

Lotus Childrens Centre

Accra, Ghana



A project managed by AMURTEL Ghana

Where are we?



We are here!

What do we do?



We are a home for orphaned and disadvantaged girls.



Our nursery school
provides a child
centred learning
environment...



...in which we focus on
creative expression
and having fun.

What else do we do?

- Holiday programmes
- Tutoring in reading & English

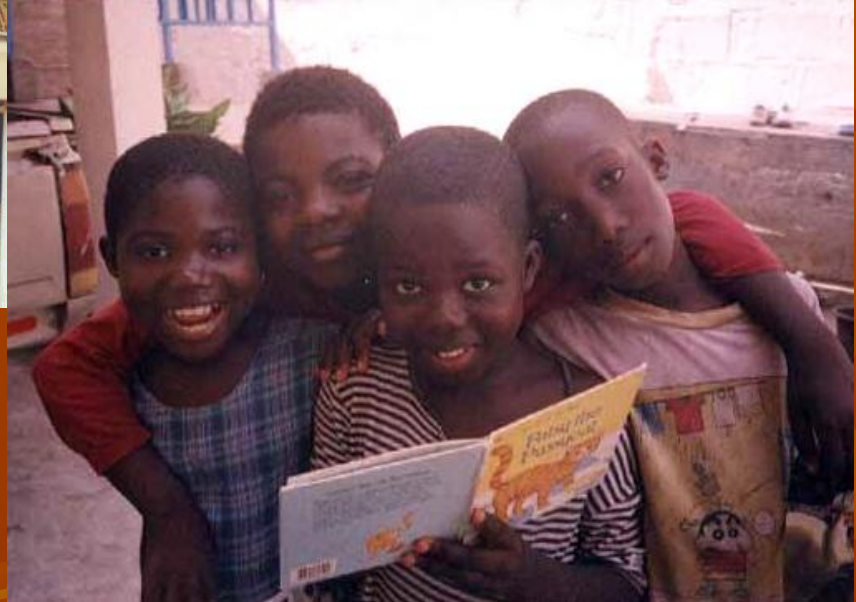


Resource Centre

- Provide educational books and materials for teachers and children.



In Ghana very few children get access to books. For many children these are the first books besides school texts they may have seen.



Our Girls' Backgrounds

- We currently have ten girls in our care. Most of these girls come from villages around Accra.



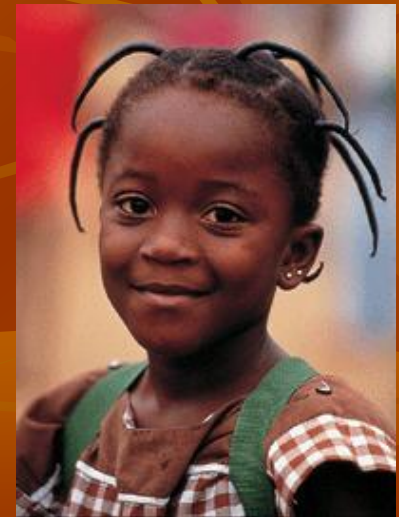
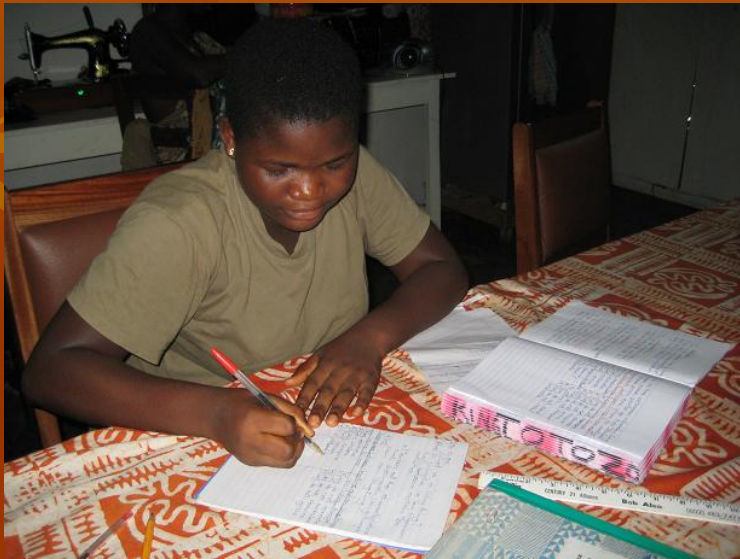
Volunteer visits Domiabra village.
Three of our girls come from here.



