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THE NATION'S FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

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In a remote Ugandan village, their mother died in childbirth. Their alcoholic father was often gone for weeks. At 11, Brian became the primary caretaker of his siblings: Joseph (7), Joan (5) and Emmanuel (2). Desperate to provide for them, he begged for food in a nearby village. When Brian's pleading resulted in no food, none of them ate. They slept on the dirt floor with empty stomachs. Every day was a struggle to survive.

Emmanuel's tummy was so swollen from malnutrition that his tiny legs struggled to support him. He didn't have strength to move.

One day a woman, Madrine, noticed the children. She asked an FMSC food partner, Rakai Orphans Development Initiative (RODI), for help. "There is a family where a child is about to die," she told RODI.

"When we found him, Emmanuel couldn't walk and wouldn't even talk," said Richard Mutaawe, Co-Founder of RODI. "He literally didn't have any energy. He was just bones." RODI immediately gave the kids MannaPack Rice. "We knew only FMSC food could save this family," they said.

After one year of eating nutritious food every day, Emmanuel weighs 22 pounds. He smiles joyfully and is walking! "Now we can all see hope," says RODI. "Before we came here, Emma was dying. He would spend days without eating. FMSC food was truly manna from heaven. It totally changed their lives." "Before this food, they couldn't find a way out of their situation. Now they have hope for tomorrow," said Johnson Lwondo, Co-Founder of RODI.

"He Was Just Bones"



Emmanuel is from a remote village in Uganda. With no parents to take care of him and his three brothers, he often went without food for days at a time.



At two years old, Emmanuel couldn't walk or talk and was unable to move. An FMSC food partner in the area heard about his dire situation and started feeding him.



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