

My name is Angela Chembe and number four in the family five girls and five boys. I grew up in the family where my mother being a teacher and a father a farmer. Because of my mother I got inspired and went for a teaching course in Mufulira at Mufulira professional college where I did my early childhood certificate.

I faced a lot of challenges whilst at college because of having come from a big family where my parents had to struggle to meet all of our school requirements. The challenges were lack of proper food and lack of grocery, late payment of school fees which led to sometime being chased out from school, lack of proper clothing and beddings and many more.

Despite of those challenges, I managed to graduate with the pass. The most part I enjoy is teaching learners how to read and to write as well as to play and interact with my learners.

In this career I have learned that children have challenges such as inadequate school requirements such as books, pencils, pens, school bags, shoes and uniform, etc. Some pupils have disabilities such as hearing and sight, etc, which is also a challenge to them. Others are slow learners.

If the learners have all these challenges we encourage the parent to let their children not to miss classes and to those who miss classes we make follow ups to find out why they are missing classes. And for the slow learners I teach them separately.

I am one of the teachers who is benefiting from the teacher's scholarship. Scholarship has really helped me to do the diploma program without any challenge. Being a family women scholarship has helped me to do my diploma program. Without the scholarship I wouldn't have managed to complete my course. I wish the scholarship can continue to help other teachers.

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