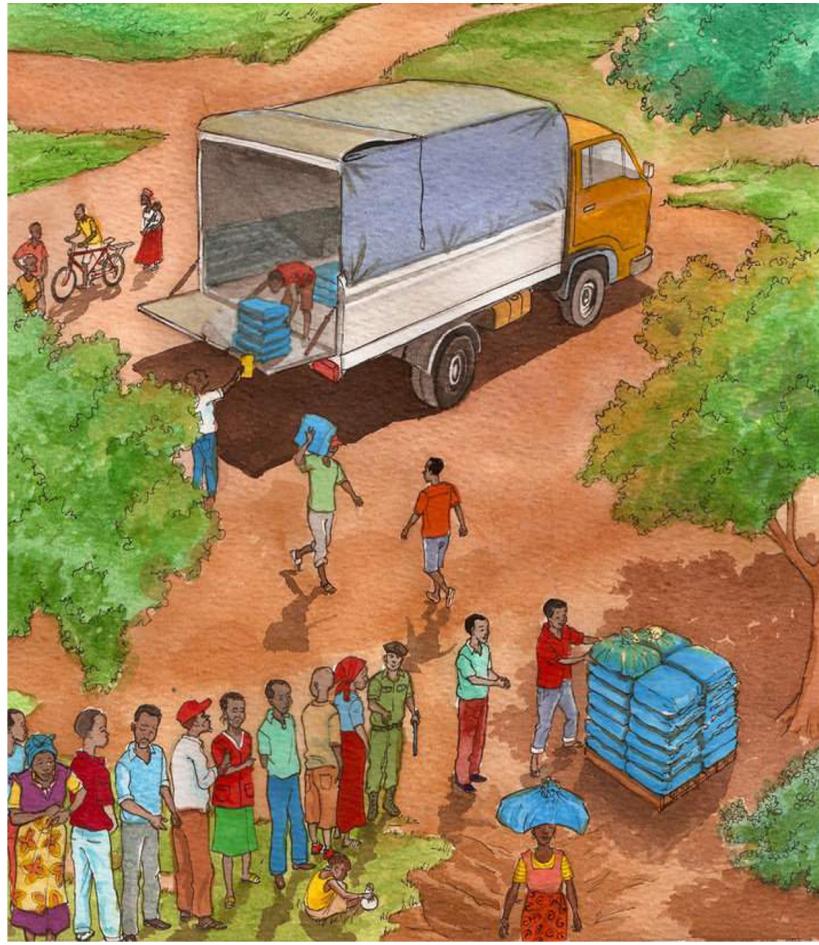


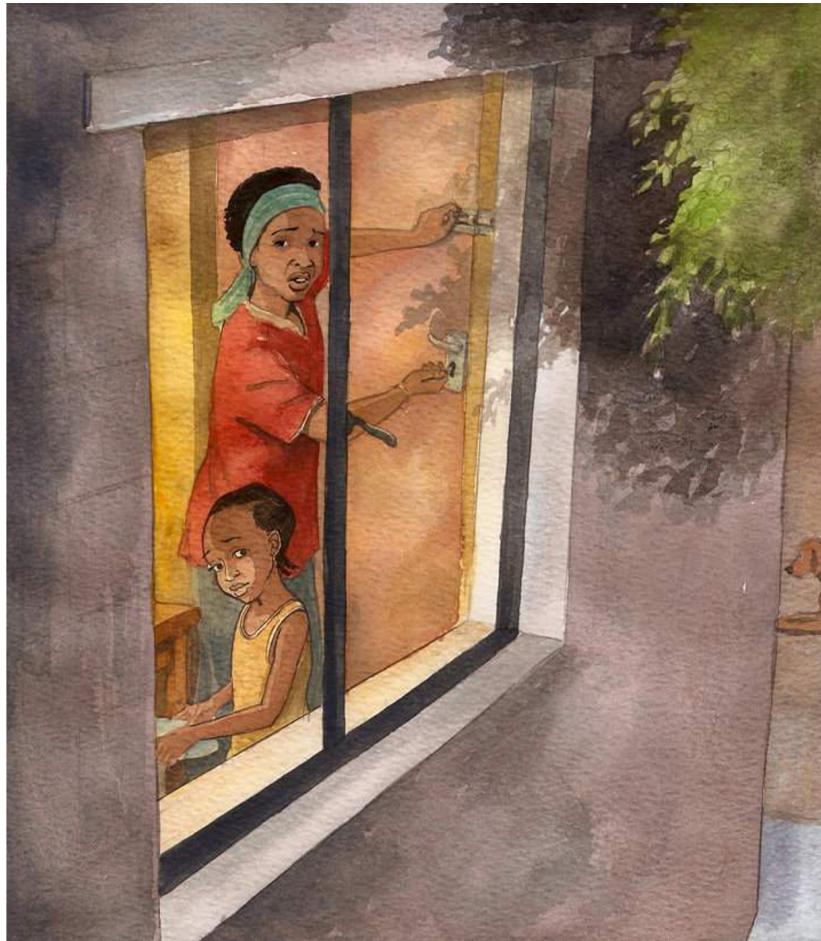
My village had many problems. We made a long line to fetch water from one tap.

