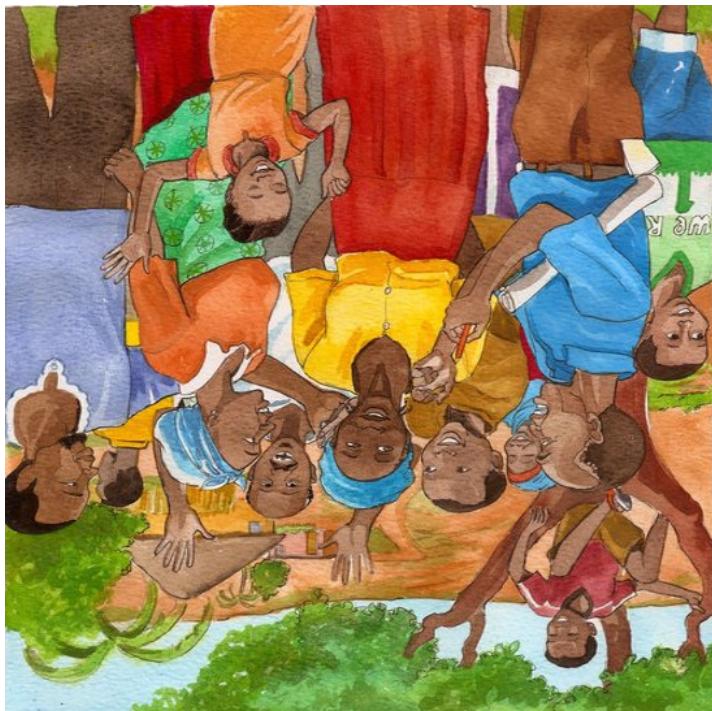


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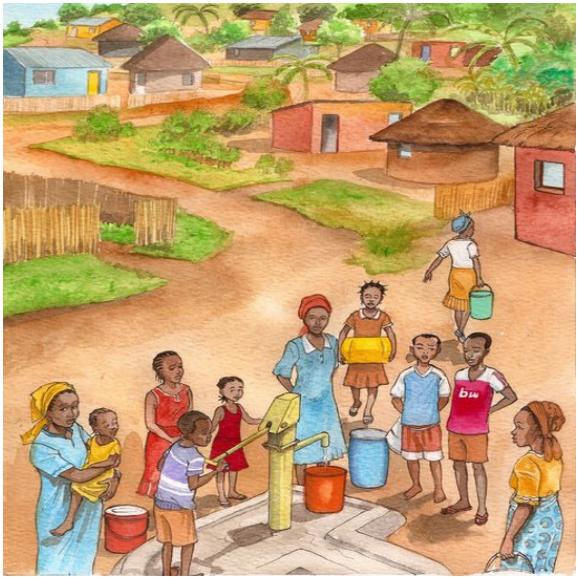
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Gandii kenya rakko bayee qaba. Bishaan
dhugatii argachuudhaf hiriraa dheera
dhabachu qabna.

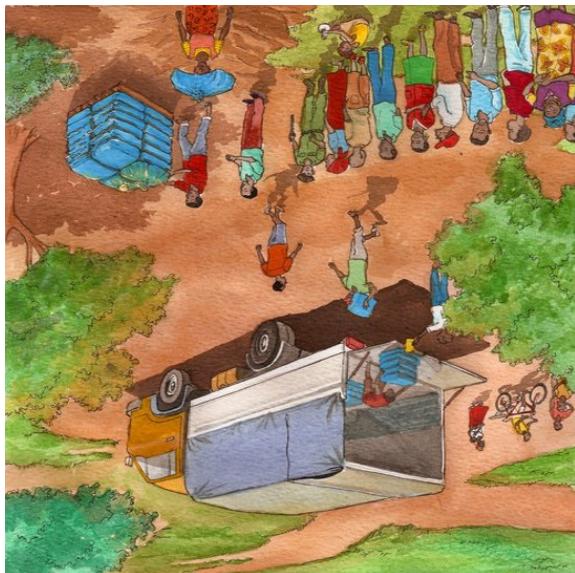
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My village had many problems. We made a
long line to fetch water from one tap.

We waited for food donated by others.

