

**Mary Akoth (7 years old)**

Mary is the first born in their family. She has a younger sister, Mercy, who is now 5 years old. Mary lost her father in 2010 due to HIV/AIDS. Mary's mother is also HIV positive and on AIDS ARV treatment. She is weak and has no source of support since the father was the breadwinner for the family.

Mary's mother depends on very little support given by few living relatives and well-wishers for their daily survival. Most of the time, this support is not forthcoming since the relatives also have their own families to care for. Mary and her sister Mercy, need help to enable them remain in school. Mary enjoys singing games, rope skipping and listening to Bible stories

Mary wishes to become a nurse when she grows up.