



Peace
Corps

WORLD WISE SCHOOLS

LOLA'S STORY

PART 1

Lola is a 15 year old girl who has a loving family, a father and a mother who support her education. She has an older brother who goes to school with her. She also has two younger siblings, a boy and a girl. She has a dream of becoming a doctor one day. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 2

In the area where Lola lives, there is a drought. Lola's mother has to help the family outside the home. Lola has to stay home to watch her siblings. Her brother continues his education. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**



PART 3

A Peace Corps Volunteer who is working in Lola's school hears that Lola has dropped out of school to care for her siblings. The Volunteer visits Lola to learn more about what is happening at home and invites her to attend the after school homework club for girls. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 4

Lola goes to school for homework help but it is only for math, science, and English. She misses much of the information from the lessons at school. She stays later for help and comes home in the dark. Her parents are very angry and refuse to let her go to the homework club anymore. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 5

The Volunteer hears this news and talks to Lola's older brother who agrees to meet Lola after homework club and walk her home. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 6

The Peace Corps Volunteer meets with her supervisor teacher to discuss Lola's situation. The teacher tells the Volunteer that there are so many girls, just like Lola, at the school. The teacher suggests they call a meeting for all parents in the community to address the irregular attendance of some of the students. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 7

The parents and head teachers come together to discuss things. The parents say it is impossible for them to let their daughters go to school during the drought. The Head Teacher asks what will enable the girls to come to school and the parents say that they can come on Saturdays. Everyone agrees this is a good plan. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 8

The Saturday classes are going well and Lola misses two of them because she has her period. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 9

The Peace Corps Volunteer teaches the girls how to make reusable menstrual pads. **Should Lola move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 10

The rainy season arrives and Lola is back in school. However, Lola is far behind in her studies. **Should she move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 11

Peace Corps Volunteers in the area organize a camp with other teachers in the community to help the girls catch up on math and science studies. **Should she move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 12

Lola completes her next to last year in secondary school. **Should she move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 13

Lola becomes ill because of dirty water and misses school for some time until she is well again. **Should she move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 14

Lola continues to attend homework club. In addition, this club now offers community service opportunities and education. Lola and her friends learn how to lead a campaign to wash hands in school. **Should she move forward, stay put, or move back?**

PART 15

Lola graduates from secondary school and receives a scholarship to university.

Let's all give Lola and our Volunteers a round of applause!