

AEP Scholars Spotlight: Daniel Keitany

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Tumaini Scholar Daniel Keitany is no stranger to adversity. The second-year carpentry student at Kituro Youth Polytechnic has faced many obstacles in life to get to where he is today.

Born in a village called Sogon in the Great Rift Valley of Kenya, Daniel was the first of eleven children. His mother died when he was young and he was forced to take on greater home responsibilities. He struggled through much of his life in great poverty. But he always had a dream to live a bigger life beyond the mud houses of his village. His pursued education with great vigor. It was his intense passion for life and education that attracted the attention of the Africa Education Project.

Daniel was awarded the Tumaini Scholarship for Vocational Training in 2003. He was AEP's first Tumaini Scholar. Daniel chose to attend Kituro Youth Polytechnic in Karbarnet, Kenya, because the school's carpentry program ranked exceptionally

high. Kituro Youth Polytechnic's carpentry program trains young people for two years. These apprentices learn to make a variety of pieces of furniture including tables, chairs, stools, beds, cabinets, chest of drawers, etc.



Daniel hard at work in the workshop.



Daniel showcasing his carpentry skills.



Daniel is proud of his vocational school.

Daniel has excelled in his studies and has consistently ranked in the top 3 in his class every quarter. His family is especially proud of him particularly because Daniel the first person in his family to study beyond eighth grade.

Daniel would never have been able to attend Kituro Youth Polytechnic if it were not for Africa Education Project. AEP pays for Daniel's school fees, tools and other education related expenses.

"Tumaini," the name of the scholarship Daniel received, means "hope" in Kiswahili. Daniel embodies the very meaning of the scholarship as he serves as a symbol of hope to all young people who have fought against many adversities in life and emerged triumphant.