

Fiarenana: A photo tells a story



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Sometimes we get a photo we really like, such as this one of the seven daughters. Later we get a chance to talk with our partners in Madagascar and learn about a story we never imagined behind such a picture.

Seven daughters

What you see: Seven beautiful sisters in the newly community built school in Fiarenana.



What we learned:

The teacher told us that in this family with seven daughters, every day one of the girls is skipping school.

Not attending school for any child being very unusual in Fiarenana, Zahana inquired with the parents. They explained that this is indeed the case. The reason being simple: While the parents are out in the fields working all day with the increasing help of the oldest daughter, somebody has to take care of the little one, not in school yet. Not to single out one child as a designated caretaker,

they felt the fairest thing to do was to task a different daughter every day to be in charge of their little sister at home.

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