

WHY WOMEN ALWAYS CARRY BABIES ON THEIR BACKS



Once upon a time there was a woman called *Nakwinda*. She lived in Siyasiya II village in the county of Mwanza. She was married to Mr Chambwe. Mr and Mrs Chambwe had a little baby called Eliza.

As a custom of ladies in the community, Mrs Chambwe had no one to help her gather firewood. She had to do it for herself.

One day she joined other women of the same village to gather firewood in a forest called Chiimbe. As was their custom, the mothers left their babies under a certain tree. Nakwinda did the same.

Since it was her first time to go with her baby in a group, she even forgot that she had come with her baby Eliza. When it was time to go home, other women did not care about Nakwinda forgetting her baby. They said that no mother could forget her own baby.

When she arrived home, her husband asked where she had left the baby. She remembered that she had put it under a tree. She ran back to the forest. She could not find the baby. She searched everywhere. Eventually she got lost. No one saw her again.

From that day on mothers learnt to carry their babies on their backs so they did not do what Nakwenda did.

Moral of the story:

This story tries to find reasons why women carry babies on their backs. In every community, it is a common thing to find women carrying their children on their backs.

Other women did not remind Nakwinda to put her baby on her back. Was it fair to do so?

If you were on the same trip what would you do?

What happens when we fail to do our responsibilities as global citizens?

What was lacking in this group of women was love.

How can you help the women of this community to change their character?