Uganda



Girls and women have full and equal rights and should have equal benefits and opportunities. Special attention should be given to the problems that women and vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including people affected by HIV/AIDS, face in getting food.

Some facts about my country

There are about 27 million people living in Uganda.

The country is rich in natural resources and produces enough food to feed its population.

However, four out of five people live on less than one dollar a day.

One out of five, or about 4.5 million Ugandans, are hungry. They are the poor, refugees, women and children, orphans and families living with HIV/AIDS.

Food insecurity and poverty are highest in the countryside where nine out of ten people live.

Women in Uganda produce eighty per cent of the food, but have no right to own land.

Over 1 million people are living with HIV/AIDS and 880 thousand children are orphaned by it.

Currently, Uganda has a very strong HIV/AIDS prevention campaign and is one of the few countries that has actually reduced the rate of HIV/AIDS infection.



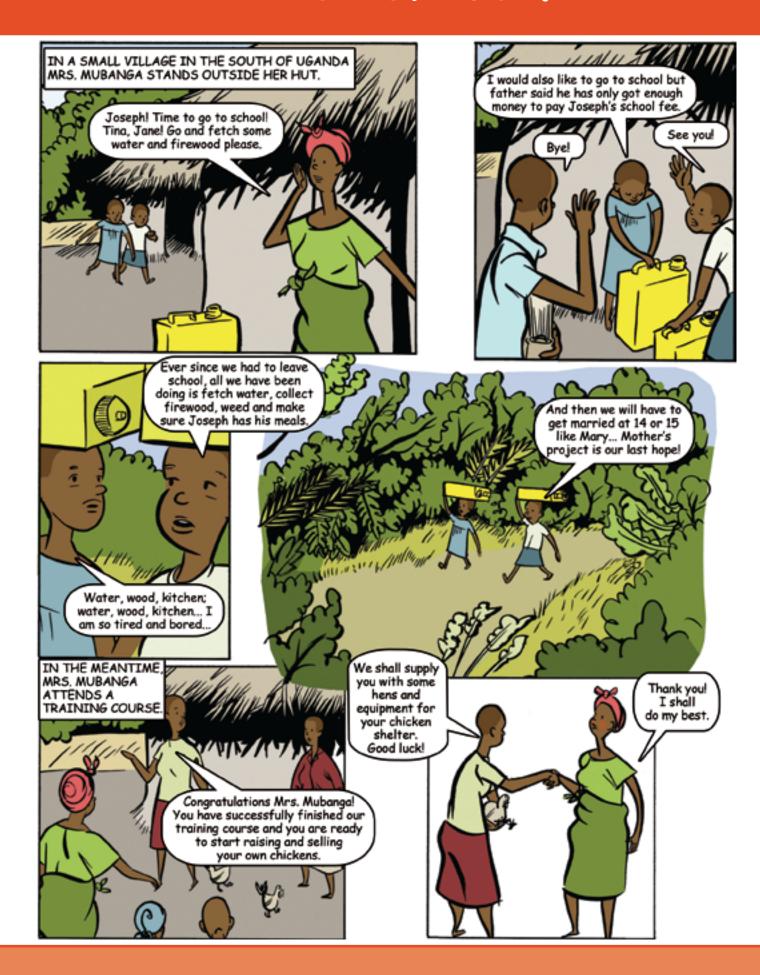


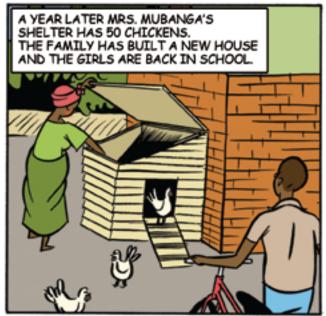


How we got the chance to go to school, just like our brother.

What we did to warn our community about the dangers of HIV/AIDS.

How good nutrition and health care can help people with HIV/AIDS.

