

## The Salvation Army Tanzania - Mbagala Girls' Home

**Maria, 13 years old**



After my father died, I failed to continue with my studies. I was staying with my mother, but life was difficult. We lived in Musoma near Lake Victoria. I came to Dar es Salaam because someone in the community promised to take me to school, but when I came to Dar, I was just kept in someone's home doing chores. Life was very difficult. I spent five months employed in this way. Then I was rescued and brought to Mbagala Centre.

Mbagala Centre is a very nice place. We are cared for, given a good upbringing, education, and love. We learn about different skills, such as gardening, cleaning, cooking, baking bread, and household cleanliness. We also have counselling sessions. English is my favourite subject in school, and I love to read. For my future, I ask God to help me continue with my education. I ask you to continue to support this place because it is a very good place.