

ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE



Dorice & Eustadius shortly after received from SATF education supplies at Kishanda Sec school, Muleba.

For siblings Dorice and Eustadius, life hasn't been easy, even before their mother, and only remaining parent, died in 2016. Once she passed, the two were left double orphans with not a single relative to care for them. In life, their mother battled hard, not only to provide and care for her children as best she could, but also to achieve her family dream of building a more proper home for them. Sadly, she only managed to live in the new house for a month before she passed.

Even more tragically, the reason Doris and Eustadius had no relative to turn to was because of a family dispute over the land they lived on in Kishanda village. When their father died, his brothers and other close relatives teamed up to push the family off their land and strip their mother of ownership. It is a sad, yet all too common, reality that many families face in the wake of the loss of the patriarchal head of the family. This feud between blood relatives has left Dorice and Eustadius marginalized, and to this very day, the pair continue to live in a child-headed home. Despite all these life shocks, they survive and remain resilient. They attend school, and more importantly, they cling to hope, despite taking care of themselves without parents or familial support.

SATF reached this vulnerable family thanks to our partner HUMULIZA organization, based in Muleba district. Dorice and Eustadius were enrolled in the SATF education support program and now receive scholastic materials, payment of tuition fees and others school related assistance. Dorice is in Form four this year, and we can't wait for her to sit for her national exams and get one step closer to her dream job of becoming a nurse. Eustadius is in Form two, aspiring to become a journalist and radio presenter!

“We have had so much difficulties in our lives.... we are grateful to SATF for providing us with education support...the porridge we get at school except Saturdays and Sundays help us attend class sessions better, because at home sometimes we have no food to eat”

SATF, hand in hand with HUMULIZA, stands behind these siblings' dreams and works to ensure they achieve them. This is where our commitment and core efforts live up to our mission of changing the reality for an overwhelming number of the most vulnerable children in Tanzania. Vulnerable, yet strong and determined children like Dorice and Eustadius who not only survive, but also thrive.