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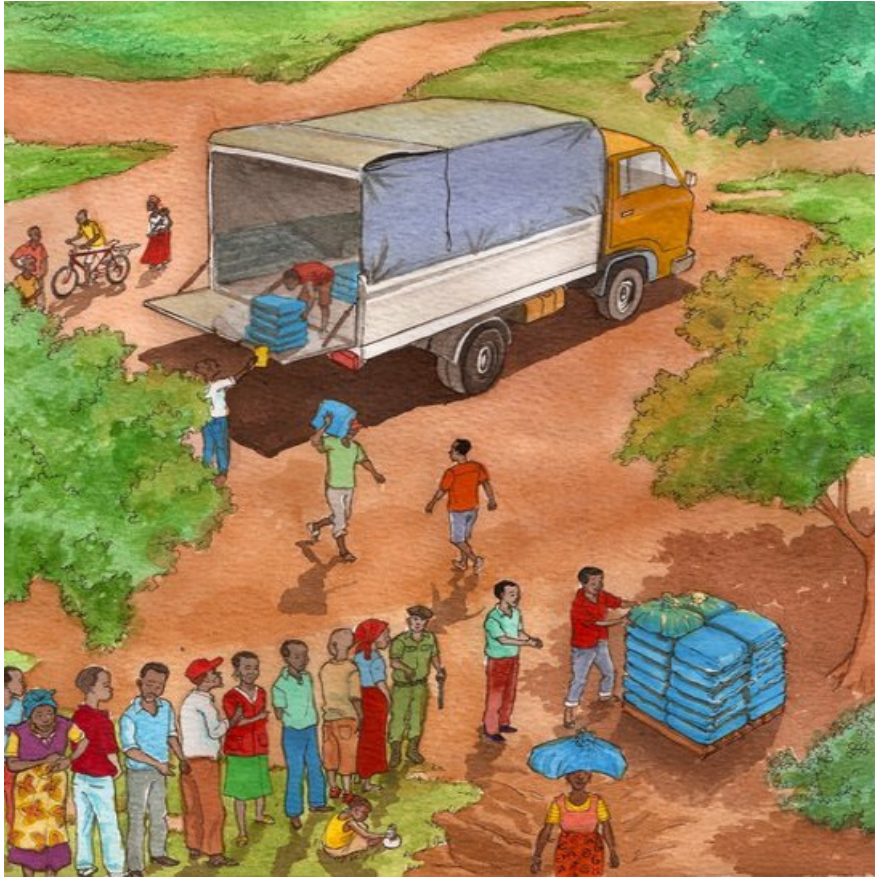
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我的村庄面临很多问题。村里只有一个水龙头，我们每天都要排很长的队伍去接水。

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



我们等着别人接济食物给我们吃。

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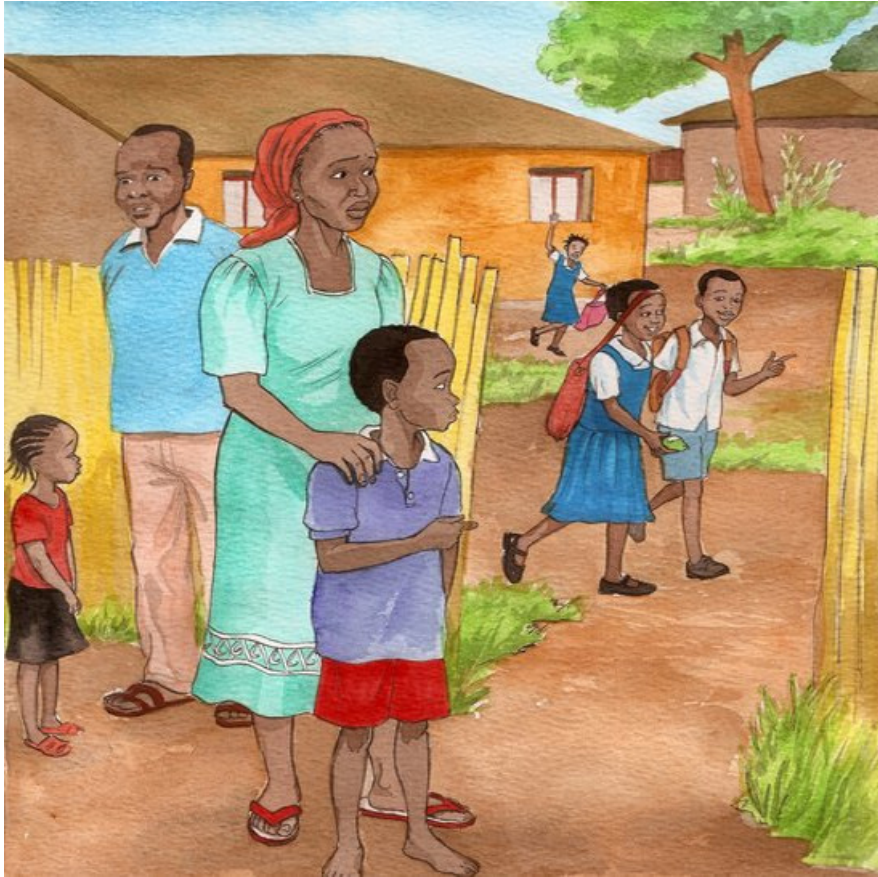
We waited for food donated by others.



