

*Where are they now?*

**Saara Niilenge**

Meet Saara Niilenge. She tells her story of her journey with CITW in her own words below:

“I am Saara, an Oshiwambo speaking young lady from Tsandi village in Northern Namibia and I joined CITW IN 2012. I am 19 years old and a 1<sup>st</sup> year Civil engineering student at the University of Namibia. I will change to medicine next year as they did not have space this year.

I was raised by my grandma and the only places I knew in Namibia were Etosha (where I went to school in the Okaukuejo combined school area) and the northern towns e.g Oshakati. CITW has showed me opportunities I would not have accessed otherwise such as career paths in different sectors, various faculties at the Namibian tertiary institutions and the mighty Namib Desert among others.

They are also sponsoring my studies and that is making my studies stress free. When I am done studying, I would like to assist other rural Namibian girls the same way I was assisted.

I am not sure which specialty I will choose in medicine yet but will hopefully discover soon.”

