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CYCLE TO SCHOOL

The story of Mamuwamga Madia – Lubani School

I am Madia Mamuwamga, a S.2 student at Lubani School. My way to school is not only long but dangerous. That is why I became a beneficiary at FABIO.

This is my story:

Before receiving a bicycle from FABIO, I had a hard time reaching school. Every day I had to walk 7 kilometers to and from my school - waking up extra early in the morning and coming home late became pretty normal for me. This meant that I often missed out on the early morning classes and soon fell behind on the others. However, what made it worse, was the danger. I left the house in the dark and came back in the dusk making me very vulnerable to many threats. Going to school became a task that frightened me. I hardly found motivation to even attend school. And one day it really happened: I was attacked on my way to school. Someone must have followed me for some time, maybe even watched me for days ahead.



And then he tried grabbing me, trying to use my body, trying to rape me. I never dared to think that such thing could happen to me - but it did. I ran away as fast as I could. Luckily, I saw a light approaching me - it was a boda rider passing by that noticed what was about to happen and saved me from getting



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raped that day.

Nevertheless, this heavily affected me ever since. I did not feel safe anymore and barely found the courage to go to school after this attack.

That was until my school introduced me to FABIO and Cycle to School:

In December of 2023, I received a bicycle and became a beneficiary of FABIO. The bike made it possible for me to reach to and from school much faster and therefore not having to walk in the darkness. Of course, my school performance has improved ever since as I am now able to attend all my lessons. But what is most important to me, is that thanks to the bike I finally feel safe now!

I am so glad, that I got this chance from FABIO and hope that others from my community also got this possibility.

“I am so happy and relieved about becoming a beneficiary of Cycle to School! Sadly there are many others having to go through the same as me. I wish they could also get a bicycle and be safe.”

You can support students like Madia by following the QR-code given above and donating to our crowdfunding.

The problem is still very broad and our project is far from done. Many students out there urgently need support. We want to change that.

All the money collected is directly going into Cycle to School and supports another student in need with a bicycle. Every donation - no matter how small or big - can make a difference and is much needed!

