

## Newsletter June 2021

Dear Donor,

### A unique training program in Ghana for great future perspectives

We are delighted to share with you the [Annual Report 2020](#) together with this second newsletter of 2021. 2020 was a very challenging year because of Covid-19. Nevertheless, we were able to launch new initiatives. One of these is the **TVET Agency – a program that supports our apprentices in their vocational training** and takes into account the needs and strengths of our former street-connected children. It is based on Switzerland's dual vocational training model.

First, I will present a bit of background information about the traditional apprenticeship model in Ghana: Our young adults, who decide to take up a vocational training after the basic school years, often complete an apprenticeship with a specialist who is known as master/madam. The apprenticeship is often not clearly structured and instead consists of observing the "master/madam" and imitating what he or she demonstrates. There is no complementary vocational school offered.

**The young people are often overwhelmed with this new situation.** They frequently do not have a direct contact person at their workplace who can guide them in this important first phase of their professional life. Without someone who can reflect with them and support them, these young people often scrape through the apprenticeship. At some point they no longer have the ability to persevere and have conflicts with the master/madam. If the problems and challenges accumulate, the outcome is often withdrawal from the internship, which begins by distancing themselves and ends with them dropping out altogether. Frequently, because their main desire is to earn money, street life becomes attractive again, and once they enter it becomes difficult to find a way out. This is where the new TVET Agency program intervenes.

Our new concept offers a dual vocational training (80% practical training in the workplace and 20% theory combined with general knowledge, self and social competences, and the teaching of ethical values and a sense of responsibility). The apprentices work for three weeks each at their "master/madam's " or the SME and then spend a training week with CFC.

### Pilot Phase 2021 / 2022

We are currently supporting 9 young adults from the fields of construction, gastronomy, beauty and fashion. We aim to have 20 by mid-2022. On May 7, 2021 we successfully launched our new program and from May 31 to June 4 the first training week with apprentices took place!

In the coming months we will also offer workshops for their masters/madams in which we will reflect how they can become inspiring role models, motivate the apprentices and give them constructive feedback. Reflecting on achievements and setting goals in the workplace will feel quite new for many young people.

This program is designed to strengthen our youth in the long-term and prepare them for a successful and self-directed professional life.



Impressions from our TVET Agency

We would like to express **our heartfelt thanks** to Prof. Dr. Heinrich (Heiri) Strebel, Secretary General and Project Manager Ghana at SITECO Zürich, who is supporting our project on a voluntary basis. You can read more about this new program in **Prof. Heiri Strebel's report** ([link](#)).

**Thank you for making great future perspectives possible!**

Warm regards,

**Daniela Rüdisüli Sodjah**

Daniela is looking forward to traveling to Switzerland for a couple of weeks together with her family and will present CFC's work with street-connected children and families:

Su, 25.7.2021 9.30am Liestal	9.30 a.m.: Church Service with and for Chance for Children, Stadtkirche Liestal
Su, 8.08.2021 Kempraten	10.30 a.m.: Participation in the church service in the catholic church Kempraten, followed by an aperitif in the foyer.
Sa, 14.08.2021 Gommiswald	6.30 p.m. Church service with blessing of herbs with the participation of the Women's Community of Gommiswald and Daniela Rüdisüli Sodjah in the parish church of Gommiswald. Followed by a get-together on the church square with herb bread and herbal tea (in case of rain: parish centre).
Fr, 27.8.2021 Rapperswil	7 p.m.: General meeting of Association Chance for Children in the Protestant Church Centre Rapperswil-Jona

Note: The CFC Annual Report 2020 can be found on our website: <https://www.chance-for-children.org/en/annual-reports-jahresberichte/>