

## Newsletter March 2021

Dear Donor,

### Resilience - the long path from strength to strength

Street-connected children are exposed to difficult, often negative situations due to their struggle for survival on the streets. It is therefore even more important that we build supportive relationships with the children to enable us to help **strengthen their confidence, their joy for life and their readiness to strive for a better future.**

Our staff play a pivotal role in this. **They must be emotionally strong themselves** - because the **life conditions of the children do not leave them untouched.** On the one hand, they should quickly become confidants and convey love and security. On the other, they should be able to let go later and yet strengthen the children's ties with their family members and their tribal communities in the longer term. This is not easy!

That is why four professors from the **Zürich University of Teacher Education (PH Zürich), CFC partner,** offered selected staff members virtual training on topics such as resilience and media communication in January. In addition, Tijani from the **Muslim Family Counselling Services, CFC partner,** conducted a three-day course for our street workers. Both trainings have advanced and strengthened us a lot!



**The number of street-connected children has increased in 2020.** We have therefore also trained three young women and five young men to become **'Street Champions'**. They are residents of the streets and ready to contribute to improvement of the street environment. Their role is to observe the situation of street-connected children and stay in close collaboration with our street workers. It is important that as many children as possible find **their way back to their families and to school as quickly as possible.** The longer the children remain on the streets, the more difficult it becomes to re-integrate them. To make this a success, this also requires close cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare, the children's families, and teachers at the schools.

**The expansion of our work in Kumasi and Tamale** is progressing very well. Our presence in this area allows for more intense and restructured approach with children and families living in the area who were already being supported by CFC.



Since January of this year, we are supporting more closely street-connected young adults in their **vocational training in cooperation with companies and experts**, so that they learn a profession with which they can improve their quality of life in the longer term.

It is important to us to do our absolute best to ensure that children, staff and we as **an entire organization** are resilient and proceed strengthened.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that we have launched our newly designed website: <https://www.chance-for-children.org>

With this new website our goal is to share our story, our impact and to give a better understanding to 'What We Do' and 'Where We Work', as well as to introduce you to our team and our partners.

Enjoy discovering our website!

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## Results 2020

### OVER 1,550 STREET-CONNECTED CHILDREN THROUGH DIFFERENT PROGRAMS, 69 STREET-CONNECTED YOUTH AND OVER 250 FAMILIES

- More than 50 street-connected children have been reintegrated into their families and 7 young adults have completed an apprenticeship or middle school.
- 44 children were prevented from joining the streets and their families supported by providing supervision of our social workers and stakeholders in the various communities.
- In Kumasi and Tamale members of communities benefited from 32 workshops on different topics focusing on hygiene, health education, child development, sanitation, and child rights, among others.
- Over 50,000 meals were shared with street-connected children, and 12 hygiene workshops were held in Accra, Kumasi and Tamale between mid-March and November 2020.

We are grateful for your support! **You are making our progress possible!**

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Chance for Children