints.

Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja supported her to go for biopsy and further investigations and she was confirmed to have Hodgkin's Lymphoma. During the next many months after diagnosis, she received treatment at Mulago - first chemotherapy from Uganda Cancer Institute and then operation. While receiving treatment she was staying at the Kawempe Home Care children's hostel.

Rose also needed radiotherapy, but as the machine in Uganda was not working, she was fortunate to get selected from Uganda cancer Institute to go to Nairobi in Kenya for that therapy.



Getting first chemotherapy then surgery at Mulago in Kampala. Finally, radiotherapy in Nairobi,



In good health, back in the village together with grandmother



Rose was finally discharged in June 2017, and she is now 16 years old. She has been through so much –and she was helped along the way. Rose is coming from a poor home stead deep in the country side, and most praise has to go to Rose herself for the courage to complete treatment in Kampala and Nairobi - most of the time without relatives around. It has been a long journey for her to get well– but she did it! She is now home with her family helping with household chores.

The cost for Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja to help her get the treatment she needed was \$300. Now she needs to go back to school. When she got sick she was in primary 4 – her biggest wish now is to go back to school and at least finish a primary education. It will only cost \$120 per year – a little amount for many of us, a huge amount for her family.

There is no doubt that she deserves it.