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I: This is an IDI with a minor patient at Korogocho office, on 9th December 2021 at 11:44 welcome. Please tell me how you came to know that you had epilepsy?

R: We were playing with my sister and then I told them that I was going to drink water and then I just fell down and found myself in the hospital and that is when I was told I am epileptic.

I: According to your opinion, what causes epilepsy?

R: I usually tell my mom that I am having a headache and then I start feeling dizzy and fall down.

I: What makes one start having epilepsy? Or what do people say causes epilepsy?

R: They usually say that epilepsy is caused by cholera.

I: Is there something that can be done to avoid epilepsy?

R: Only if you are given medication that is when you can be cured.

I: What is the experience living with epilepsy?

R: It has been a bad experience.

I: Can you please tell us more? What are some of the house chores that you cannot do due to epilepsy?

R: Due to epilepsy I am unable to do some jobs such as washing utensils as well as the house.

I: What about in school?

R: In school I'm ok.

I: What about games in school are you able to do all of them, what are some of the fears you have due to living with epilepsy?

R: I usually feel bad when others are able to do jobs at home yet I cannot be able to do them.

I: Where do you seek medical services for epilepsy?

R: Hospital M.

I: Why do you go to Hospital M and not any other?

R: So that I heal.

I: What are your opinion on Hospital M where you seek services

R: So that I get medication to be healed.

I: Do they have medications for epilepsy at Hospital M, what would you like to be changed at Hospital M for the treatment of epilepsy?

R: Nothing.

I: Does Hospital M diagnose epilepsy?

R: No, they do not have.

I: When you realized you had epilepsy, which hospital were you taken to?

R: Hospital K.

I: Is it at Hospital K where you realized that you had epilepsy?

R: Yes.

I: How has epilepsy affected your life?

R: I am unable to do home chores.

I: Apart from the home chores, what are the other effects that have been caused by epilepsy?

R: None.

I: Has epilepsy affected your relationship with your family?

R: No, it has not.

I: What about with friends?

R: It has not been affected.

I: What about your relationship with other people in school such as teachers?

R: It has not been affected.

I: So, people in school such as teachers and other students view you as normal?

R: Yes.

I: How will epilepsy affect you in the future?

R: It will not affect me

I: Why do you think it will not affect you?

R: I will be cured by then.

I: Do you have anything to say about epilepsy?

R: Nothing to say.

I: You said there is no sport that you cannot participate in school?

R: Yes.

I: And the jobs that you cannot do at home are?

R: Washing the house and utensils.

I: So, it is just that, you can do the rest of the things like cooking?

R: Sometimes I cannot cook because the heat makes me feel dizzy.

I: Apart from cholera what else did you say causes epilepsy

R: I only heard of that one alone.

I: But from your own perspective what do you think causes epilepsy, when you were taken to the hospital what did they say causes epilepsy?

R: I didn't hear any.

I: What can be done to prevent epilepsy

R: Being given medications.

I: Apart from medications is there anything else that can be done?

R: Nothing.

I: Nothing okay, is there something to add from my team? If none, do you have a question from our conversation? None okay we have come to the end of our conversation

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