

Fatima's story

Fatima is 10 years old and lives in Nigeria with her mother, father and brother in a friend's house.

Nigeria is a country in West Africa.

Fatima doesn't go to school. Her mother says, "I would like Fatima and her brother to go to school, but we cannot afford to send them. If they became educated I think their future life would be better."



What is Fatima's day like?

"First I say my prayers. Then I help my mother by collecting water, cooking and doing other jobs around the house. I also look after my three year-old brother, Umaru.

I feel so bad when I watch my friends walking off to school. I wish I could go to with them. If I went to school I would like to work in a hospital one day.

My father is a farmer. Sometimes we have onions to sell, so I go out hawking (selling) at the market.

In the evenings I play with my friends Fadila, Ummi and Hadiza."



Why doesn't Fatima go to school?

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