

IOM Ghana Counter-Trafficking Sponsorship Update



**January
Month**

**2014
Year**

Name of Sponsored Child	***name removed for safety
Estimated Age at Rescue	13
School/Class	Junior High School (JHS)-2

Dear Sponsor,

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

My name is *** and I am 18 years old. I have survived over seven years of my childhood spent working for a fishing master.

I was trafficked by my mother at a time when we were living in that fishing community. I spent more than seven years of my childhood working for my master. During the period of trafficking I worked under very dire conditions until I was rescued by IOM in 2008 and reunited with my mother.

Before being rescued, my fishing master used me for various fishing activities such as unscaling, smoking and selling fish as well as all domestic chores.

After my rescue, I was enrolled in school by IOM. Currently, I am in Junior High School, Form Two. I am happy to be learning in school. My academic performance is excellent as I always obtain the first position in class in spite of some economic difficulties. I am also the girls' prefect of my school.

My current family situation is that I live with my mother and I have no idea of the whereabouts of my father. My father has neglected the family for several years now. My mother is unable to make enough money from her petty trading to take care of the family adequately.

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

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*** busy doing private studies in class (February 2014).

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