Ilali yam yayineengxaki ezininzi. Senza umgca omde wokukha amanzi etephini enye.



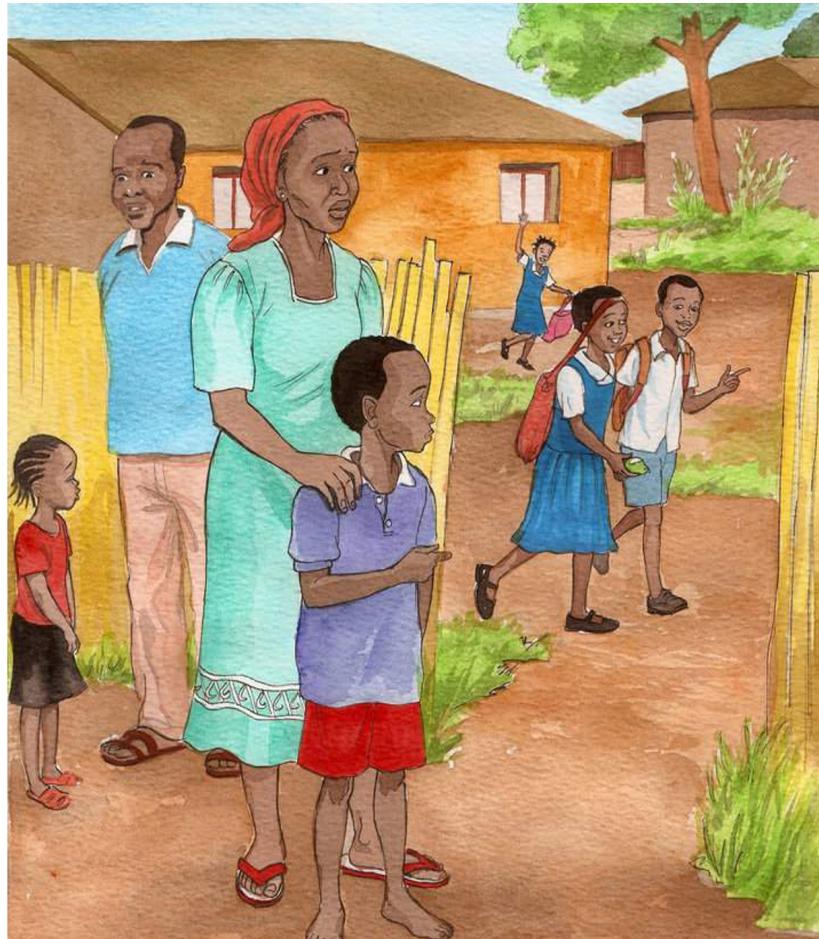
We waited for food  
donated by others.

Salinda ukutya  
okwanikelwa ngabanye.



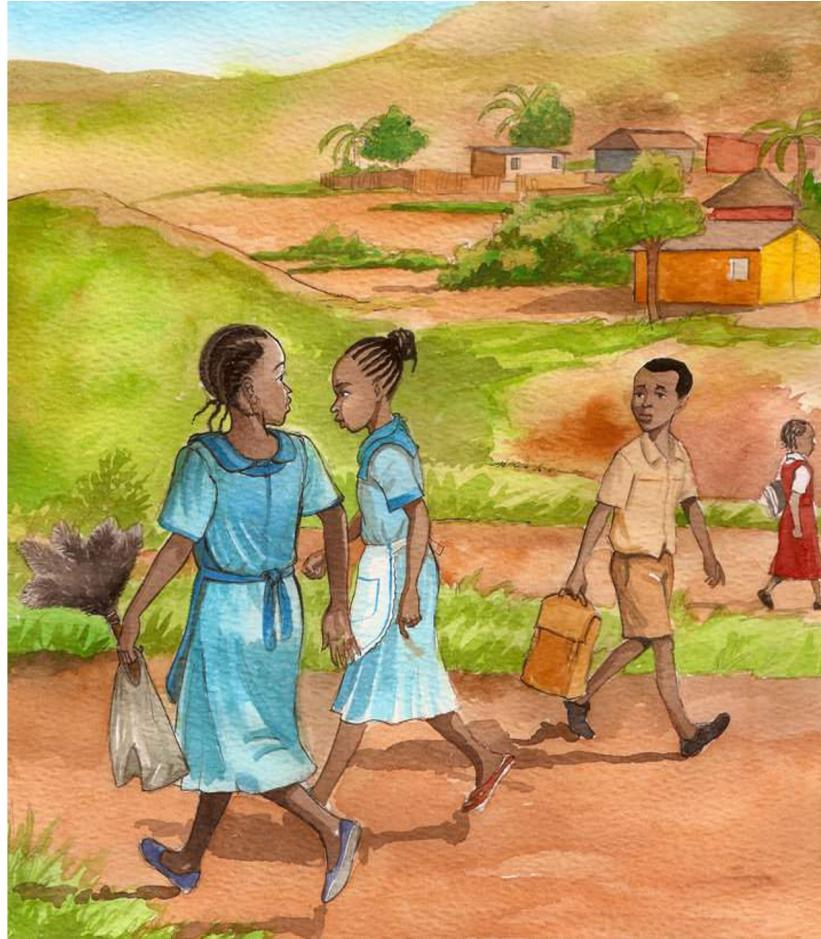
We locked our houses  
early because of thieves.

