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JANE MLIGO

Jane was born on May 13, 1994 in Songea, Tanzania. When she was young, her mother and father both passed away. When her parents died, Jane moved to live with her grandmother in a small village called Likuyufusi at Peramiho. Jane's grandmother was overwhelmed, she was already taking care of other grandchildren and was unable to work due to caring for all of them.

When Jane was 14 her grandmother was not able to continue to support all of the grandchildren. School was the first to go. When you are just trying to survive, school becomes a luxury that one thinks they can do without. When Jane's grandmother heard about SWACCO the local partner of the Mwangaza Jitegemee Foundation, she was able to share that hope with Jane. SWACCO, the Songea Women and Children's Care Organization, works with widows and orphans to help them survive difficult times. To them education is the key to helping children become self-sufficient adults.

Jane's dream is to become a teacher and to then teach the next generation in her community. While she is at SWACCO, the foundation assists her through her education, covering all of her schooling needs. They also help her grandmother with rent so they can continue to live as a family. Her food, clothes, shoes and medical needs are also taken care of. Currently Jane is in eleventh grade in secondary school at Sili Secondary School. Jane studies hard to make sure that her dreams come true. Since Jane now receives help from SWACCO, she feels better and has hope that she will finish her schooling. After school, Jane enjoys cooking and gardening.