

Irine Akeno



Changing lives stitch by stitch

Kenana Knitters

Irine has been with Kenana Knitters since 2002, when she first arrived to the knitters she brought a 3 month baby who needed medical attention. She was a young mother, barely 17 years old and quietly suffering. Paddy was able to get the child medical attention and encouraged Irene to join the knitters so that she could earn money to care for her child.

In 2003 Irine's mother passed away and the burden of caring for her 3 siblings fell on her. Through her income at Kenana, she was able to ensure that they all completed their basic primary education. Irene is now married and has 5 children of her own, 3 boys and 2 girls. Together with her husband they have built a house where they live.

Irene is a competent and reliable knitter, a good member of the team. She works well with both cotton and wool yarns. She knits gorgeous shamba cows, spider leopards and harlequin bears.

So many of us have come to Kenana when we were completely desperate, we had reached a point where we didn't know where to go to find help. I was very lucky, Paddy helped me and my child, and then she gave me a job. Asante Sana.

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