每天晚上，我们因为害怕有小偷，所以都早早地锁上了门。

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We locked our houses early because of thieves.



中途辍学的孩子也不少。

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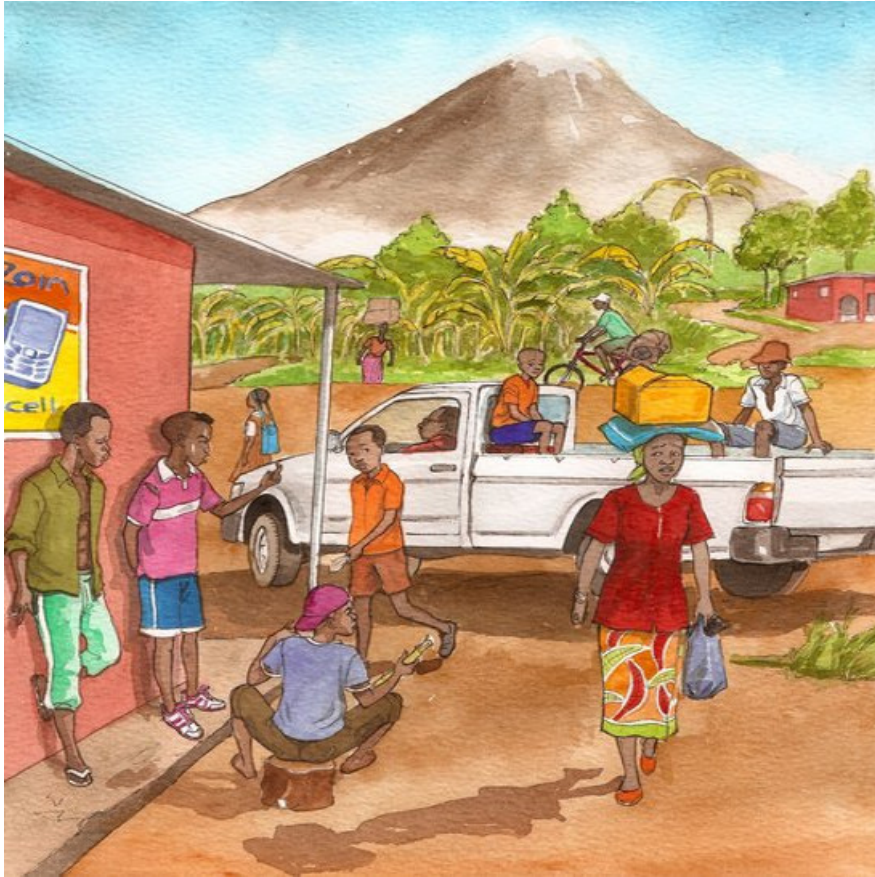
Many children dropped out of school.