Satshixa izindlu zethu  
kwangethuba ngenxa  
yamasela.



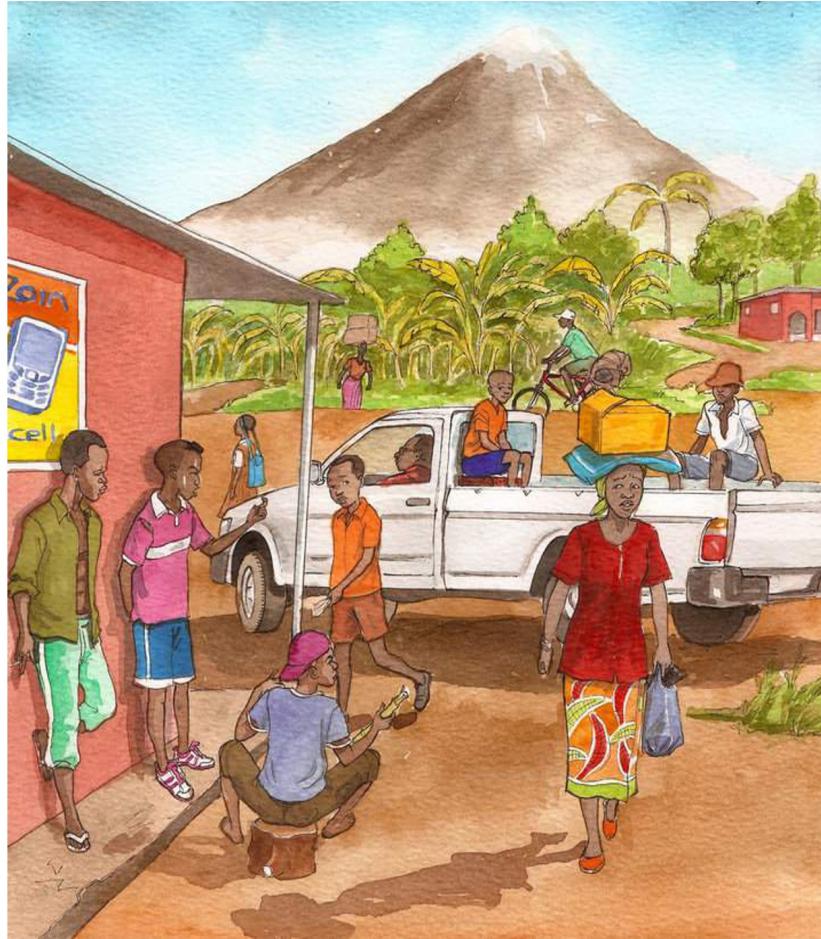
Many children dropped out  
of school.

Abantwana abaninzi baye  
basishiya isikolo.



