

Nancy works as a cleaner. She washes other people's clothing. Her mom works with that as well. Nancy is working with Nafsi and started a girls band with other young women from Nafsi. The band is focusing on inspiring other women especially and give them hope for a better future.



This is Nancy. She is 22 years old and live the Nairobi slums. This is er house and live there with her mom, siblings. Her mom is 60 years old.

In the slums where Nancy lives, 40 different people are sharing the same toilet and shower. That's normal in the area. There is also a lot of pollution and smoke which can lead to sickness and lung cancer.

People are living very close to each other in the slums. They do not have a lot of space. The houses are mostly made by clay and steel plates. When it rains, the water runs into their houses. That means that Nancy and her family sometimes has to lay on the floor. Their beds are too wet.

Nancy and her family have to pay 3600 shilling each month for rent. 300 for electricity and 300 for trash. Nancy haven't paid rent for 6 months to the landlord. In Kenya you can be very lucky or unlucky with your landlord. Some can kick you if you don't pay rent. And some, understand the situation and are willing to wait for the rent.

When you are young in the slums is it important to get into a friend group to belong to. A good friend group is a necessity to avoid crime and bad decisions. If you get into a bad friend group, you can end up being criminal or involved with drugs.



There's a lot of crime in the slum. Some people need to be criminal to survive. Maybe they don't have or job and therefor need to find another way to provide the family. A lot of drugs and alcohol is involved as well.

Nancy walked to school every day. It was 10km each way, so she had to get at 4 to be able to attend classes in the morning.

Electricity is rare in the slums. Often is electricity not available. That means that the kids going to school need to do their homework in the dark. If it rains it is very dangerous to use the electricity and can risk getting electrocuted.

Nearly 100 000 primary school aged children are still out school. A lot of people have a hard time affording school. They need to work instead so that they can survive.