年轻的女孩被迫到别的村庄去做女佣。

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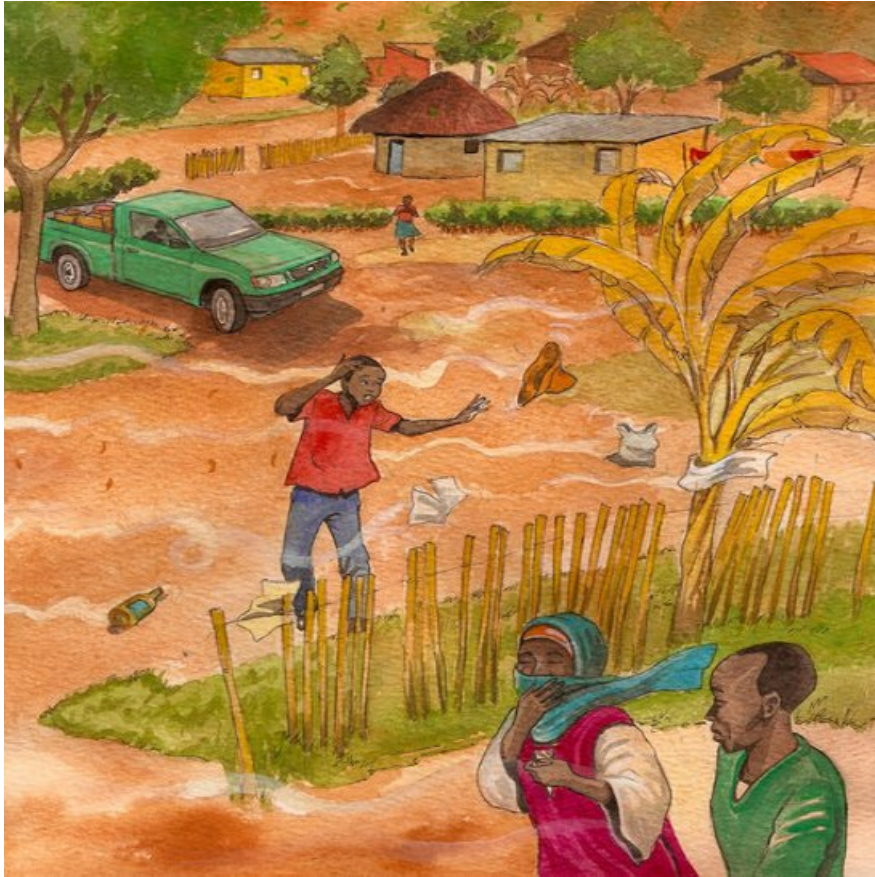
Young girls worked as maids in other villages.



年轻的男孩不是成天在村子里游荡，
就是到别人的农场里打工。

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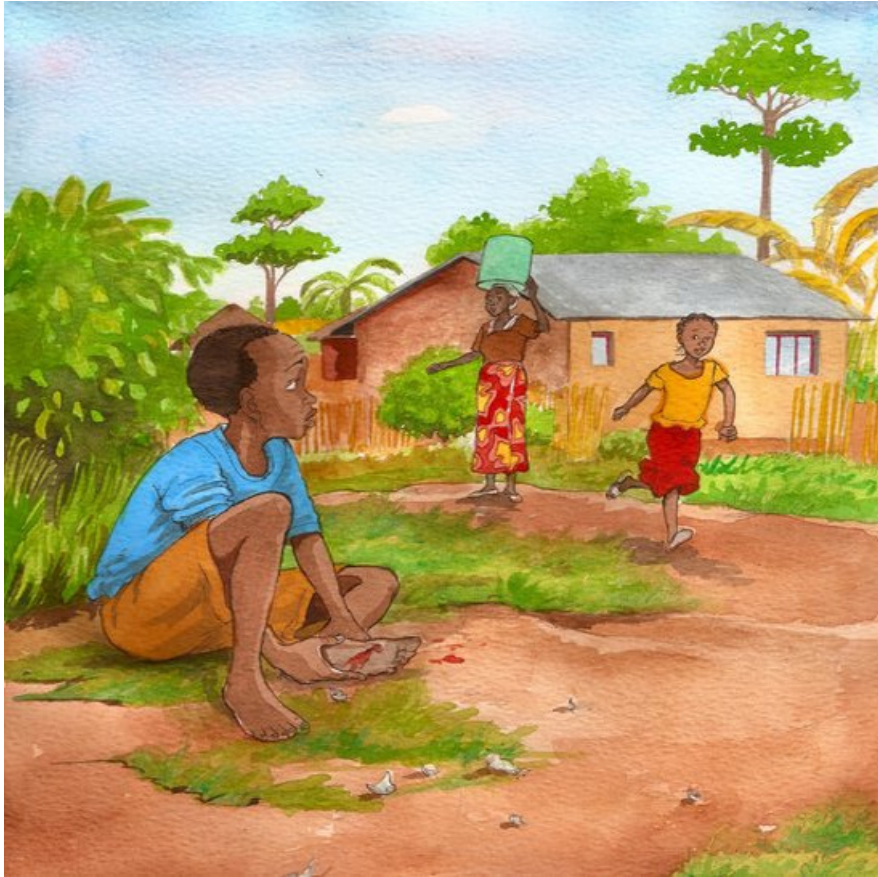
Young boys roamed around the
village while others worked on
people's farms.



