



Dafada Maidaji Ibrahim Grade 7

My name is Dafada Maidaji. I'm in 7th grade. I'm 14 years old. I go into the bush to get wood with a donkey, I pull water from the well, and I pound millet. Because of malnutrition in our village, babies fall ill with Beri-beri (wasting away from malnutrition) because they did not eat enough vitamins.

Fatima Abdou Grade 8



I am Fatima Abdou and I'm 16 years old. When I'm on vacation I work at home, prepare meals, wash dishes, sweep, clean up the house, wash my little brothers, go and get water at the pump, and look for firewood. I help my mother get water at the pump to put in the wheelbarrow.

[What would you like to be when you grow up?] A doctor. [A doctor? And why did you choose to be a doctor?] To treat the sick and to chase some of the horrible illnesses from my village. Being a doctor would help me do those things.

[What was one of the most difficult times in your village?] During the rebellion we suffered a lot because we (fled and) lived in the mountains and in the forests and they killed people, people died. My uncle -Alhouseini - some people saw him along the road and they killed him. I want the peace to continue and also to be happy.