

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
Estimated Age at Rescue	11
School/Class	Primary-4

Dear Sponsor,

Please find below a message from your sponsored child, collected during a recent monitoring visit.

My name is *** and I am 14 years old. I have survived five years of my childhood spent working on a yam farm..

I was trafficked by my father when I was six years old. I spent five years of my childhood working for the farm owner. While there, I spent every day on the farm without access to education. I worked from 5am to 6pm every day before I was rescued by IOM in 2011.

Before being rescued, my master used me mainly for his yam farming business. On the farm, he engaged me in activities such as weeding, making yam moulds, planting yams and uprooting yams. Sometimes I was hurt by the hoe that I used for these activities.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in Roman Catholic Basic School, Have. I later transferred to D/A Primary School. I am currently in Class Four. My academic performance is above average and I aim to become the first student in the class next term.

Currently, I live with my uncle and my sibling. My uncle always encourages me in my schooling. However, he is unable to provide for my basic needs because he is unemployed. Sometimes we go without enough food for the family.

On behalf of IOM, we thank you for your support of ***. Together we can make a difference in the lives of rescued children, so they can attain or reach their highest potential in life through a safe and dignified manner. Your funds are used to provide basic essentials for children to attend school or their apprenticeship programme and include school supplies, food and hygiene items. Should you have any questions about the sponsorship programme, your sponsored child or other ways to get involved, please contact our counter-trafficking team at IOM, Accra-Ghana.

Sincerely,
Wisdom Doe
Counter Trafficking Assistant
IOM Ghana

Please visit our website to review our Sponsorship FAQs and Child Safety Policy.

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*** posed for this photograph the IOM a monitoring visit (January 2014).

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