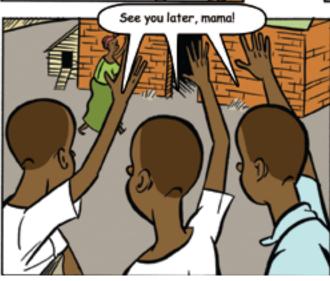




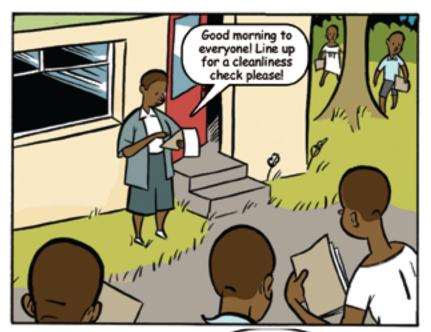








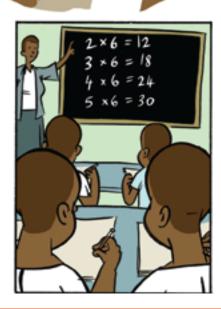


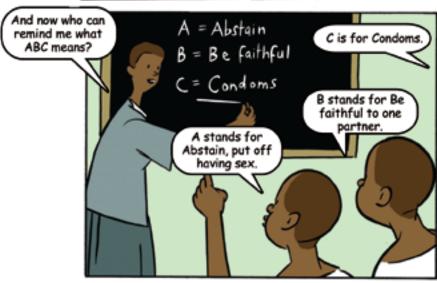




Lisa and Jiml
Go and wash your
faces and hands with
soap, please. And
remember to do so
before eating and
after using the
latrines. By the way,
who is on duty
today?

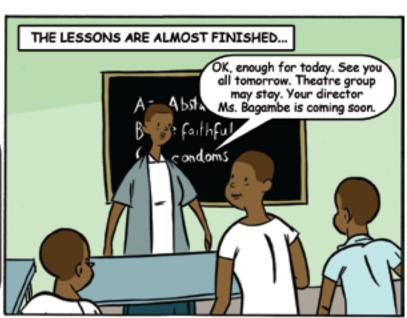






latrine: a specific area used as a toilet







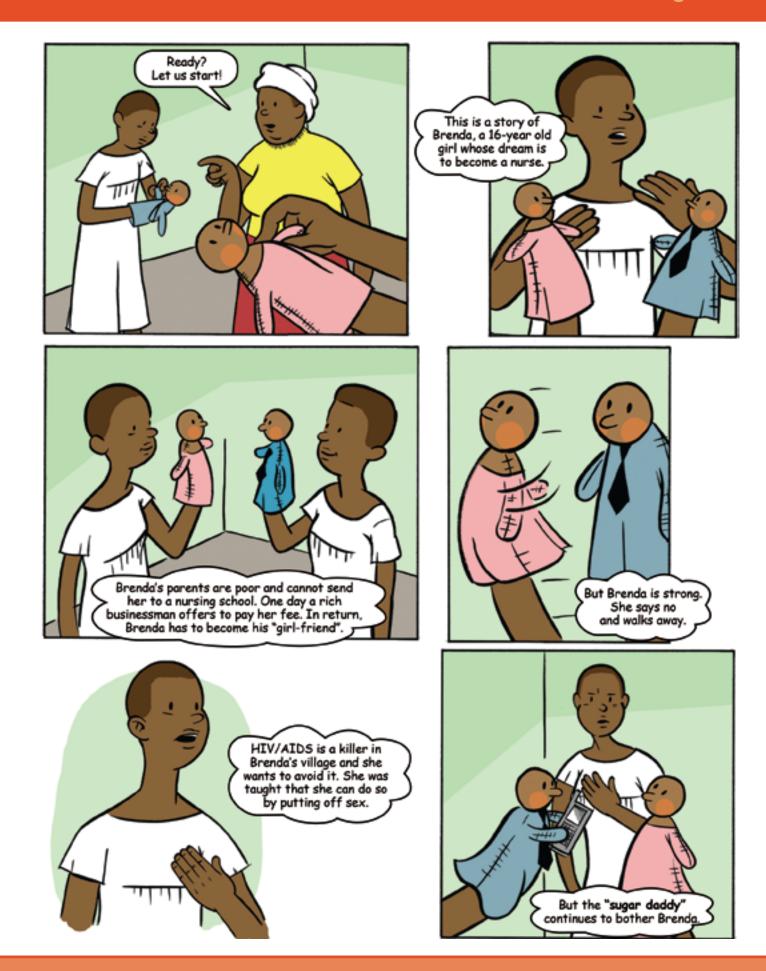






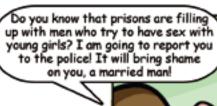
HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus - infection which may cause AIDS

AIDS: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome - a group of diseases caused by HIV infection



<u>sugar daddy:</u> a wealthy older man who gives a young person expensive gifts in return for friendship or sex