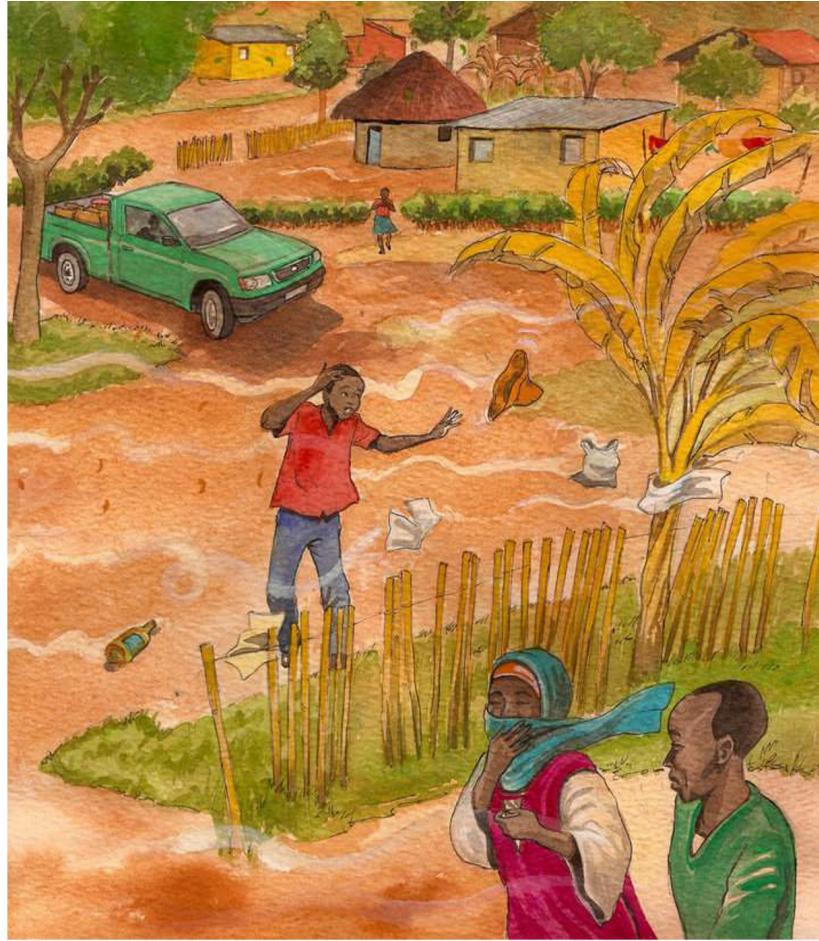
Young girls worked as maids in other villages.

Amantombazana aselula  
ayezebenza  
njengezicakazi kwezinye  
iidolophana.



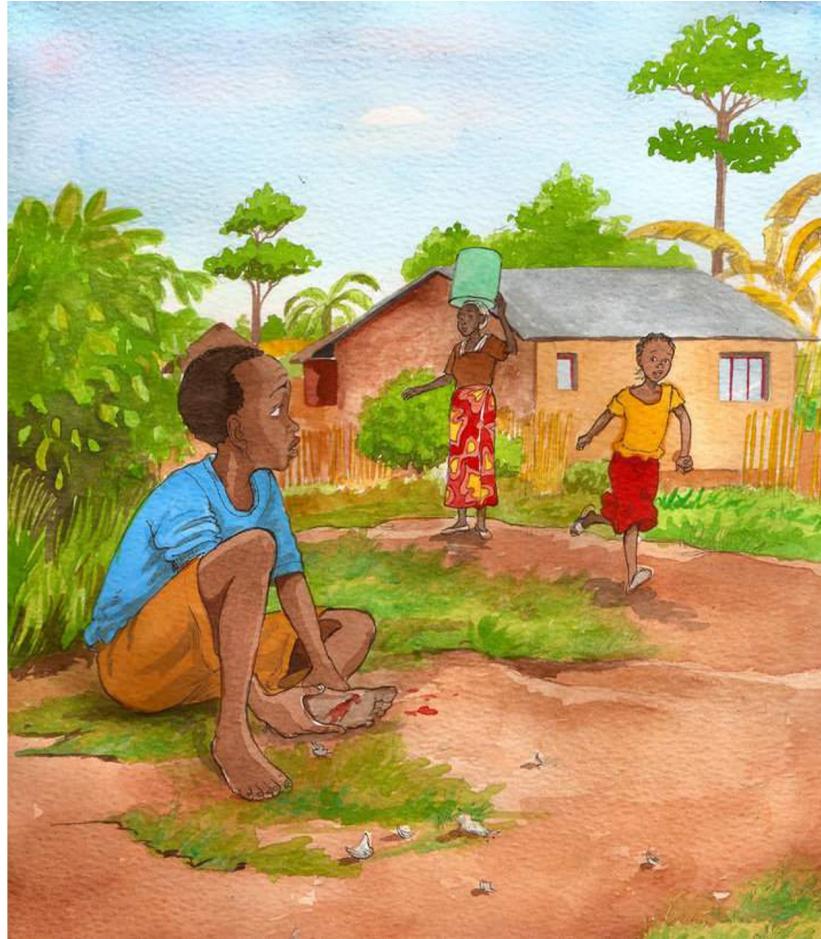
Young boys roamed around  
the village while others  
worked on peoples farms.

Amakhwenkwe aselula  
ayezula-zula elalini  
ngoxa amanye esebenza  
kwiifama zabantu.