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Nyatā harjooman dhufee eggachu dabna.

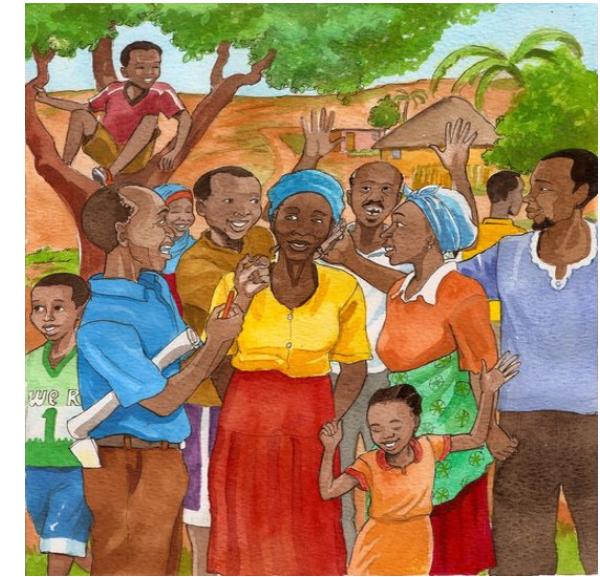




Sabaabaa hattu tif yeeroo dhan mana chufachu
qabna.

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We locked our houses early because of thieves.



Hundi kenyaag sagalee tokkon iyyinee akan
jenne, "Hardha irra jalqabnee waliwajjiin
hijachuun rakko keyna hikinee."

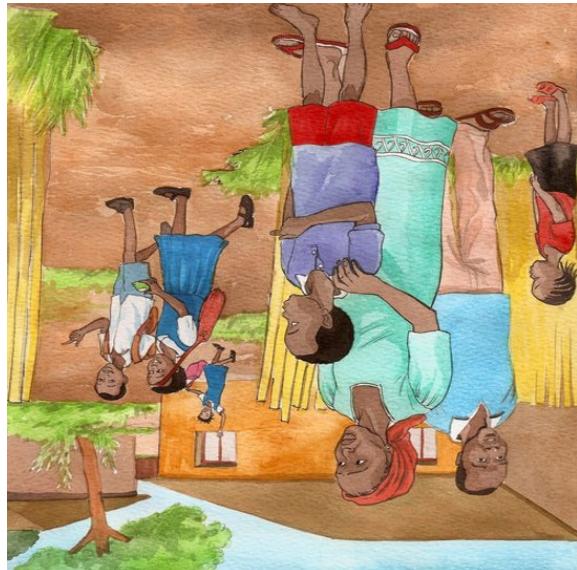
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We all shouted with one voice, "We must
change our lives." From that day we worked
together to solve our problems.

Many children dropped out of school.

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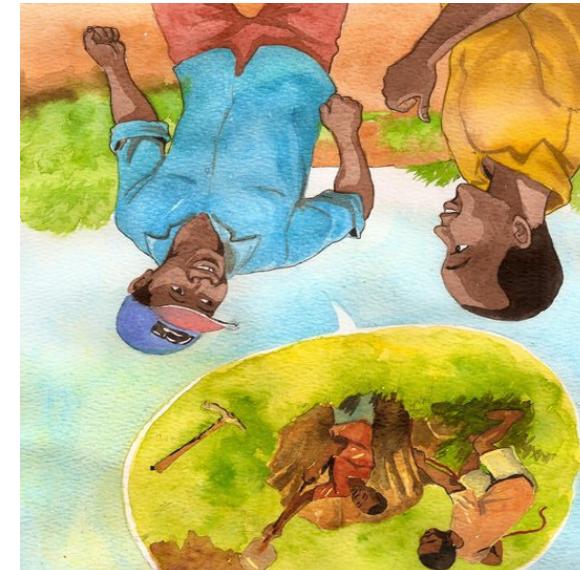
Ijoolleen bayeen mana barumsaa kessaaharca'uu.

