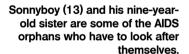


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## Sonnyboy's story



Sonnyboy does all the household chores – from washing clothes to cooking, and helping his sister with homework almost every day. The day starts at 5am. He makes a fire and starts to cook porridge, warm the milk or fry eggs. Then he boils water for his sister to wash and go

Both Sonnyboy and his sister, with some of the local children, go to the bush to fetch water and firewood. They cannot afford to pay the fee for use of the local communal tap to get a monthly supply of water. These children miss out on playing and end up being parents while they are still