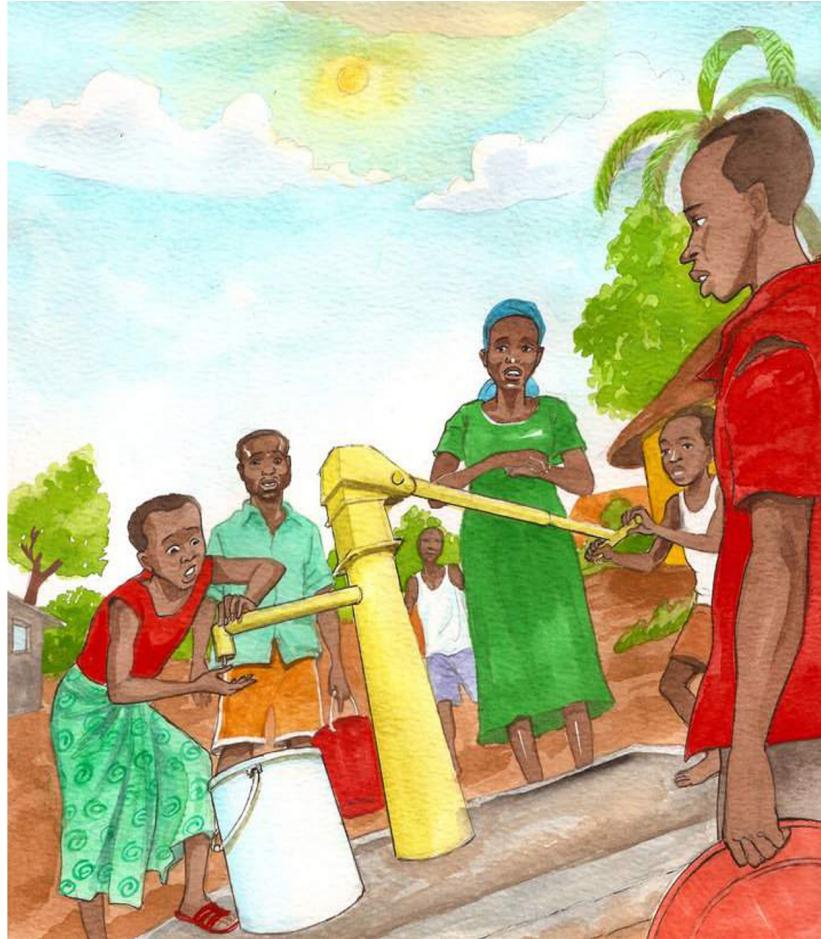
When the wind blew, waste paper hung on trees and fences.

Xa kwakuvuthuza umoya,  
amaphetha amdaka ajinga  
emithini nasezintangweni.



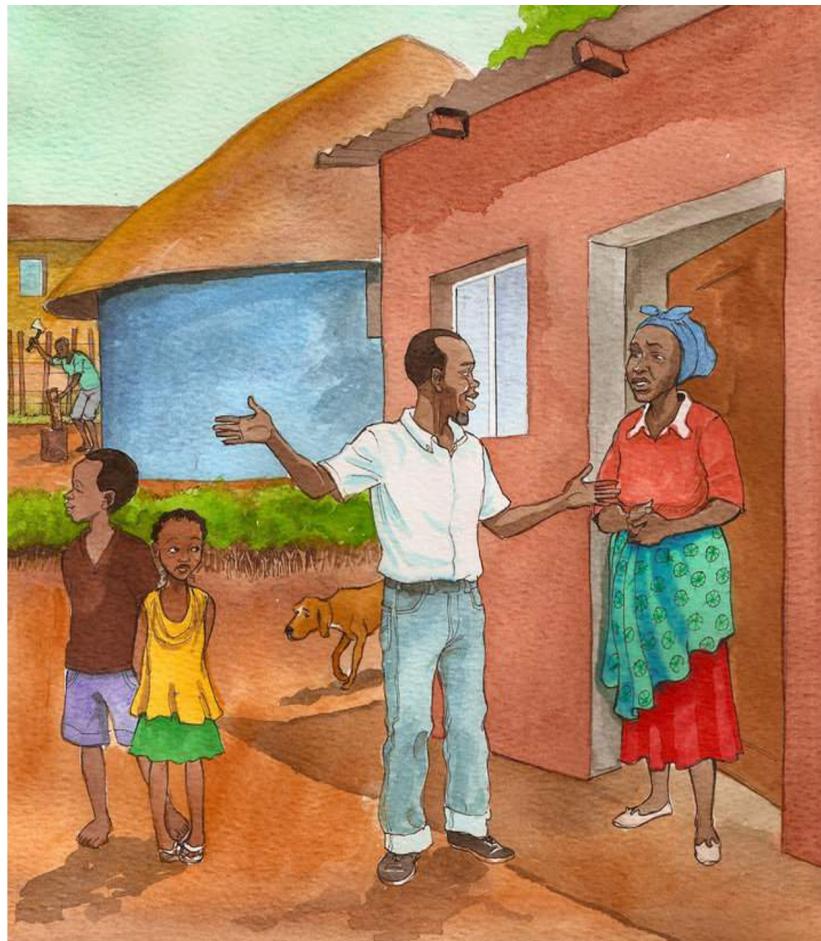
People were cut by broken glass that was thrown carelessly.

abantu babesikwa yiglasi eyaphukileyo eyaphoswa ngokungakhathali.



