



## **CASE STUDY:**

### **Profile of a Tanzanian street youth**

#### **Abu's story:**

Abu (name changed for confidentiality) lives in a one room house with his uncle, his uncle's wife and her three children, as well as two of his own siblings. His father died in May 2003 from HIV/AIDS and his mother developed mental health problems and ran away. Abu's uncle works in a bar and struggles to support his family's needs.

Abu eventually left home and headed to the streets, because there was no food at home and because his uncle was unable to provide for his needs.

Abu attended the street-based soup kitchen (offered by the Arusha Referral Service for Street Kids) and shared his story with the youth workers. After a home visit in September 2003, Abu's uncle requested support with school supplies for his children. In 2004, school supplies were purchased for Abu and his siblings.

As of September 2005, periodic follow up on his progress indicated he was doing well at school.