

What can I do as a citizen to protect the rights of others?

Worksheet

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Step 1

JESSY'S STORY Jessy, 18 Malawi



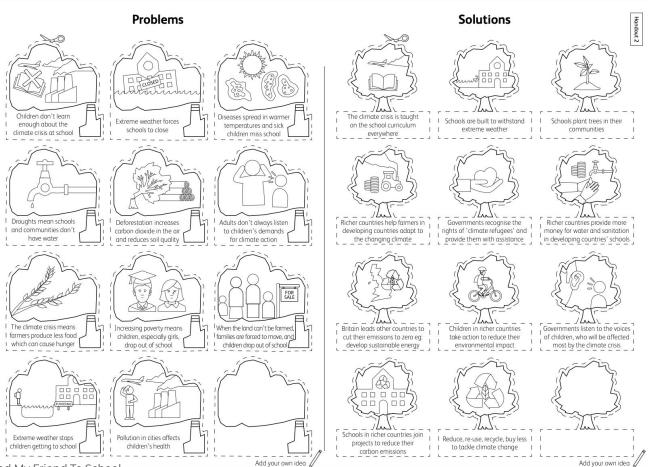
My name is Jessy and I am 18 years old. I attend Chilanga Community School in Malawi. I love being able to go to schooll However, it used to be hard for me to get there as I would have to walk over 10 kilometres each day. This meant that I would often miss my morning lessons and I was late a lot. This has changed now because I have a bikel It has made it much easier for me to get to school, I can get to my lessons on time and my performance has improved a lot.

Climate change is causing the rains where I live to be unpredictable. It has been hard for my parents to grow enough food for all my family, and have some leftover to sell. The money they make from selling food goes towards our school fees. Due to the unpredictable weather and rains, they cannot plan when to plant their crops and this causes the crops to often fail. Therefore, I have sometimes missed school because my parents couldn't make enough money to pay for my school fees.

I have to collect water for my family but the river closest to our village has dried up because of climate change. It takes longer to collect water now which can cause some children to miss lessons.

As I am a girl, I face other challenges in my education. Some people where I live think that boys are more important than girls, and so more boys go to school than girls. If parents cannot afford school fees, it is often the girls that miss out.

I think it is important for everyone to have an education because you need education for success. I also think it is important for people in richer countries to change their lifestyles and produce less of the emissions that cause climate change.



Source: Send My Friend To School

