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## Title: MY EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY IN KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

My name is AKOT. I came to Kakuma Refugee Camp in 2014. I was enrolled in Standard five at Kadugli refugee Primary school. For the first time I came across Kiswahili language as subject in Kenya Curriculum education, it was hard for me to perform at my wished highest level like my competitors. I was not happy at this challenge and try to take decision.

When I was promoted to class six ~~with 351 marks~~ I promised my class teacher to improve in Kiswahili. He was having the doubt and couldn't believe me what I might do. After the end of year class six, I got 62 marks in Kiswahili that made me to become number one. People couldn't believe on my improvement in Kiswahili. I got 30 more ~~of~~ than what I got in the previous exams. Thanks to my Kiswahili teacher Mr. Simwa.

In 2016 in ~~class~~ seven, term one, I ~~became number one with~~ 387 marks. Unfortunately, 2016 was not my year. At the middle of terms, I became very sick that I ~~could~~ cannot come to school for a month. It wasn't easy to talk to my mother back home, because there was insufficient network communication in the village, South Sudan. I was struggle by my own with sickness and cannot attend class anymore.

It was term 3, when my class teacher Mr. Ochea Alier came to our home and convinced me to do ~~my~~ final exam of class seven. I did the exam and being promoted to class eight as a candidate. I complete my Kenya Certificate of Primary education in the year 2017 and got 318 marks.

When I ~~enrolled~~ <sup>was looking for admission.</sup> in Kakuma secondary <sup>school</sup> in 2018, it was hard to ~~be~~ enrol because of introduction of school fees in refugee secondary schools for first time. I was admitted under vulnerability scholarship program by Winkle International Kenya. Life in high school was not easy, since I have to look for learning materials by my own.

In 2019 when I was in form two, I became sick again and missed classes ~~of~~ in the whole year. When I recover in 2020, I wanted to repeat form two but I was told to pay Kenya Shilling 10,000 for repeating. I proceeded to form three, unfortunately, there



was outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic and this affect my  
commitment. I resumed my study and was promoted to  
form four where I did my Kenya Certificate of Secondary  
Education and got C (minus) as mean grade. From I never  
continue with my education due to lack of higher education  
opportunities or my grade effect. I currently serve as  
volunteer at Kakuma READ.