

# Case Study Education

## SELESTINA'S STORY ANGOLA



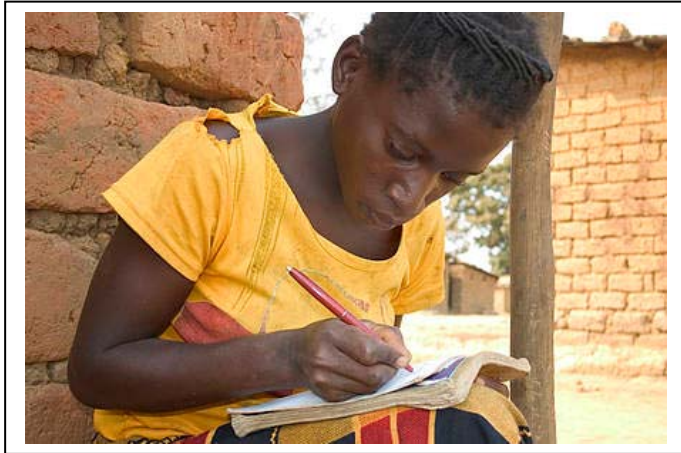
### Summary

Selestina is 14 and lives in Kitoque, a village in the province of Uige in northern Angola, where Save the Children is supporting education by training teachers. She lives in a small three-roomed hut with her mother, three older sisters and their ten children. Her father was killed in the civil war. Before school each day, Selestina must take care of household chores – making breakfast, and washing the dishes and the floor. When she gets home at 6pm, she has to grind mandioca (a root vegetable) into flour in a large mortar, before she can do her homework.

Selestina's school has barely any equipment. Each pupil has one pencil and one notebook, which must be saved for mathematics and Portuguese. Everything else must be memorised. Despite her age, Selestina is only in grade four because during the war she had to hide in the bush for several years. Although Angola's 27 year civil war ended in 2002, it has huge debts, sporadic unrest and ranks as one of the worst places for children to grow up. The government has to spend much of its budget on food and health, leaving little for education. Save the Children are working with the Angolan government to increase the number of children, especially girls and the poorest children, who can go to school and complete a good quality education.

**We Save the Children**  **Will you?**

## Selestina's Story



“Studying is the most important thing in my life. I will not slave away in the field like my mother and earn very little. I want to be a doctor so I can help a whole lot of people and my family.”

Our house was destroyed. We had no clothing, no money, and no school. It was really hard, and I was doing poorly. We moved from place to place in order to get away from the soldiers. Every time we heard that they were on the way, I got incredibly scared that they'd catch me. There were girls who had been raped and kidnapped by the soldiers, and boys who were forced into being soldiers.

**“As long as I'm allowed to go to school, I'm happy. And then I have to work. But one day, when I earn money, I will buy a machine for my family that can grind mandioca for them.”**

### Angola What we do

We're helping more than 6,000 children get a better education

We're saving lives by vaccinating 7,000 children against killer diseases

We're treating more than 42,000 children for malaria

We're registering 7,000 children so they can claim their rights

### Cost examples

25p for 5 pencils for 5 play centres for 3 months

50p for 2 exercise books for 2 play centres for 3 months

£200 for 4 schools desks for eight children

# Selestina



## Selestina taking care of the household chores

