



Ocwee Pamela

My name is Ocwee Pamela, and I am 31 years old. I am a mother of six, and we live in Go Down, Layibi. The father of my children is a farmer, he sells produce, and most of what he harvests is for home consumption, and sometimes I sell some in this market.

When I was ten years, I was abducted by Lord's Resistance Army rebels. I escaped after one week. From the moment I was abducted, I started planning my escape. I had heard stories of other people escaping, so I knew it was possible to escape. I also knew that if I tried and they caught me, I would get killed, and I was still willing to try.

The moment came when there were gunshots, and people were running in different directions. I run and run until I found a family that hid me for a while then helped me get home.

This experience has toughened me, and this makes me know that as long as I don't hear any gunshots, life will be better. I will always try to make my life and children's lives much better. I will work as much as I can.

I enjoy my life and my best moments are when I sit with my children, drinking soda or tea, and we tell stories or just talk. I relax. I appreciate my children. I wish life was much better and I didn't have to work so hard to get little money to run my family.

I find difficulty in paying school fees for my children, but I know that if I get more food to sell, then I will get more money then, I will comfortably pay school fees for my children.