SUCCESS STORY
A new sun rises begins in Suru’s and his family life!

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Suru Nasir was born in Gulele subcity woreda 10, from his mother Mrs Ayantu Daba and his father Mr Nasir Mohammed in 2003 E.C. He had HIV at birth. After Suru’s birth, things were not going well and his families got separated. Then Mrs Ayantu forced to start raising her child alone till she was seriously sick, and died when he was 6. After his mother’s death Suru started to live with his father. Mr Nasir was not a father; he did not give medicine or provide food properly. As a result, Nuru had poor attendance at school. Two years after Mrs Ayantu’s death, Mr Nasir even stopped Suru’s medicine and he took him to spiritual places. This is the time, Common Vision Development Association (CVDA) which is one of local implementing partners in the current program volunteer named Etsegenet Asea has been noticing Suru’s condition and consult and discuss to convince his father to enroll to care and treatment service at Gullele Sub city Health facility. However, Mr Nasir was not willing at first, since he believed his son will be healed by prayers. Then, Etsegenet (the volunteer) convinced him that he can get both services and the medicine will not contradict with his spiritual prayers. Beside she promised to support him in a way and can visit and follow him every week.

Then, Mr. Nasir agreed to return his child to hospital to resume his medication. As promised, Etsegenet started to follow closely Suru’s condition. She also approached and discussed with the Social Service Worker in her area, and they took him to the Government’s Women and Children Office. Then, they discussed and agreed to provide 360 ETB every month and to save 140 ETB at bank for his future expenses and plans On top of this, Etsegenet also linked him to get nutritional support for high viral load to solve the current condition and he received 25 kilo wheat and 3 liters of cooking oil from the Local Implementing partner where she volunteer. Due to collective efforts, Suru has now a suppressed Viral Load and he had good attendance at school.

Mr Nasir is happy now to see his child playing with his peers and attending his education regularly. Currently Suru is taking medicine on time and his viral load is suppressed and attending his grade 4 school. A new sun rises begins in Suru’s and his family life.

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Photo: Nuru wearing his school uniform ; credit: CVDA

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