

Rescued from a life of prostitution



A happy looking 15years old Semeni pose for the camera

Semeni is a deaf girl who hails from a very poor family in Morogoro region, about 252kms from Dodoma region. Her parents died leaving her in the care of her elder sister to fend for themselves. Due to the hardship of lifestyle, her sister resorted to selling local brew to in the village, exposing Semeni to a life that would soon get her sexually abused by the older men in her village.

Semeni used to attend the Kilakala Primary School, a Government School with a Deaf Unit that was supported by Tanzatoto in Morogoro. In 2007, when the boarding section at the school closed down, Semeni had no way of continuing with her education because she could not commute to school daily due to the distance and thus she stayed at home deep in the rural village and helped her sister in making and selling local brew.

Mwanahamisi aka Mama Lati, who knew Semeni's very well because she lives next door to her in the village, narrated her predicament to EOTAS Foundation. And this is how EOTAS sent Mama Lati to Morogoro to search for and find Semeni and bring her to the Dodoma Deaf School so she could continue with her education.

Today Semeni enjoys full benefit of Child Protection Rights among other things with her other peers at the Deaf School where she is now in Standard 5.

Because she has no proper home or life to go back to, she stays with Ms. Hawa Ramathan in Dodoma during the school holidays.