

MALISH THE MAGNIFICENT

VIOLA THE VALIANT is a hero. She is bringing the **RUBY CUP** to her community through bravery, role model behavior, and communication. But one of the most important things that makes **VIOLA** a hero is that she knows how to work as a team!



Somewhere close by....

MALISH and other members of the **COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION GROUP (CSAG)** are on patrol, keeping watch over risky areas in their communities.



2 years earlier....

MALISH THE MAGNIFICENT left South Sudan after war broke out in his hometown. He traveled, with his **WIFE** and **BABIES**, through the Democratic Republic of Congo to seek refuge in Uganda. The journey was long and arduous. They battled intense heat with little food or water. In 2017, the family finally arrived in Imvepi, still bearing the scars of the journey.



My friends, women and girls have a period every month, it is natural, but other methods of menstrual hygiene are not adequate for us here. The Ruby Cup is a great innovation! As men, we must support what is best for the women, because it is best for us as well.



Back in the present....



MALISH supports the women and girls who received the **CUP** by talking with community members, especially other men, boys and elders, who were skeptical about it. His role defies gender norms, but he never backs down from a challenge. Through this and his work with the **CSAG**, **MALISH** demonstrates his commitment to justice, no matter the personal cost.



My wife still uses her cup. Our environment is clean because we were also taught about hygiene and disposable pads are no longer thrown everywhere after use

Life can be demoralizing, and terrifying, but underneath it all there is hope. There are real life superheroes who remember that the world still needs them.

Malish says he is now viewed as a leader in his community and his family is respected. He also received a job from another organization as a girls' trainer in schools. *"I didn't know anything about GBV or women and girl's issues. After my training from CARE I can talk about these topics and become an advocate for women and reproductive health."*