

## **Duties of Children in Rural Areas**

### **English translation:**

There are five children in our family, I am the eldest. Umm... how we were raised. My father worked in town, in Bulawayo. Us, the children and our mother, we used to live in the rural areas, in Chirumhanzu. We used to go to visit the town during the school holidays. Growing up in the rural areas is different from growing up in town in that most of the times, if you are not in school your duties involve herding cattle, if it's during the rainy season you will be farming. In winter, you will be harvesting the farm produce and finishing up that. So, umm, there is a lot of work such that for a child, as soon as you grow up to five years old you will be eligible to do some other tasks at home, set aside for you, especially if you are the eldest because the younger ones will be there so you have to take care of them.

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