



## LEAH MICHAEL KIMARO

Leah is 18 years old. Currently, she is in Form 3 student and a full-time boarder at Kingwede Girl's High School. She will be completing her secondary education in December 2022.

## **FAMILY BACKGROUND**

Leah is the fourth born in a family of 4 children, made of 3 girls and a boy. She lives with both parents who make sure that all their basic needs are met. Her father works as a casual labourer, he repairs Tuktuks and motorbikes. Her mother is a business lady. She sells Swahili dresses in addition to doughnuts to earn a living. In a good month, both parents make 80euro which is used to meet their basic needs like food and rent. Due to business challenges, at times, the family goes to bed on an empty stomach.

With this kind of income, Leah's parents struggle a lot to send her to school. This means that they have to forsake other family needs to pay her fees. Leah has elder siblings in colleges and university who needs fees also. Thanks to the support of SAAS donors, Leah is settled in school fully without any fee challenges. This made her family happy as they can now take care of other needs in the family.

They all live in Kongowea Karama in a single room Swahili house that has electricity but no running water.

## **EDUCATION BACKGROUND**

Leah's favourite subjects are Mathematics, English, Chemistry and Biology. In her free time, she enjoys playing Volleyball and reading storybooks. In future, she wishes to become a Dentist.