

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
Estimated Age at Rescue	9
School/Class	Class-4

Dear Sponsor,

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

My name is *** and I am 11 years old. I have survived two years of childhood spent working for a fisherman.

I was initially living with my aunt – when my father came for me. Little did I know that his intention was to traffic me. I worked for my fishing master. My typical day began at dawn when the weather was cold. My master always woke me up for the day's business to begin. Usually, I felt very cold on the lake. This continued on daily basis until I was rescued by IOM in 2011 and was reunited with my aunt, Regina.

Before being rescued, my fishing master engaged me various fishing activities on Volta Lake such as paddling his canoe, casting and pulling nets, diving into the lake to disentangle nets, mending nets and selling fish.

Soon after my rescue, IOM enrolled me in Cornerstone Preparatory school where I am currently in Basic Four. I am thankful for the opportunity given me by IOM. My performance in school is very good and I hope to even do better so that I can reach the highest level.

My current family situation is that, I no longer live with my aunt Regina due to some difficulties. I have now relocated to another aunt's place to remain in school. My parents live in a village where there is no school.

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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*** in action during a football match (January 2014).

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