

CASE STORY

NAME	<i>Ibrahim Abdou</i>
AGE	12
COUNTRY	<i>Mali</i>
THEME	<i>Humanitarian Project / Child Protection</i>
STORY	<i>From the streets to resilience workshops – Ibrahim Abdou is now 2nd in his class at Aljanabandja school in Gao</i>



Context

Mali is a country in West Africa. Since March of 2012, there has been conflict between the northern and central regions in Mali. As you can see in the picture above, there are red spots which symbolize the attacks in Mali. The attacks in Mali are affecting the people who live there. Making everyday life hard. Many people do not have enough food, some get injured or killed. The schools in Mali are closed. Many families leave their homes to find a better place to live.

Save the Children (Red Barnet) is an organization, that helps these families and children. They work with different foundations to help children in Mali. (DANIDA)

Story

This case is about a boy named Ibrahim. He is 12 years old and live with his family in Mali. Because of the conflicts in Mali, Ibrahim and his family had to leave their home in Ménaka region. They moved to another city Gao. Shortly after they moved, a local organization (CLPE) in Gao, (helps and protects children) found out that Ibrahim did not go to school. The organization contacted the local school's principal, so Ibrahim could start in school. The principal suggested that Ibrahim should start in a program driven by Save the Children. The program, and their employers helps the children with problems caused by conflicts and war in a country. The program includes workshops focusing on resilience.

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At first Ibrahim's mother did not want Ibrahim to attend the workshop. One of Ibrahim's old teachers convinced Ibrahim's mother, because Ibrahim had become shy around other children. Ibrahim did not want to play with other children, he just wanted to be at home with his mother. Before the conflict and war in Mali, Ibrahim was a happy child and he often played with other children.

Save the Children's workshop helped Ibrahim to become a happier and more active child. Ibrahim gained the confidence to lead the song, the children performed at the end of the workshop.

Ibrahim and his mothers were happy about Ibrahim's progress. Ibrahim explains;

"I never thought that I could be like the other children, but ever since I started participating, I feel happy and supported. Everyone is laughing and playing together".

Ibrahim overcome his problems. Ibrahim is the second best in his class, and he leads a club for non-discrimination of children. Witch means that, he has the responsibly to fight for children's rights to be treated fear. Regardless of how they look, their religion, their actions and so one.

The lesson

The lesson about Ibrahim is, that every child has the ability to overcome their problems. Which means that the can find a way, to live or to erase in some way their problems. Save The Children helps children to obtain this, they work with the children through different task and develops their minds to become more positive.

"Even when starting from nothing, it is possible to succeed with the support of others"