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Keziah struggles to get a home...

Keziah was raised in Kinyago, a slum on the edge of Kenya's capital, Nairobi. The overpopulated shantytown is home to nearly 30,000 people who live in squalid conditions lacking proper drainage, sanitation services, and clean water.



In seventh grade, Keziah was unable to pay her school fees and was forced to leave school. By the age of 14, she had her first child, and by 18, Keziah was the single-mother of two young children.

Life took a turn for the better when Keziah and her mother joined the Jasho Housing Cooperative. With a loan from the National Cooperative Housing Union, the co-op bought land to develop housing outside of the slum.

Unfortunately, before their home could be built, Keziah's mother fell ill with AIDS and died. Keziah has managed to pay their share of the co-op's loan.



Today, Keziah is 22 years old and working hard to improve the quality of life for her family. She is attending classes at a local college and maintaining an active involvement with the Jasho Co-op. But progress is slow, and while they wait for their new home to be built, Keziah and her two young children are still living in Kinyago's slums.

The future does hold promise. Like other local housing co-ops, Jasho has ambitious plans to improve living conditions by installing clean water and sanitation systems.

Members hope to start building houses and cultivating their land with the goal of creating a safe and sustainable community. The only missing component is the loan funding necessary to turn plans into "bricks and mortar".

Your contribution to Rooftops Canada will help people like Keziah to realize their dreams of an adequate and affordable home!