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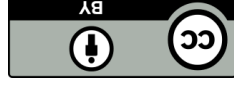
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Minha aldeia tinha muitos problemas. Nós fazíamos uma fila bem longa para buscar água de uma torneira.

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My village had many problems. We made a long line to fetch water from one tap.



Esperávamos comida doada pelos outros.

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We waited for food donated by others.



Trancávamos nossas casas cedo por causa dos ladrões.

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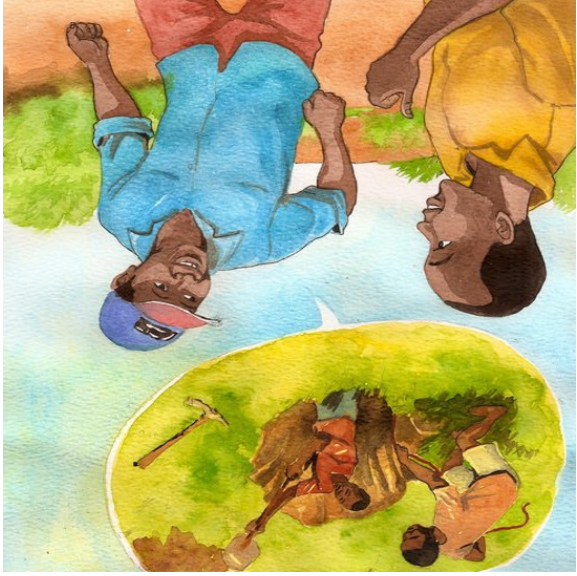
We locked our houses early because of thieves.



Nós todos gritamos em uma única voz, "Precisamos mudar nossas vidas." Daquele dia em diante nós trabalhamos juntos para resolver nossos problemas.

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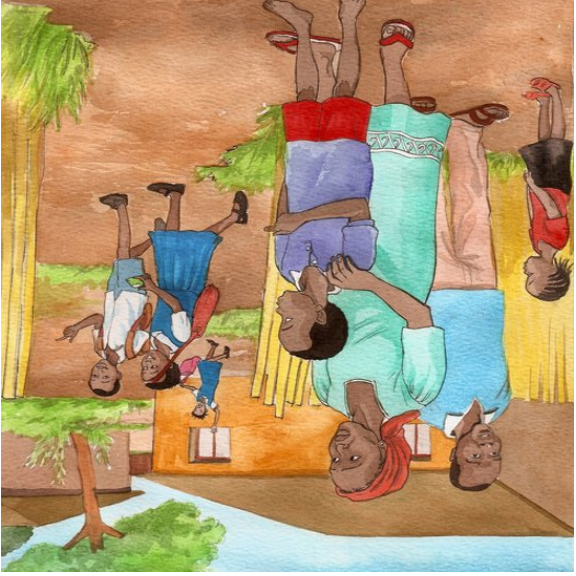
We all shouted with one voice, "We must change our lives." From that day we worked together to solve our problems.



Um outro homem levantou-se e disse, "Os homens cavarão um poço."

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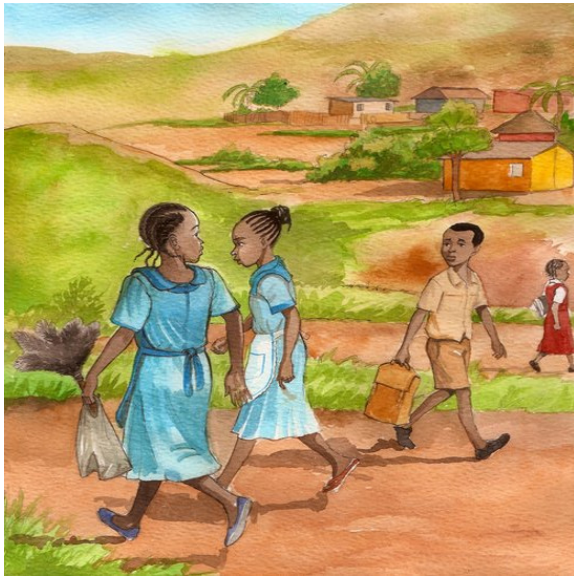
Another man stood up and said, "The men will dig a well."



