

Success Story

Solar Program Beneficiary

Zuhura Shaame Omary



Key Facts

Name: Zuhura Shaame Omary

Village: Uonde

Age: 22

“My goal is to become a tailor, I have already applied for a loan to buy a sewing machine.”

Meet Zuhura, a 22-year-old mother of five children, and resident of Uonde, a village that is being electrified by Barefoot College Zanzibar's own Solar Mama: Helena Barnabas Daudi. Zuhura shares her story of how before her home was electrified, they would use kerosene lamps as well as hand torches, the problem she faced along with many in her community, was that the kerosene lamps did not provide sufficient lighting. The fuel for the lamps was also extremely costly. To simply use the lamp, even the cheapest fuel would still cost her 500 TZS per day. This would add up very quickly and it was a very big challenge navigating whether her and her family would be able to have light or not due to the expenses.

She shares how with kerosene lamps, it also comes with many risks due to the open flame and volatility. With five children in her household, she shares a story how they will sometimes want to touch the open flame, leading to them getting burnt or knocking it over and the lamp exploding. Luckily, when this happened, Zuhura was close enough so that the situation did not escalate.

She shares how now that her house has been electrified, she can just simply switch on the lights and is able to easily have accessibility to sufficient lighting. Zuhura is one of many beneficiaries of the Barefoot College Zanzibar Solar Electrification program. Having her home electrified has given her night just light, but also ambition to pursue to dreams. Zuhura's goal is to become a tailor, she shared with us that she has applied for a loan to buy a sewing machine. Recognizing her ambition, Barefoot College Zanzibar will be sending her a sewing machine with our next shipment of equipment to Pemba Island!