

Gemena Village Pictures

Eight-year-old Florence, a fourth-grader, lives in Gemena Village in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Florence used to study under the roof of a straw hut in conditions that made it hard to focus and learn. There were no walls, making Florence and her classmates easily distracted by everyone who passed by in the school yard. Children all sat on the ground because their school did not have benches. But then, with the support of World Vision sponsors, the school was able to improve the building, adding chalkboards for teachers and benches to help students sit properly, write well, and focus on their lessons.

Before:

This photo shows Francis in her old classroom where it was difficult to learn.



After:

This photo shows Florence in her new classroom. Florence is grateful for the improvements. "I am very happy that we have benches in our classroom that allow us to follow the course in good conditions," she says.