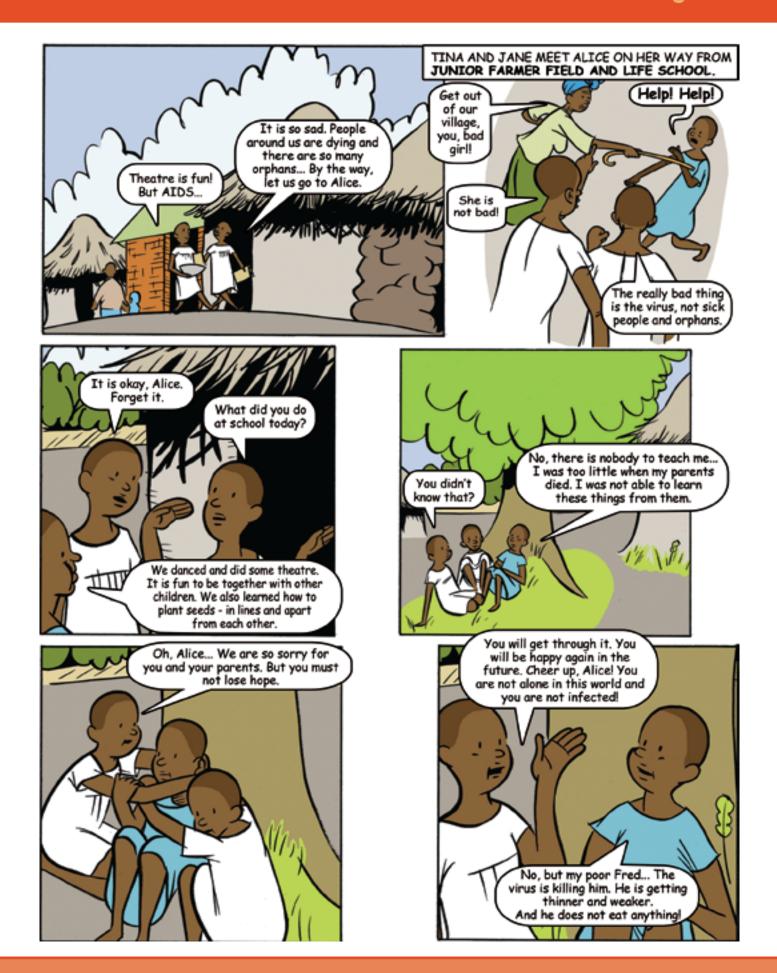


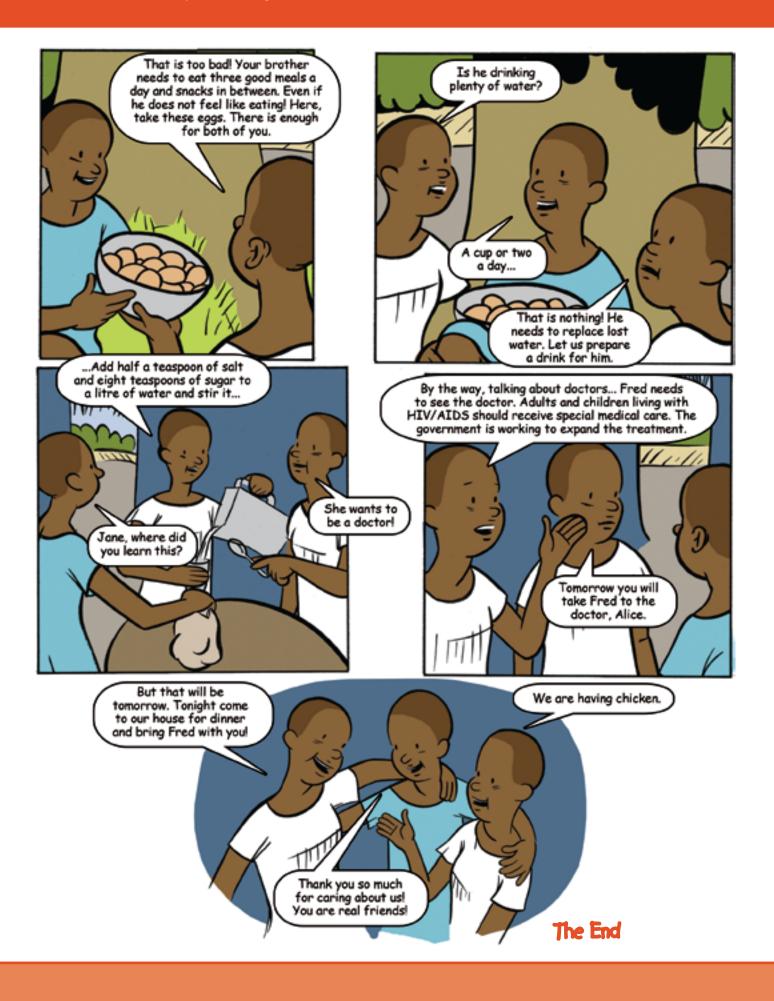












So, what do YOU think?



