

BACK TO LIFE WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



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Eva is a 28 year old mother, diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Nov. 2015 and treated for TB in early 2016. She was developing Kaposi's Sarcoma in both legs in mid - 2016, but was only started on treatment for HIV/AIDS in September 2016, when her CD4 count was 13.

Eva came to Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja in November 2016 with severe pain, big wounds in her legs and unable to walk. RHHJ helped her with pain and management of the wounds as well as support to take the AIDS medicine well. However, she needed chemo-therapy for her cancer. The family had already sold land and kept some siblings out of school to afford the tests and treatments of Eva up to now – the had exhausted their means and could not pay. Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja was happy to support her to access investigations and chemotherapy at Uganda Cancer Institute. The total cost was UGX 811,500 or \$ 231, totally impossible for the family, but not much for a lifesaving treatment.

Now only one year later, Eva is much better – the cancer is gone, she has no pains, has gained weight and she can walk. Moreover, she is taking her AIDS medicine very well and the AIDS virus is no longer detectable in her blood. Eva and her family now look into the future with hope. She is very confident that she will be able to go back to work and support her child and family.

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