



CHANGE STORY

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Going back in time before SHE LEADS project came to my village, I was not only limited in my thinking and reasoning, but I was one of those naughty young girls in my village who always mobilized the rest of the young girls to go with me for dancing (called "edonga" in my local language), which made me drop out of school while still in primary school, and even contemplated going to Nairobi- Kenya for casual labor to earn a living, the way many girls from my village and district of Napak have done. The norm is that it's always the boys who mobilize girls to go for "edonga" but I was known in the whole village for being the only girl who mobilized the rest to go dancing.

I am Longole Margy from Loroo village, Kalokengel west parish, Lotome sub county in Napak district.

Having grown up from a humble background in Lotome sub county, I wasn't exposed to the rest of Napak district or Karamoja region, or even the rest of the world, in that I didn't even know were my district head quarters of Napak was! (Laughs). That sounds funny, but it speaks volumes to my limited experiences and knowledge. Now you can guess how my life was that of blissful ignorance, totally cut off from the realities of this world.

The irony of my naughtiness though was that when it came to addressing a gathering of people in my community, I couldn't do it, because I didn't have the confidence when it came to that. Fast forward to when Terre des Hommes/ KAWUO She LEADS project of KAWUO came into my community, that was the changing point in my life! I was selected to participate in Terre des Hommes/ KAWUO She LEADS project, I was engaged, trained, and before I knew it, I was knowledgeable, confident, and an advocate in my community. When I moved to Nakichumet village, I still carried on my advocacy and engaged leaders, including the area Members of Parliament to have land in Nakichumet & Napak as a whole to be surveyed, which has now been effected by Government. Thank you She LEADS project.

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