

PERSONAL PROFILE: LILLIAN AKOTH MITIENG’.

My name is Lillian Akoth Mitieng’. I was born on 3rd April, 1992 to the late Peter Mitieng’ Abok and Tabitha Acheng’ Mitieng in Ranen Village in Rongo District, Western Kenya close to Lake Victoria. I am the first child among four. My mother the late Tabitha Acheng’ divorced my late father in 2000 before she died in 2004. My father later died in 2002. My early childhood was full of physical and psychological deprivations that I found it hard to connect well with people. I was however fortunate that my grades in school were very good and this made it possible for me to make friends with fellow pupils and teachers quite easily. I was also good at extra curricula activities which again helped me to exert myself fully in building team with other pupils in school.



I met a representative of Activation Trust Sponsorship Programme in 2006 through our school headmaster Mr Norbert Okello Yai who defended my case for sponsorship among many other prospective beneficiaries. I was selected for sponsorship after my personal circumstances were analysed. It was at this time that I realised that I could achieve my academic dreams and goals in life. The sponsorship provided for my school levies, books, uniforms fares, pocket money, medical expenses from class seven through to high school. We also got pastoral care at school, family level and also during the triennial holiday workshops with Programme Staff and Activation Trust trustees from UK.

I joined Silver Academy for my pre-primary schooling in 1996 where I learnt till 1999. I could not continue with my education at the school because my parents could not afford to pay my school fees there. The next year 2000, I transferred to Raruowa Kadera Primary School where I joined in class one and finally sat for my Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) in 2007 and qualified to join Kadika Girls High School in 2008. I had a break in high school due to pregnancy in 2010 when I was in form three. It was a very traumatic period in my life because I believed I had disappointed my family, teachers and my sponsors. I thought that my sponsors would send me out of the programme midway due to the disgrace that I believed I had caused to them and fellow kids in the programme. Instead, Activation Trust family sought me out, provided the support that I needed most at that time and made it possible for me to continue with my studies in school once again. I am most grateful for the support I got.

I had to repeat form 3 at Ombogo Girls High School in 2011. Finally I sat for my end of secondary schooling examination in 2012 and passed with a mean grade of C (C plain) which qualified me to join College. I have been admitted to Kamagambo Teachers Training College for a two year course in Education starting September 2013. The annual fee will be Kshs. 73,600 out of which I am requesting my sponsors to pay for me Kshs. 53,600 while the rest including my upkeep will be met by my family and other support from the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) bursary

The last workshop in April 2013 had water as a theme where Alicia worked with us to conduct a dance piece that incorporated both African and Western styles on water as an environmental theme. Among the many things that we have learnt in these workshops are positive life skills on how to relate to the wider society and survival as orphaned kids.

I was a very active member of the school drama and debating clubs, a member of the school choir and basketball teams. I am a good time manager, have very good communication and organizing skills, dependable, love working with children, warm, accessible, enthusiastic and caring, good at explaining things, good ability to work in a team, creative and a good sense of humor and love taking challenging tasks which make me believe I can make a great teacher. My role model is Kirsten Westdal of Activation Trust. Very warm, caring, motivating and committed. I would like to be like her.