Many village girls in Ghana don't get to go to school because their families need them to help with the farming, cooking and looking after their younger brothers and sisters.



Our girls are considered very lucky to be able to go to high school. Only 1 in 3 girls who finish primary school go on to junior high school. Even less go on to senior high school.



Ambhinii

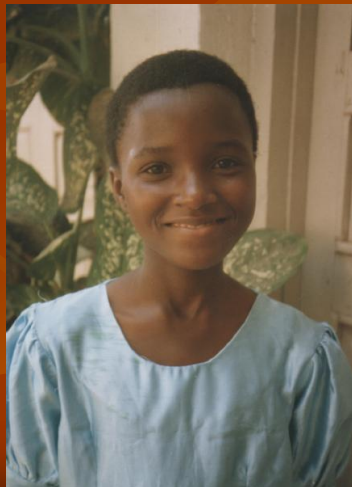


Ambhinii is the clown of the house and loves dancing, singing and playing jokes. She is now 19 years old. Her ambition is to become a teacher.



Aruna

Aruna has been at the centre since she was 4 years old. She is now 22. She has 12 brothers and sisters and her family asked us to help educate her. Her ambition is to become a nurse.



Gloria



Gloria came to the centre when she was 15 years old. She is now 28. Gloria loves to learn and her lifelong goal is to become a nurse.

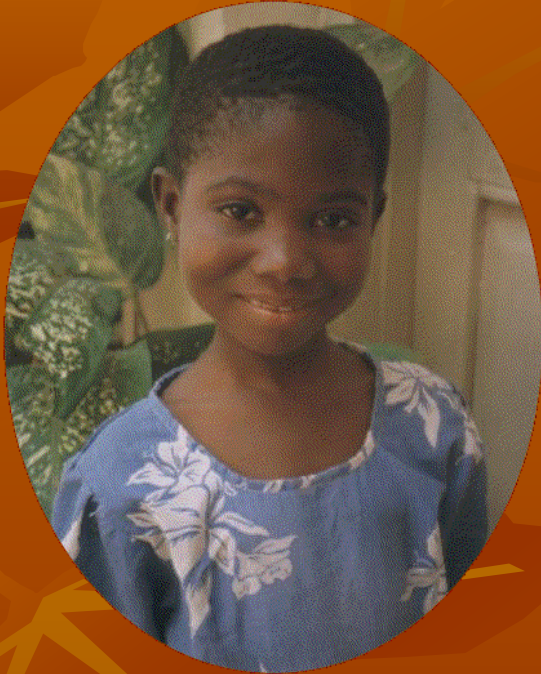


Aratii



Aratii has been living at the Centre since she was 4 years old. She is now 26. She successfully completed Senior Secondary School in 2003 and is now in her third year at Accra Polytechnic School studying for a Higher National Diploma (H.N.D.) in Management and Secretarialship.

Asiima



Asiima's mother died in childbirth. She was brought up by her grandmother until her house was destroyed by fire. She then came to stay at the centre. She is now 19. Asiima hopes to become a caterer.

Mukti



Mukti is 19 years old. She is one of our quieter girls and often does well at school. Mukti wants to become an artist when she is older.

Laksmi



Laksmi is intelligent, likes reading and studies very well. She is 18. Laksmi's ambition is to become a journalist.

Eunice

Eunice is Aratii's younger sister. She is cheeky, energetic, intelligent and always eager to help out. She is 12 years old. When she grows up she wants to become a doctor.



And the Staff... Rama



Rama is a grown up home girl, but now is employed as a house mother and cook at the centre. She is also a trained seamstress and makes craft items to sell to fundraise for the centre.

Volunteers

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Mae Whitmer from Colorado, USA

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Ine Blancke from Belgium with the girls

The End

