

My name is Ireen Mbola, I am the first born of Mbola's family, aged 36 years. In my family, we are six for girls and two boys.

I am married with three children, one girl and two boys ages 17, 13, and 8.

When I was a child, I wanted to become an accountant but I failed after growing up due to financial problems. My father had no money to support my career, that's how I decided to do teaching. Since I was in love with mathematics, I went to do secondary teaching, specializing in maths. I did my diploma at Mufulira College of Education in 2016.

After I completed my course, I started working at Zamtan community school, in 2016, February 2nd. The time I started, I was given to teach 1st grade. At first it was a big challenge and I wanted to resign but I prayed to my God to give me courage to continue. I taught that class up to fourth grade...Each time the students see me they feel very happy because of the relationship I build with them.

I always help my students with problems, I encourage them to work extra hard so that they can achieve their dreams, especially girls and those in GAP. I meet them on Fridays with the help of Martha. We taught them many things.

There are some pupils who lack financial and material support, we try by all means to help what we can manage, especially small things like pens, pencils and books since we are also in a crisis. Boys also, I encourage them to work extra hard. I coach them how to work extra hard at school and to submit to the elderly people.

Lastly but not the least, I want to thank the HealthEd Connect team for the support you always give us and my teachers. My first-born completed school last year, it's because of your support and hoping to send her to college through your support and thank you very much for the support you are giving to our community. I really appreciate everything. May God continue blessing you.

Thank you, Twatotela Saana. Love to you all!

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