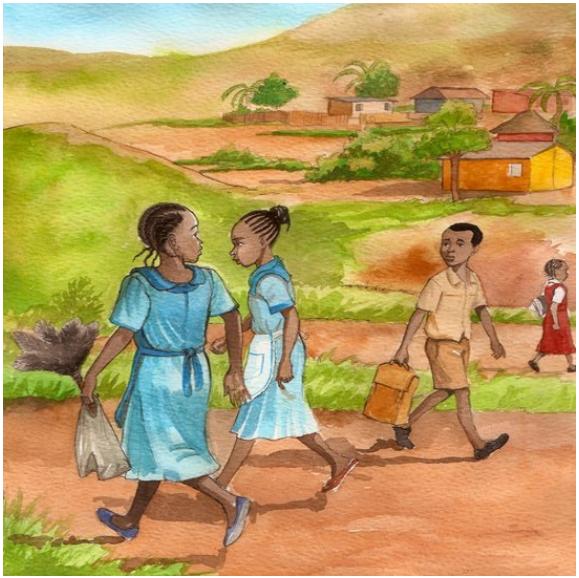


Another man stood up and said, "The men will dig a well."

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"Dubarlin biraal olkatee akan jete," namoonidhiri immo bolla yadotan.





Shaamareen mana namaa biraati aka hojatuti
qaxaramanii ganda biraati hojatu.

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Young girls worked as maids in other villages.



Dubartiin tokko akan jete, “Duburatonni kun
nawajjiin gamtofeene midhaan facaasuu
nidandenya.”

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One woman said, “The women can join me to
grow food.”

Young boys roamed around the village while others worked on people's farms.

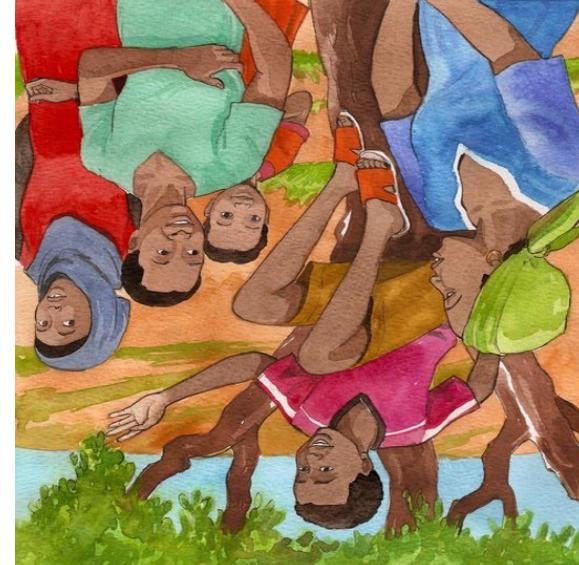
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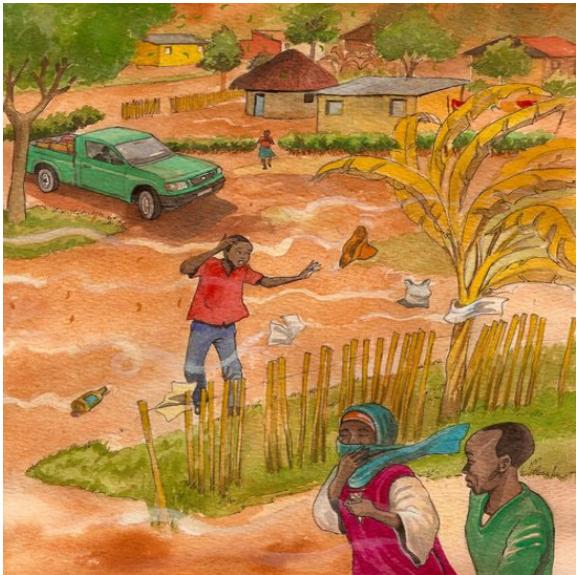
Dargagoni imo nanno ganda olgadi demo;
kaaneeen namaf qotu.



Mucaan ganna saddeeti, jumaan damee mukaa
gubbba ta'ee akam jedhe, "Ani nanno kenyaa
quduleesun nagummacha jedhe."
Eight-year-old Juma, sitting on a tree trunk
shouted, "I can help with cleaning up."

