



## Securing Futures Africa Impact Brief II- change in CHOICES!

We work to spark off ambition and increase the interest of children in rural areas to stay in school longer. We use mentorship camps through which we demonstrate the value of education, expose children to a heightened understanding of purpose and choices they can make to have a meaningful contribution to their community. We also identify and nurture exceptional talent in young people.

Below is a story of one of the pupils recorded in September 2016 on dropping less progressive habits such as sexual relationships and concentrating on their studies.

Boniface is 14 years old and in Primary 7 in Akore primary school. SFA first met him in 2015 while he was in Primary 6. He excitedly shared his story that he attributes to the work of SFA. By Dec 2015, Boniface did not care much about the future. Having grown up with his grandmother, there was nothing much to look forward to. He, like many of his peers was sexually active, with two girlfriends. His school grades were poor. From the first contact with SFA, especially the boy talk (life skills) session, he left unconvinced, he thought the challenges of life were too many to



Boniface- in a Tshirt with his friends

dream of a good future. However the more he reasoned with himself, the more he decided to make a choice. He decided to work towards being an engineer, having participated in another career sessions that exposed them to many potential future paths to take. He dropped the girl friends he had. Getting off early sex gave him more time to concentrate on his studies. "When I chose to become an engineer, I realized my mathematics grades were terrible. I decided to give it more attention, putting in more study time, including evening preps (revision)' says Boniface. His efforts paid off as his math grades moved from less than 30% in tests in P.6 to over 70% in P.7. Not only him is off girls and sex and concentrating on a better future, even his four friends pictured above. Now he is among those aiming for a first grade in the primary leaving exams in a school that hasn't seen such in over 20 years.

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