

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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ESTHER'S STORY



Esther's older sister eventually heard of a family that needed a house maid, so she left her siblings to go and work there and sadly Esther has not seen her since. A lady in Musoto who became aware of Esther's father abandoning the children, then took the three siblings in - and this is when Spotlight on Africa were told about the family's plight and when Esther was enrolled onto our OVC programme.

Today, Esther is a very happy and hardworking student at Musoto Christian School (MCS), but without the OVC programme it would have been a very different outcome for her. Stories like Esther's remind us all how important it is to continue to support these communities.



This is Esther, one of the pupils on our Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) programme. Esther lost her mother in 2016 when she was just 9 years old. She left behind 5 children; Esther's older sister who was ten, her younger brother who was seven, her little sister who was four and a one month old baby.

Following the death of his wife, Esther's father started drinking heavily and left the family home, leaving the young children to look after the baby. With no one to look after them, the children suffered terribly and were near starvation. Tragically the baby didn't survive.

Maternity Centre Septic Tanks

Construction work is also continuing at the Maternity Centre, where excavations have taken place for two Septic Tanks. The work is necessary to ensure the building is able to deal with the wastewater effectively from the extensive use this building will have when it opens.



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<https://www.hsoa.org.uk/orphan-vulnerable-children-programme>

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GIRLS DORMITORY

Work has begun on a new Girls Dormitory at MCS for pupils just like Esther. We have purchased some extra land to accommodate the facility that will comfortably fit 120 girls in a safe and secure environment with a Matron's House built into the accommodation to ensure that all the girls are well cared for.



Water for the Secondary School

The contractors have just struck water on the land where the new secondary school will be built. We drilled down 120 feet to get the best quality water and have found plenty, enough to provide for not just the school but also the local community.



The Nick Maughan Foundation

Much of the work currently happening in Uganda is due to the generous donation from The Nick Maughan Foundation (NMF). The NMF school in Namatala will provide education to over 1250 students living in the second largest slum in Uganda, the NMF Maternity Centre is expected to deliver over 1,500 babies each year and the NMF Medical Centre will provide healthcare for a region where the only health centre in the area is massively overwhelmed with patients. This work will have a huge impact on the local community and we are so grateful for the Foundation's support.

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