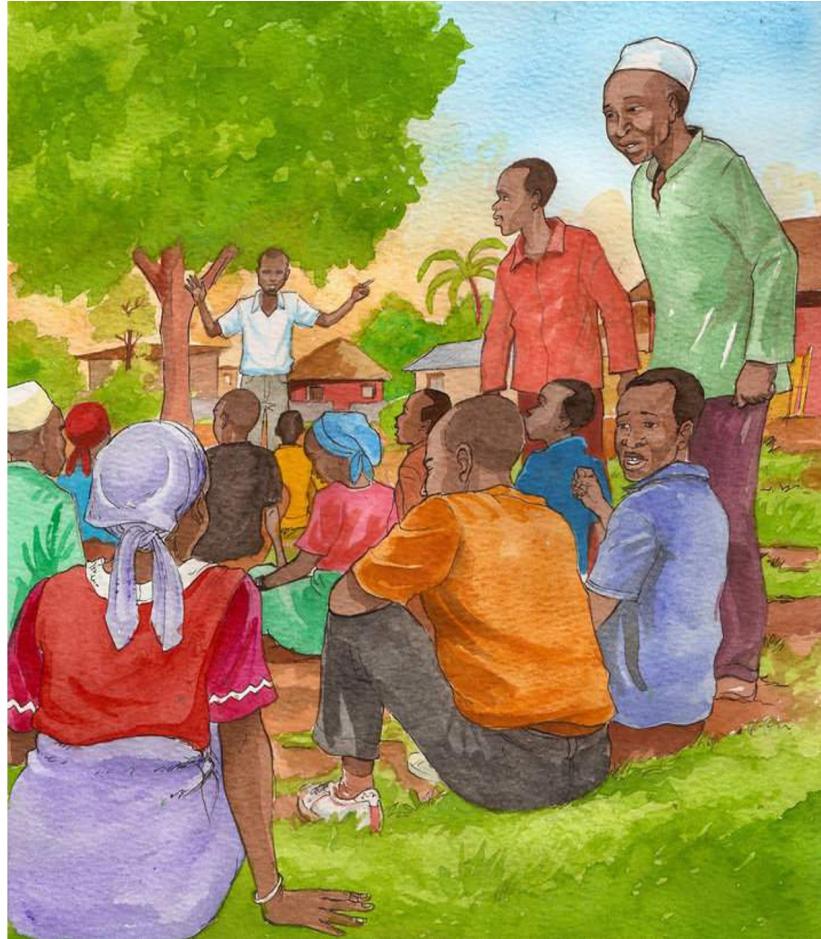
Then one day, the tap dried up and our containers were empty.

Kwathi ngenye imini,  
itephu yoma yaye  
nezikhongozelo zethu  
zazingenamntu.



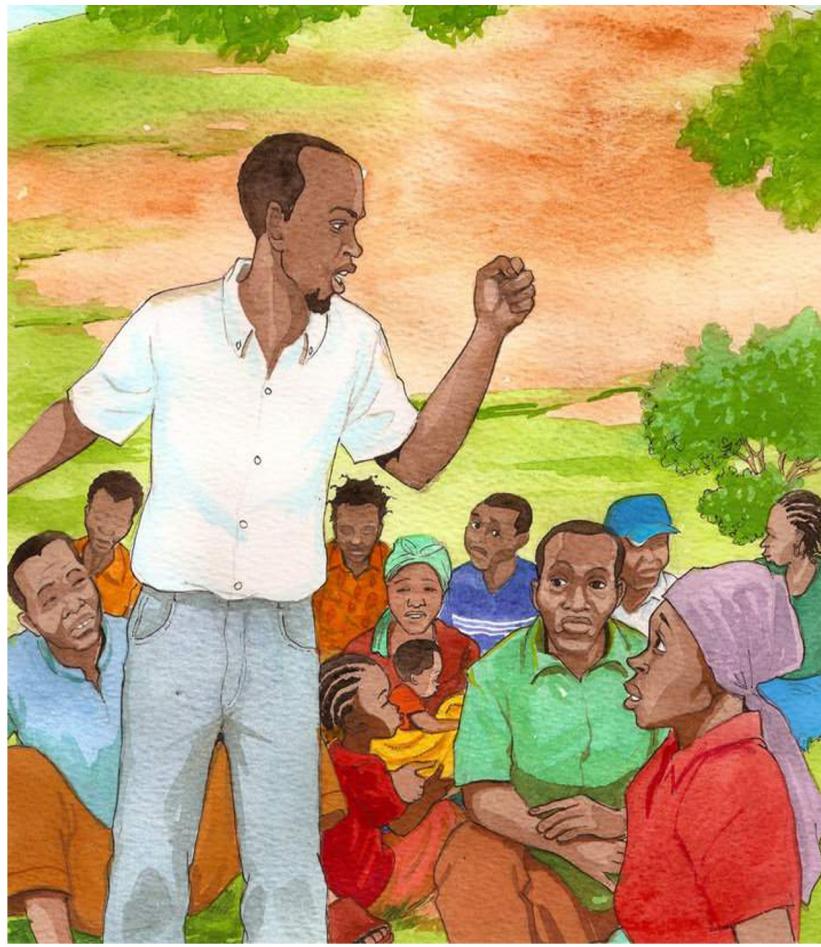
My father walked from house to house asking people to attend a village meeting.

