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CHANGES - NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW PATHS

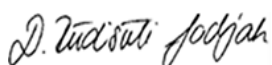
After my 6-week stay with my family in Switzerland, I have been back home in Ghana since the end of August. We enjoyed this change very much.

Many things have changed in Switzerland, in Ghana and in many places around the world in the last one and a half years. This is noticeable and affects us all. These types of changes are often out of our control. **We have to learn to cope with them, to accept them, to grow and to discover new paths.** Although the uncertainty of change is often frightening, it's important to call upon one's courage and strength to explore where the changes may take us.

Street-connected children know the topic of change very well. Their life on the streets has little consistency. Most of the time they don't have a permanent place to sleep, no constant network of relationships, no school or work rhythm, and no family. **They have to learn how to deal with the ever-changing situations on the street in order to survive.** This is exhausting and makes them tired. Our work is strongly focused on the slum area around the "Agbogbloshie" waste dump - this is the place where the electronic waste ended up, making it probably one of the most polluted places in the world. Nevertheless, thousands of people worked there. The Regional Minister of Greater Accra has started to clear the area. Until 1st July 2021 the traders of the onion market and the scrap dealers had to move. The simple wooden structures of many families were demolished with excavators. There were fires. The whole population who worked in the area had to reorient themselves. **There is great uncertainty among them, and also among the children, about how far this demolition will go and what their lives will be like in the coming weeks.**

That is why it is even more important that we remain here for the children. Our street workers follow the kids wherever they go and give them support. In the last few weeks, a lot of children came to the Drop-n Centre. It is very helpful that we can observe the migration of individual children and families back to central or northern Ghana via the two branches in Kumasi and Tamale. In addition, the children's movements can still be tracked and we can always adapt our interventions.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making all this possible. The children need you especially with so much additional turmoil facing them.



Daniela Rüdüsüli Sodjah

Information

Collaboration with PHZH

In 2009, [Daniela Ruedisueli Sodjah](#), one of the founders of the non-governmental organisation Chance for Children (CFC) in Ghana, received the PH Zurich Education Award. Since then, the Zurich University of Teacher Education has supported CFC with further education, organizational development and coaching. Now the cooperation has been extended for another three years. Principal [Heinz Rhyn](#), Daniela Ruedisueli Sodjah as well as [Corinne A. Pernet](#) and [Iris Henseler Stierlin](#) from the International Education Department signed the corresponding agreement in August.

9 out of 10 francs should directly reach our children

To ensure that as much money as possible goes directly to our children and families, we are always looking for ways to optimize our efforts. We are therefore grateful if we can send as much mail as possible by e-mail.

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