

My life changed because of my involvement in iEARN project

My name is Maham Saeed. I am a student at Gayaza High School in Uganda. I have been a member of iEARN since my senior 1 in 2008.

While in iEARN, I have been involved in two projects: Adobe Youth Voices; and People to People.

In Adobe Youth Voices, I have been involved in producing different kinds of media like proper garbage disposal, street children, climate change, and other small videos. Because of Adobe Youth Voices, I have acquired a number of soft skills like team work and technical skills like photo and video editing, video shooting, and a lot more.

As part of the People to People project, we have in collaboration with the Mathematics club in Gayaza High School moved to a neighboring Universal Primary Education (UPE) school to assist them in the learning of Mathematics since the school faces high rates of teacher absenteeism. This is one of my best projects because it involved directly creating real impact and relationships on the people in my society. Again, through participating in this project, I got to appreciate life more because I came to realize that there are people in much worse situations than me but living happily and contented.

Also under the People to People project, we embarked on a movement to provide safe & clean drinking water to people around our communities. In this movement, we get out to the community supplying water cans and Aqua Safe tablets that are used in purification and cleaning of water.

My most memorable highlight in my iEARN project work was on the World Teacher's Day (5th October 2010) when we got an opportunity of exhibiting our work to the president of the nation. "Thank you for being a good and concerned citizen." said the president after listening to what I had to say. I believe



at that point, we moved iEARN – Uganda to a whole new level.

It was a great experience to be able to talk to the President of Uganda and show him the great work iEARN is doing for the nation through students.