Utata wayesiya kwindlu ngendlu ecela abantu ukuba baye kwiintlanganiso zelali.



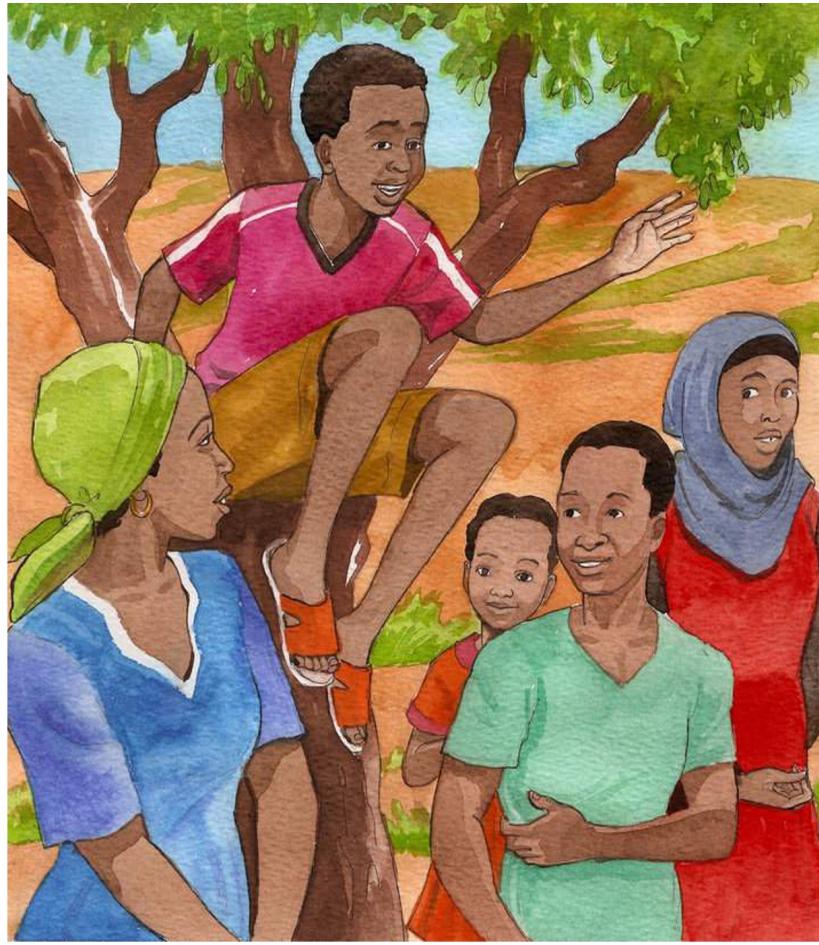
People gathered under a big tree and listened.

Abantu bahlanganisana phantsi komthi omkhulu baza baphulaphula.