Have you thought about...

how mother's project changed the life of Tina and Jane's family? how going to school can help Tina and Jane have a better future?

Is it fair that...

women have fewer chances than men to go to school, own land, inherit property, get a loan?

some girls have to sell their bodies and risk getting HIV/AIDS in order to survive?

people living with HIV/AIDS are discriminated against?





Everyone can do something

Find someone near you who needs help and support and do what you can to help them.



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BRAZIL

When Paula, Davi, their teacher and classmates go to Vila Esperança, they see with their own eyes the lives of people living in poverty with little food and poor housing. They hear their stories and discover what can be done to help.

CANADA

Sara, Tommy and Sam find an ancient arrowhead that leads them to discover how people have had to change their ways of getting food over the years. Together with their grandfather, they meet a community group who are planting a vegetable garden to help provide more food for the neighbourhood.

INDIA

A group of citizens go to court to help ensure poor people's right to food. This leads to free mid-day meals for schoolchildren and to other government programmes for the poor. Kaushik and Gayatri can concentrate better in school now that they are not studying on an empty stomach.

INDONESIA

Jusaf visits the village of his cousins only to find that the food and life of the community have changed because of deforestation and pollution of the river. Together, the cousins learn the value of nature for their community and how they can help the land to recover.

ITALY

For their school work, Anna and her teenage friends interview shoppers at a supermarket, grocery store and an open-air market about their food choices. Together they learn about healthy eating and life-styles. Later, Anna tests what she has learned at the dinner table.

JORDAN

When Emily arrives in Jordan from Australia, she learns about the importance of water for food and life. Together with her host Fatima, she visits a refugee camp and a farm, and realises the importance of safe water for people, agriculture and industry.

SIERRA LEONE

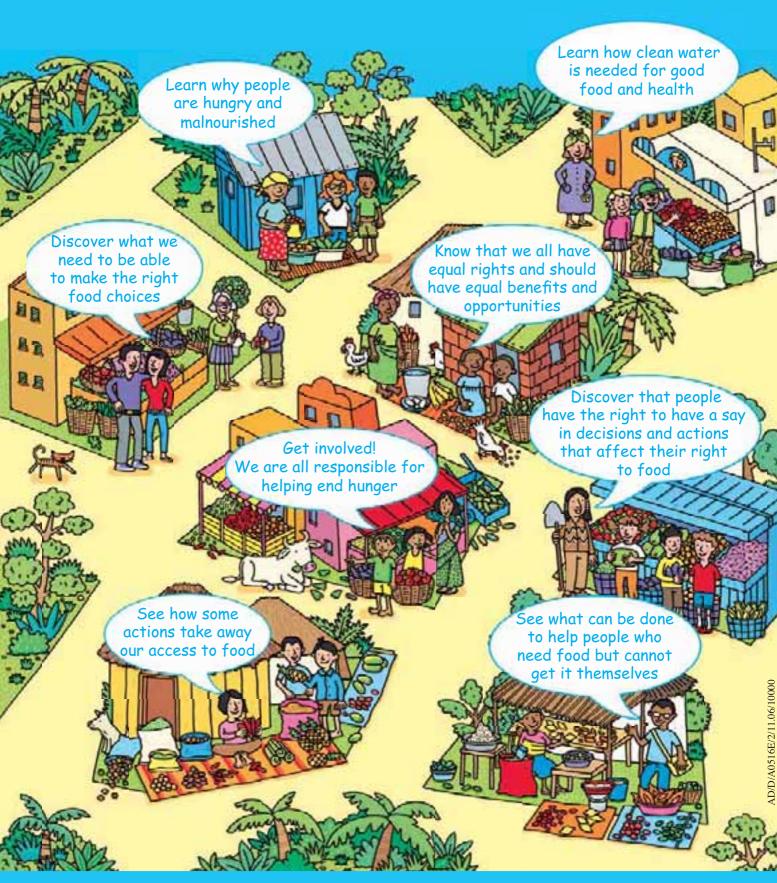
Life is not easy after the war. Mariama's husband has died and Adama's husband has lost his leg. With help and training, the two women are able to take over the farming to provide food for their children and rebuild their lives.

UGANDA

Tina and Jane want to go to school like their brother Joseph, but their help is needed at home. Thanks to their mother's chicken production and a new water point, they are able to return to school, where they learn some lessons that they share with others.



Read our stories about everyone's right to have enough food to eat every day



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