

STORIES FROM THE SCHOOLS

Tinotenda M, Muzarabani High School (Note 1)

His story is narrated by Runyararo Mutongomanya, his Math teacher



Tinotenda is a Form 6 learner at Muzarabani High School in Muzarabani District, Mashonaland Central Province in Zimbabwe. Tinotenda lives with his grandparents because both his parents passed away. While his grandparents try their best to look after him and to take care of his meals and also clothing, they lack the income to assist him with school fees, stationery and other learning materials, such as tablet or laptop. He has to make do with the very limited facilities available at Muzarabani High. For his Zimbabwe Secondary School Examinations Ordinary Level he did very well and attained 6 passes inclusive of Mathematics and Combined Science.

In 2022 NoBarriers came to his rescue and commenced paying school fees for him, so he was able to continue his studies. He enrolled for Pure Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science and Physics in 2022. He will be writing his final exams later this year.

Tinotenda is bright, eager and hard working. He is determined to get the necessary points so that he can proceed to university and study mathematics or computing. How he will be able to finance his university fees and his living expenses is unclear, as his family does not have the financial resources and government funded scholarships are very few on offer.

Note 1: Name is changed to protect student



Computing Lab at Hwata Secondary with Principal Huruva Mukucha.



Computing Lab at Muzarabani High, picture taken in March 2022. Of the 5 desktop computers pictured, all around 15 years old, only 3 continued to operate in Feb 2023.



Mr. Wisdom Kufa, IT-teacher at Muzarabani High, using the laptop provided through the “Sustainable Teaching, Learning & Communication Hub” in his lessons.

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