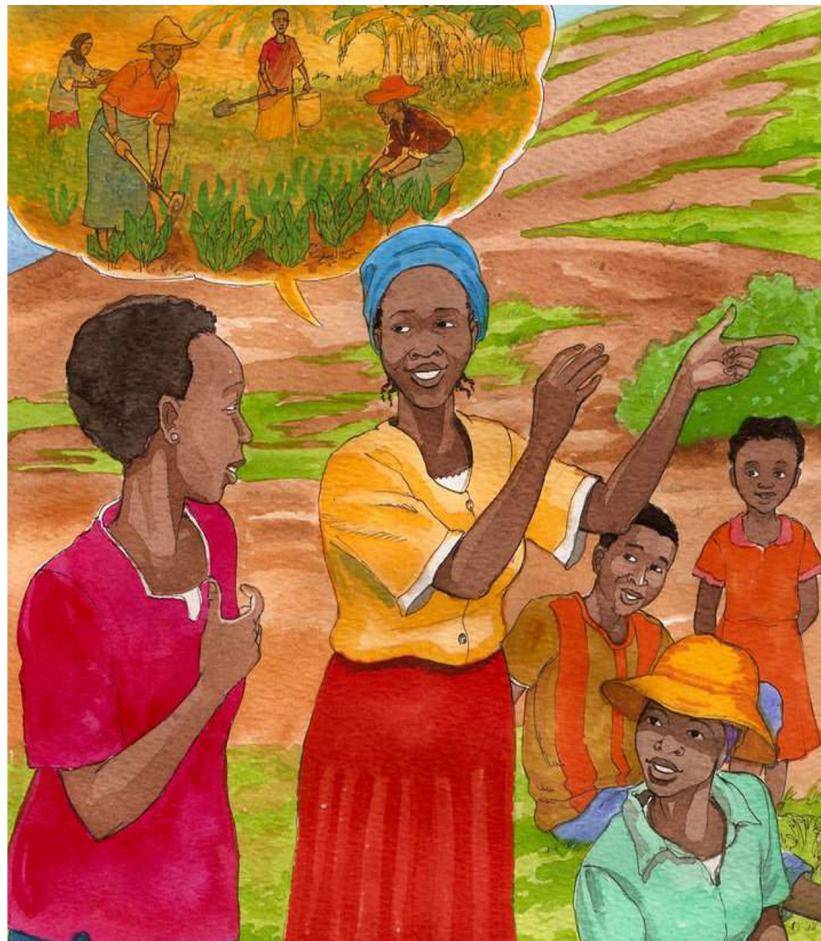
My father stood up and said, We need to work together to solve our problems.

Ubawo waphakama wathi,  
Kufuneka sisebenzisane  
ukucombulula iingxaki  
zethu.



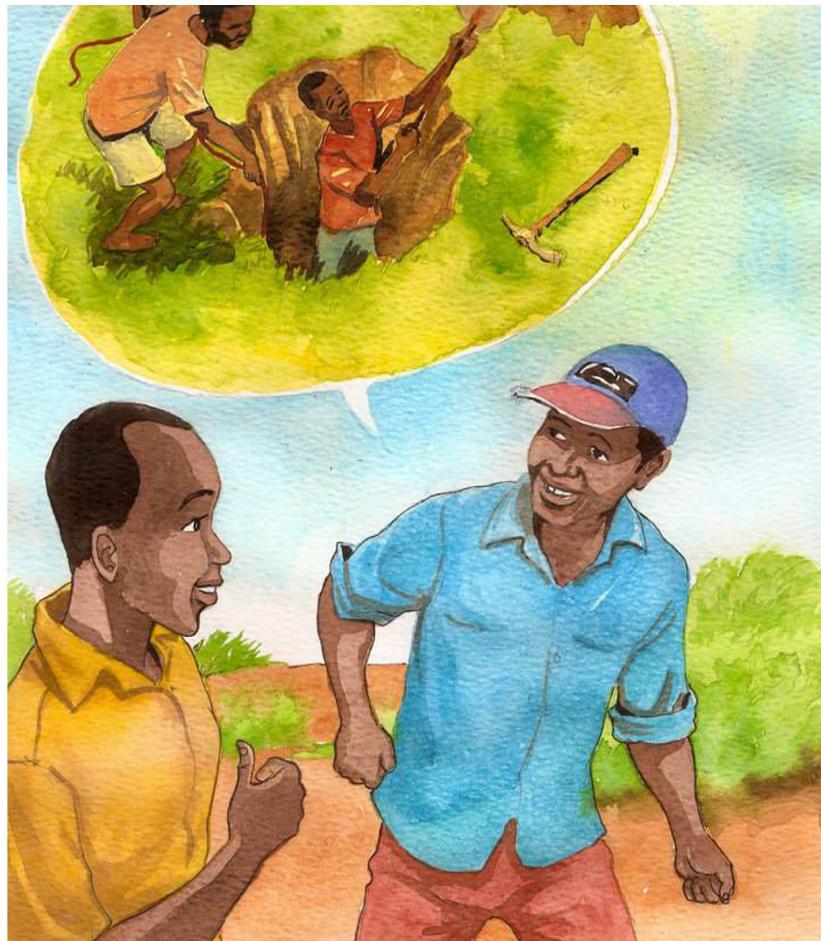
Eight-year-old Juma,  
sitting on a tree trunk  
shouted, I can help with  
cleaning up.

UJuma oneminyaka esibhozo  
ubudala, ehleli phezu  
kwetranki wakhwaza  
esithi, ndingancedisa  
ekucoceni.



One woman said, The women  
can join me to grow food.

Omnye umfazi wathi,  
Abafazi banokundithelela  
ukulima ukutya.



Another man stood up and said, The men will dig a well.

Kwaphakama enye indoda yathi, Amadoda aya kwemba iqula.