

Africa's Voices script

Early marriage poll

There is a family in one village in (village name) that is led by a woman. This family is facing several problems including shortage of food and household goods, including fertilizer for farming. This family has three daughters: (daughter 1) who is the eldest with 16 years old and is attending form 3 at (school's name) secondary school, (daughter 2) is 10 years old and the youngest is (daughter 3) who is 6 years old.

This family is struggling to have enough food to feed themselves because of lack of money and fertilizers. (daughter 1)'s father died when she was in form one. The mother of the three girls is trying to find a solution for their problems. She thought of taking (daughter 1) out of school for marriage so the new husband could help the family financially and buy fertilizer so they could cultivate food. (daughter 1) is one of the best students in Mr (teacher's name) class (the headteacher) and she's very bright. But (daughter 1)'s mother is very keen for (daughter 1) to go into marriage to solve the household financial problems.

I'm quite sure that you understood clearly the story of (daughter 1). Do you want (daughter 1) to get married so her mother can solve her problems or do you want (daughter 1) to go on in her education so she can help her mother and sisters in the future?

If you agree with (daughter 1)'s mother, that (daughter 1) should interrupt her education to get married to help the family, please send a SMS with the word YES SHE SHOULD GET MARRIED explaining your reasons to the number xxxxxxxxxx. But if you disagree with (daughter 1)'s mother, and think that (daughter 1) should continue her studies to seek a better future for her and her family, send a SMS NO SHE SHOULDN'T GET MARRIED explaining your reasons to the number xxxxxxxxxx.

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