

With your support we can continue to help Linet and many more like her.

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In their words

Linet's story

“We are living a terrible life. We have no past and we have no future. But if we don't keep coming here, what would we eat?”

In February 2017, in Nairobi's biggest dump site, we met Linet and her 56-year-old Grandmother Irene. At 12 years old, Linet had never been to school. She lived in a one roomed shanty with her Grandmother and seven other younger children. Buying food and paying rent had always been a challenge. They lacked basic household items including beds and bedding and slept on rags and old clothes which they collected from the dump site. Their dire poverty meant waste picking was their only means of survival. After spending 10 hours doing back-breaking work among the toxic fumes, they earned just 30 shillings for each bag filled with recyclable waste – the equivalent of 25p.

Through our partner Pendekezo Letu, we enrolled Linet into a rehabilitation centre away from the dump site where

she received 10 months of counselling, life skills training and basic education in numeracy and literacy. In January 2018, we enrolled her into formal primary school alongside three of her cousins. Linet's Grandmother also underwent counselling and later trained on business management alongside 15 mothers who were working on the dumpsite.

Linet is now in class 6 and aspires to be a doctor. She is doing well at school alongside her cousins. Following start-up funding, Linet's Grandmother Irene now runs a grocery business specializing in tomatoes and chapattis. She earns between £4 and £5 per day and can feed her grandchildren and provide other basic needs without much struggle. The family has moved into a two-bedroom house, which is more spacious, and they are living a dignified life.

About ChildHope

ChildHope believes that children should enjoy a safe and secure childhood, but for those growing up in the toughest circumstances, these rights are denied. Born into extreme poverty and violence, they have no protection. We work with local partners to ensure these children's voices are heard, their rights are upheld, and they are able to access essential services.

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