**Kate can dream again**

**By Martha Sunda- Executive Director**

Before the abuse, Kate was a very active and happy girl who had a dream to perform better and become an influential person in her community. Her dream was shattered after she was defiled thrice by different men in her neighborhood, among them a minor. Through the support of the Helpline the girl’s family was linked with a children officer and Childline Kenya facilitated the children officer with a rescue vehicle and a counselor. Kate was thus rescued and placed in a safe shelter. She was then treated at a hospital and put on relevant medication. The case was also reported to the police station and the legal process instituted. During this time, Kate continued receiving psychosocial support from Childline Kenya counselors.

Through the intervention of our legal officer, the perpetrators were arrested and arraigned in court. The court case is ongoing.

Childline Kenya appreciates the donations made via Global giving because we were able to support resolution of this case and other cases reported through the helpline to reach successful conclusion. Kate is still at the children’s home as she awaits the conclusion of the legal case. She is also attending school as she continues with counselling to help her deal with the traumatic experience she went through. She is happy because Childline Kenya supported her to rise up from the dark tunnel of depression and self-blame. She is now ready to continue with her life in a positive way. Her family members are also going through counselling to help them understand how to protect their children better and how to support Kate when she is back home.