

MTAA ADOLESCENTS STRIKING TESTIMONIES 2026



MICHAEL

This boy is HIV positive the mother too , the mother has epilepsy as well,the husband is positive , poor vulnerable and smokes weed and is alcoholic, the lady says the husband beats her and can sell everything in the house so as to buy alcohol and weed, The boy says he sleeps on rags has no blanket and school uniform is torn .The father dislikes the boy because the mother got married with Michael , Michael and the mother seems to be special case. The mother of Michael says “this man is bitter because i cant get pregnant we are trying but we are not able hopefully i will become pregnant and make him happy ”, at one point she was in the kitchen preparing meals during adolescents workshop and she started fits. We were worried but after 30 min she recovered slowly.they are vulnerable .

EUGENE

This boy stays with the grand mother he is completing form 4 at bumini secondary school, he told us he has challenges in getting food at home and general school support, he told us his friends have always called him and told him to go to watch football, and movies and also get girls, while doing that he forgets to take medication along and that has affected his viral load, studies as well. He also told us he is sexually active and is not using protection.

ESTHER

This girl has the leading viral load , reasons she stays with the grandmother and grandmother does not want to register with SHA so she cannot go to pick the ARVs for the child since she has bad records with the Health facility that has made Esther to miss medication many times . The grand mother has no income and they are very poor.

ROONY

This boy is very rude he plays until very late in the night and forgets to take medication , he has bad company even walking with thieves in his community, he stole the mothers phone , and the mother is tired with him she says i cannot struggle for the boy “let him die if he wants” .

MARK

This boy is undergoing GBV at home the step father does not want him in his home allot of discrimination , the boy keeps off all the time not wanting to be at home that makes him vulnerable to taking medication. He said he wants to go and stay with the grandmother.

GLORIA

This girl is still in denial she does not want anyone to know that she is on medication , the mother is a SHV and does not want anyone to even visit her home there is stigma in this home , the mother stopped her child from visiting the office because people will see her coming from there and suspect her.

LAVENDER

This girl is in form three and already has a child, she is staying with the mother who takes care of the daughter and the grand child , she always feels embarrassed because of the baby and the condition she has , good luck the baby was borne negative thanks to PMTCT .

FEITH LUSICHE & RUTH

This are tween sisters there viral load was high, when we followed up one told us, “I went for games outside our school and forgot to take my medication”, the other told us that she did not maintain the time she was supposed to take medication , that change of time always brought discrepancies in the results. These two girls also fear taking medication at school fearing that other students may notice they are on medication.

PENINAH

This girl the parents separated the man disappeared to the city and never came back, he left peninah's mother in the homestead, the family frustrated peninah's mother by digging up to her house, at one point they poured petrol on her house with the intention to scare her off, another incident the husband came to a neighbors funeral and never stepped in his house he boarded a vehicle after the funeral and went back to the city. The mother of peninah moved away from the home and went to a town near the factory and rented a single room where they stay with peninah and other siblings, peninah has to walk long distance to go to school since she has not been able to transfer her school and health facility , she also walks a long distance to come to MTAA during our meetings.

FIDEL

The boy stays with the mother who separated from the father , the two have never disclosed the status to the boy, last year MTAA counseled him and he wondered why everyone in this group was saying their facility where they take medication , it is always advised to do disclosure together with the parents, it has been very difficult for him to accept, but we have seen him trying to adopt and blend in the rest of the group and now he is opening up. The parents don't want to come to the office but we try our best to move on

with the boy he is in form 3. he stays far but we send him transport whenever we have a training so that he can come and be with the others.

Gylian & Rigan

These two are twins they their parents separated and the two stay with their grandmother , there grandmother is insisting and asking the two adolescents why they are taking medication , she is quarreling them to stop taking those medications , disclosure has never been done to her that has ended up to her chasing them out of the home now the girl stays with the aunt and the boy went to stay with the uncle, both are taking courses in technical colleges.