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## TESTIMONIAL

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As a primary school girl growing up in Botswana, I walked 3 km on a dirt road to my school because our village did not have a school. In my first three years, my classrooms were great big acacia trees, because the few buildings were reserved for the senior classes. Thirty years later, all this has changed. Now the schoolyard is filled with buildings. The road to my village is tarred, there is a school 500 meters from my mother's house and the village has access to a health clinic and clean running water. This was made possible by the revenue from Botswana's diamond mines and Botswana's responsible leadership. From the mid-1970's onwards, my parents were relieved of the burden to pay school tax fees for me and my siblings, because the government paid for tuition at high school, and related costs for our university education.