Muitas crianças abandonaram a escola.

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Many children dropped out of school.



Meninas trabalhavam como empregadas em outras aldeias.

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Young girls worked as maids in other villages.



Uma mulher disse, "As mulheres podem se juntar a mim para plantar."

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One woman said, "The women can join me to grow food."



Juma, um menino de oito anos, sentado num galho de uma árvore, gritou, "Posso ajudar com a limpeza."

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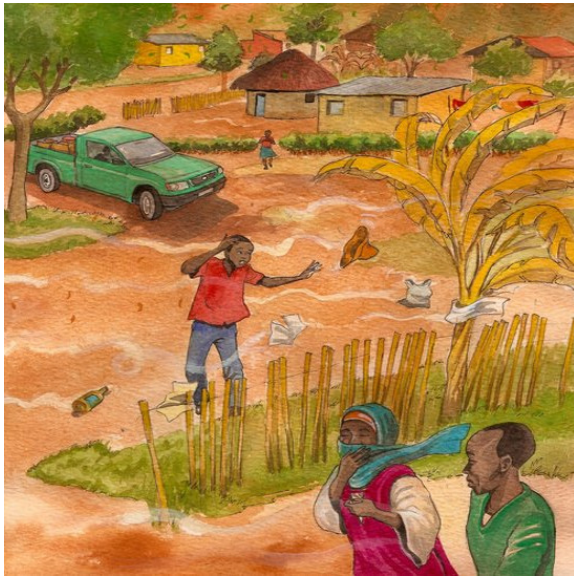
Eight-year-old Juma, sitting on a tree trunk shouted, "I can help with cleaning up."



Meninos vagavam pela aldeia, enquanto outros trabalhavam em fazendas.

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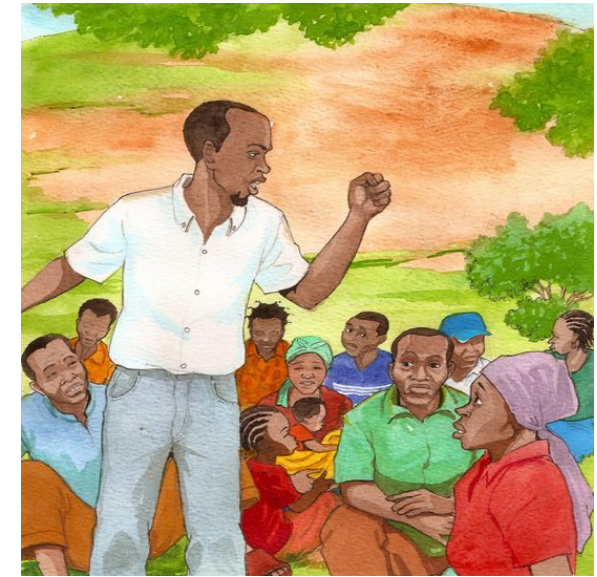
Young boys roamed around the village while others worked on people's farms.



Quando o vento soprava, resíduos de lixo ficavam pendurados nas árvores e nas cercas.

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When the wind blew, waste paper hung on trees and fences.



Meu pai disse, “Nós precisamos trabalhar juntos para resolver nossos problemas.”

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My father stood up and said, “We need to work together to solve our problems.”

People gathered under a big tree and listened.

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As pessoas se juntaram embaixo de uma grande árvore e ouviram.



People were cut by broken glass that was thrown carelessly.

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Pessoas eram cortadas por vidros quebrados que foram jogados no chão de propósito.





Então, um dia, a torneira secou e nossos potes ficaram vazios.

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Then one day, the tap dried up and our containers were empty.



Meu pai caminhou de casa em casa, pedindo para que as pessoas comparecessem a uma reunião na aldeia.

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My father walked from house to house asking people to attend a village meeting.