



As a little young girl who grew up in Angaroo village in Lomuno parish, Lotome sub county in Napak district, I saw little or no value in education, and for that reason I dropped out of school.

Since the rest of my young friends were getting married off, I also chose to get married off when I was just 14 years old. Getting married off at such a young age came along with its own challenges that by God's grace I didn't succumb to. I lived a life full of challenges and lots of regrets for the choices that my parents and I made, but I hoped that things will turn out for the better some day.

No sooner had I lost hope, did Terre des hommes/ KAWUO She LEADS project come and changed my perceptions, views, attitudes, and beliefs. It was a steady but gradual process of change of mind that SHE LEADS project caused in my life. At one point, I didn't value education, but now I believe that education is of great value to all our societies.

At one point I didn't think it was necessary for girls or young women to be involved in decision making processes, but now I highly value their involvement in decision making processes. At another point I didn't believe women needed to be involved in community advocacy, as I thought that was the exclusive work of men, but now I don't believe the same.

When SHE LEADS project came to my village, I was selected to participate in the project, and what followed on were frequent dialogues and trainings that opened my eyes from the blindfold of ignorance, to the light of knowledge, wisdom, and a transformed mind. Now I am an Advocate in my community because of SHE LEADS project, and recently I had to engage a family with a disabled girl who wasn't allowed to go to school. After having a deep conversation with the parents of the girl, they allowed their physically disabled girl to enroll in school and she started her education.

All my wisdom, knowledge, advocacy, communication skills, decision-making skills are all because of SHE LEADS project.

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