起风的时候，废纸到处乱飞，挂在树梢和篱笆上。

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



碎玻璃扔得到处都是，很多人都被碎玻璃划伤了。

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People were cut by broken glass that was thrown carelessly.



终于有一天，水龙头干涸了，人们接不到水了。

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



我的爸爸一家一家地劝说，召集村里的居民们开会。

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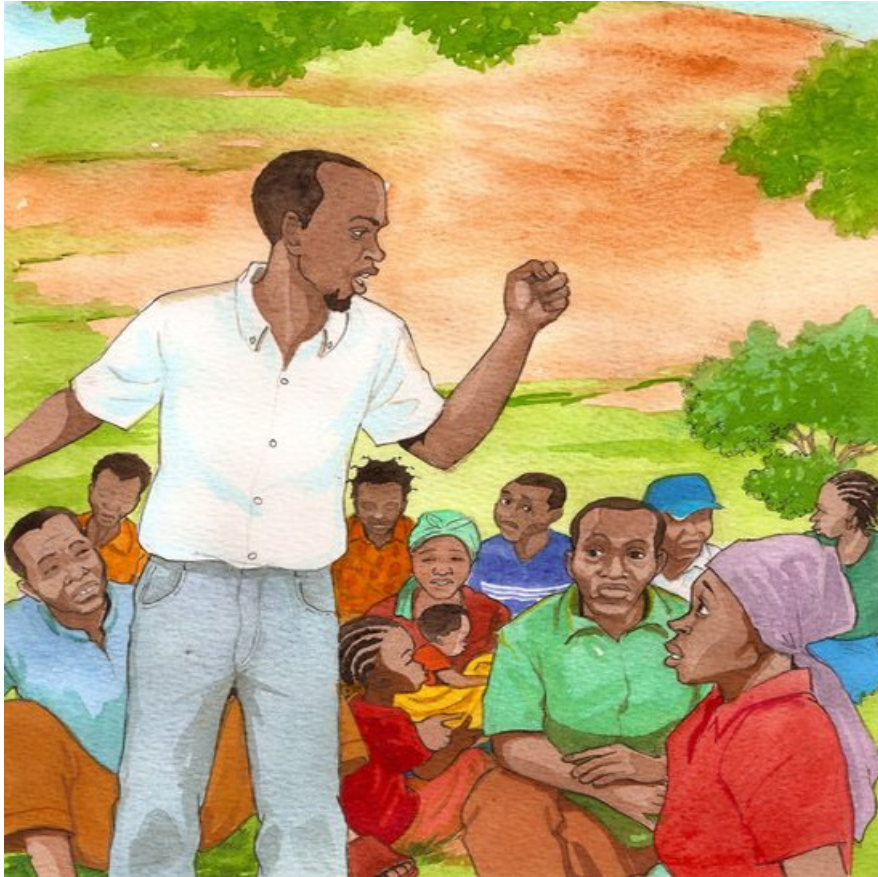
My father walked from house to house asking people to attend a village meeting.



