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EGNO NYONI

Egno was born in 1995 in Songea. When Egno was 7 his parents passed away and he and his older brother began living on their own. They live in Msamala and are sharing a room together. Neither of the boys ever had the opportunity to receive an education. With his brother being 9 years older the pressure was on him to take care of Egno, but he wasn't able to support himself or Egno. Because of his lack of education he could not find a job where he could earn enough money and the boys had to resort to begging.

Egno's brother was desperate, and wanted his brother to be able to go to school. He decided to find help from SWACCO, the local association with which the Mwangaza Jitegemee Foundation is partnering with in Songea. In 2004 Egno was accepted at the SWACCO temporary orphanage! He is still able to live with his brother, but now the pressure to simply just survive is off. Egno is provided with assistance for rent, a monthly allotment of food, all of his medical needs are taken care of, new shoes and clothes are also provided. In addition, Egno is now regularly going to school. The foundation cover all of his educational expensed including tuition, school uniforms, books and school supplies. Currently he is Form III at Lizaboni Secondary School and he is doing well in his studies without worries. He studies hard because he wishes one day to go to college. He says he saw what not having an education can do to a family and how hard life can be. To Egno, getting an education can change your life. After school he enjoys sports and helps his brother in taking care of their garden. He says that his brother is now his best friend and he is thankful that SWACCO and MJF were able to help them.