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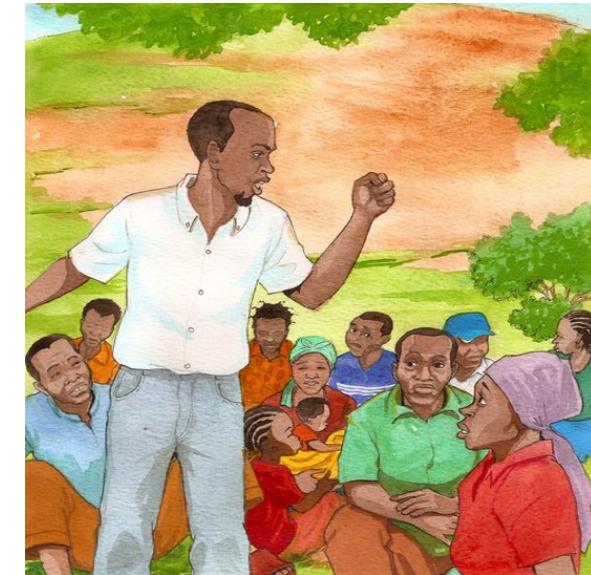




Yeroo bubben ka'u warqaa fi balfi garagaraa
dallaafi mukken irrati tuluma.

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When the wind blew, waste paper hung on
trees and fences.



Abbon ko olka'ee akan jedhe, "Rakko keynaa
hikuuf waliwajjiin hajachuu qabna."

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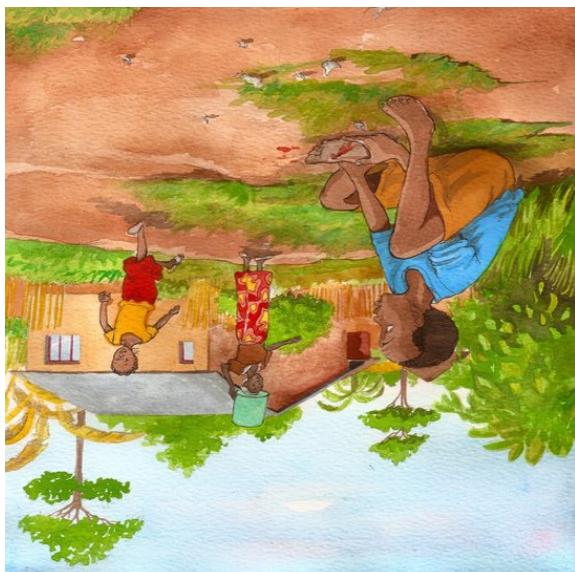
My father stood up and said, "We need to work
together to solve our problems."



Namoni muka jalti walghahanii and
waldhagefatan.

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People gathered under a big tree and listened.



People were cut by broken glass that was
thrown carelessly.

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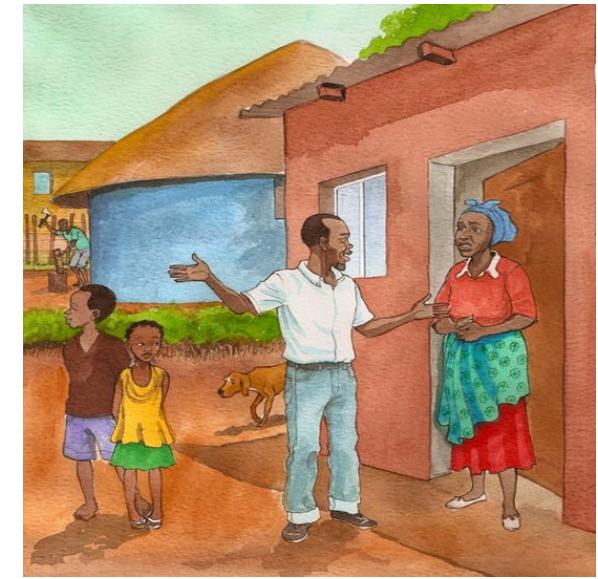
Namoni bayeen biricidqoon muramu.



Gaftokko bishhan ujummo dha cabee bishaan
dhabamee ture.

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Then one day, the tap dried up and our
containers were empty.



Abbon ko mana irra gara mana adeeme
ummata walgaagiig wamee ture.

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My father walked from house to house asking
people to attend a village meeting.