

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
Estimated Age at Rescue	10
School/Class	Primary-3

Dear Sponsor,

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

My name is *** name removed for safety and I am 15 years old. I survived four years of my childhood spent working for a fisherman.

I was trafficked at the age of six by my maternal grandmother during my stay with her. I spent four years of my childhood working for my fishing master. During the period of trafficking, I worked from dawn till dusk every day under harsh conditions. I was given little nutritious food to eat, worked in cold conditions, and beaten often until IOM came to my rescue in 2008 and reintegrated me with my grandmother.

Before being rescued, my fishing master used me for all activities pertaining to fishing such as scooping water from canoes, carrying fish from the Lake side, diving into the Lake to disentangle nets, and domestic services.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in school by IOM and am currently in Basic School Class Three. I am happy to be learning in school because my performance is good. I always attain between first and fourth position in class at the end of every term.

My current family situation is that, I live with my mother. She is a single parent and doing her best to cater for me at home and school through her petty trading.

On behalf of IOM, we thank you for your support of Felix. 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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*** name removed for safety and the mother posed for this photograph after receiving food items (December 2013).

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