



CHANGE STORY

Martha Gaspar

BENEFICIARY OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

"I am Martha Gaspar. I come from a family of 5 children where I am the third. I live in a village called Bussere where I was teaching at the Parish School. I had stopped my studies after Senior Four due to lack of school fees. One day the Parish Priest enquired about my studies when he realised my situation he offered me the possibility of doing a Teacher Training in Wau where he sent me for the interview at the Solidarity Teacher Training Inservice in Wau. I was very happy for this chance and to my surprise I was helped by the Salesian Sisters who gave me a job in Auxilium School until I finish my training and return to my village to teach in the Parish School."

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"In my initial experience as a teacher I was not aware of the real role a teacher plays in the life of the students. I did not understand the roles and responsibilities of the teacher especially in the safeguarding of the children and creating a safe environment. Today as I express myself I feel happy for the things I am learning at the Training and I am sure that the skills and methods I am learning here will enable me to perform

my teaching duties in a better manner. Since I teach while training I am able to see the changes I am making in my approach toward the learners as well as my attitudes as a teacher. I try to practice what I learn in my training and I am happy for the small success I find on my way."

"Challenges are not lacking. Sometimes after school we have to walk long distance to reach the Training College. Balancing teaching and studying is also a big challenge as there are commitments in school as well as College. However this also serves as a training for time management and effort to complete the good work I have begun.

I am grateful to all those who have made this possible for me and I hope to be a very successful teacher in the future."



THIS CHANGE STORY IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE when opportunities are offered and one has the courage to embrace them, extraordinary changes can be generated. Martha, who is currently studying and working whilst facing many sacrifices, is revolutionising the way she teaches and protects children. Her journey shows that supporting someone means sparking a profound transformation, which Martha is ready to bring back to her village to change the future of the youngest children, and therefore of her Country.