人们聚到一棵大树下，准备开会。

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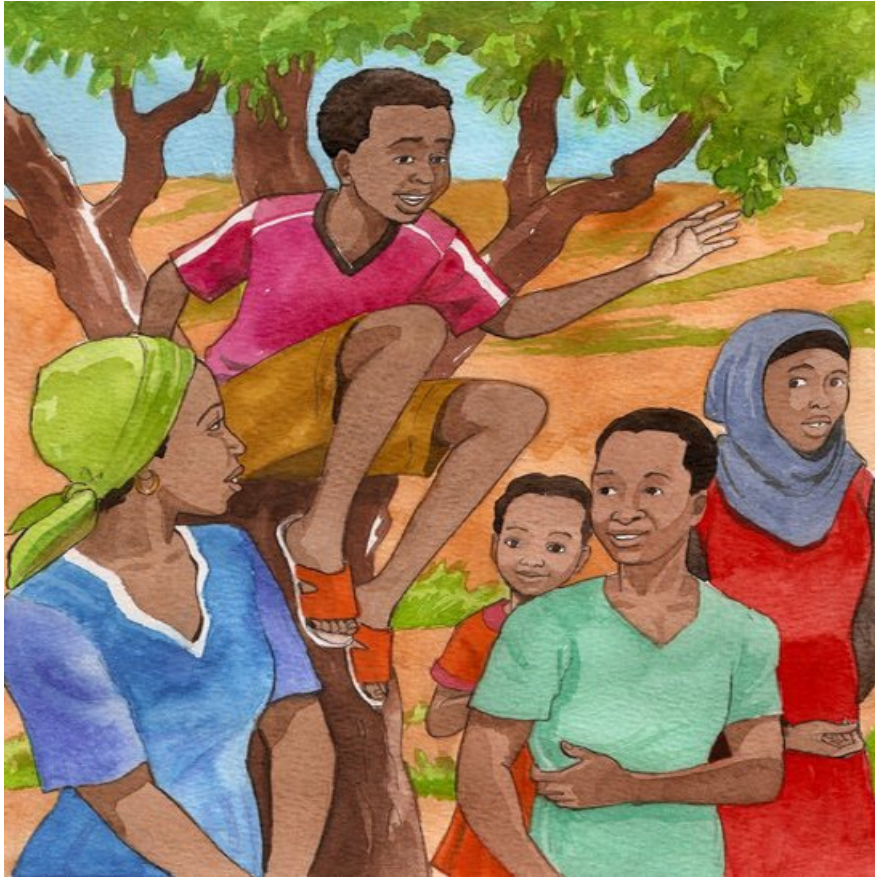
People gathered under a big tree
and listened.



我爸爸站起来，说：“我们必须团结起来，一起解决我们的问题。”

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



八岁的珠玛坐在树干上，大声说：“我可以帮忙清理村庄。”

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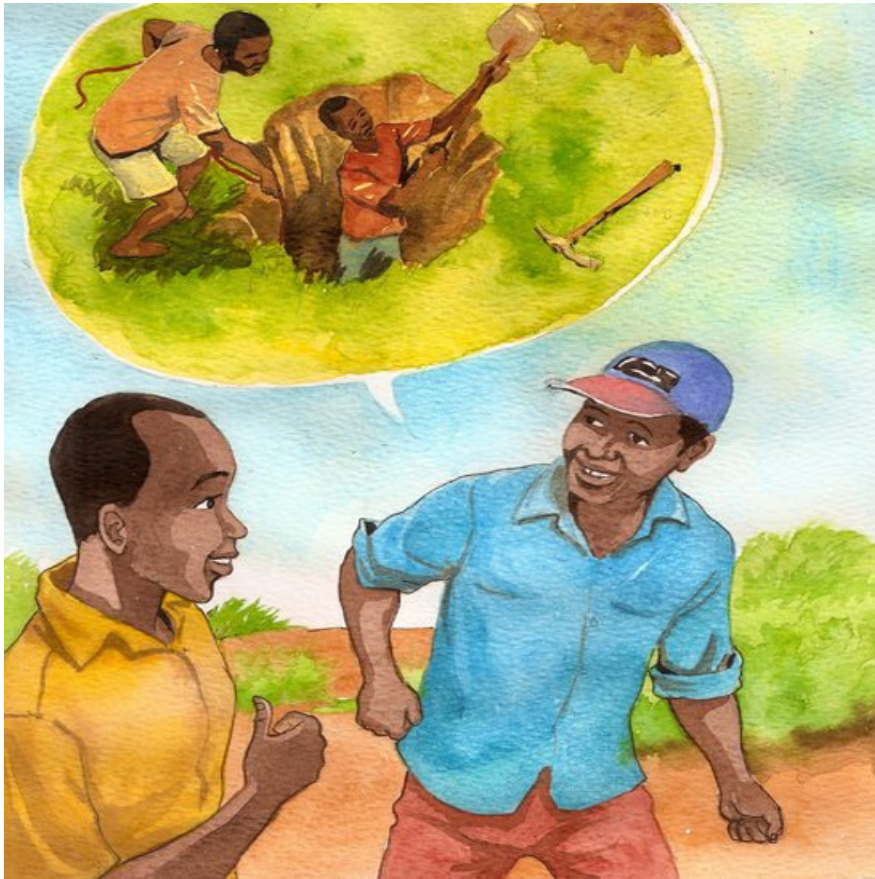
Eight-year-old Juma, sitting on a tree trunk shouted, "I can help with cleaning up."



一个女人站起来说：“我可以找一些妇女，一起种庄稼。”

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



又有一个男人站起来说：“男人们可以帮着打井。”

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



我们异口同声地说：“我们必须改变我们的生活。”从那天开始，大伙儿都齐心协力，解决问题。

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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.



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