

## The Salvation Army Tanzania - Kwetu Girls' Home

**Gladness, 18 years old**



I was living in Iringa and studying in primary school. I found out that I failed the national exams, and I didn't know what to do. Then my sister told me, 'Let's go to Dar es Salaam to make some money.' I wanted to make money, so I went with her. When I came to Dar es Salaam, I worked selling alcohol in a bar. Life was hard, this was not what I was expecting. Also, my sister wanted me to prostitute myself, but I told my sister that I can't do that and that I was not comfortable selling beer. I was not prepared for this type of job when I decided to leave my home. Therefore when I was wondering what to do,

I met a woman, who was a Human Trafficking (HT) Committee member, and she told me to come to this centre. So I came here in December 2012.

Life is quite good here at Kwetu Centre because they have sent me to school to study hotel management. I expect something good because I am preparing for my future. In my course I am learning how to cook, how to serve food, housekeeping, and front office work. After class, we study, clean, or cook. We also learn life skills such as how to keep our bodies clean, health, hygiene, and cooperation with others.

I never knew my father, but my mother and grandmother still live deep in the rural area. Life is very difficult because my mother cannot even manage her own life. It is not simple in the village, it is difficult. When I leave here I want to work in hotel management.