



## Diya's story

Meet Diya. She is 11 years old and lives with her grandmother in Malawi.

Malawi is in Africa and is one of the poorest countries in the world.

### What is Diya's day like?

"After I wake up, I wash the dishes from the night before and then make porridge for breakfast.

From 6am to 10am I work in our fields. I grow groundnuts, maize and cotton. Sometimes I get work in other people's fields and earn around 8p an hour.



Groundnut



Maize



Cotton

Our home is made of clay and bricks but the roof is covered with grass. When it rains water comes through the roof.

I went to primary school for Year 1, but I always felt like the odd one out because I didn't have a uniform. So I left school.

I envy my friends who can read and write. Even if I could go back to school now I wouldn't want to because I would be put in the first class with the young children. They would all laugh at me as I can't read and write and I am so much bigger than them.

When I grow up I want to be a farmer and to be able to read and write."

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