Group Sponsorship in Ghana

November 2026 Program Update

Thanks to your continued support, group sponsorship is transforming the lives of vulnerable children and youth in Ghana. Access to postsecondary education, vocational training programs, and healthcare help children move beyond immediate challenges and embrace new opportunities. In this update, you'll see the impact of your partnership over the past six months.



Opening the Door to University

The group sponsorship program primarily supports children's basic education across primary school, high school, and vocational training. Unfortunately, continued financial barriers can stop students from pursuing post-secondary education, despite high academic performance and the potential they see in themselves. Program leaders recognized six recent high school graduates, who had immense potential but were on the verge of discontinuing their education. INGAP expanded their support to cover first-year university tuition and hostel fees, allowing them to continue learning.

Meet three of the recipients: Ohemma, Haditatu, and Naomi, post-secondary students supported by group sponsorship.

Ohemma: Despite receiving acceptance to the University of Professional Studies, her mother's income was not enough to cover Ohemma's full tuition. Receiving support from INGAP ensured that finances would no longer prevent her from saying yes. Filled with gratitude and relief, Ohemma is now a first-year Real Estate Management student and has joined a weekly study group with new friends.



Hadiatu: Family members who had promised to help support her education withdrew their support as Hadiatu was ready to transition into university. Despite having excellent grades, she was hesitant to even apply to university. Group Sponsorship support gave Hadiatu the confidence to submit her application. She is now studying for a Bachelor of Education and dreams of becoming a teacher.



Naomi: Losing both parents at the age of eight, Naomi was raised by her grandmother, who carried the financial burden alone. Naomi struggled to afford enrollment, despite receiving acceptance. Thanks to INGAP support, Naomi is able to join her peers and pursue her studies in Business and Marketing without financial stress.



INGAP students in junior and senior high school also received support for their final examinations. They were provided with materials such as mathematical sets, drawing boards, pens, and water bottles, along with guidance on exam preparation and time management.



Skills Training and a Growing Business

Nine vocational trainees received hands-on training this spring in hairdressing, catering, and dressmaking. Several have already begun earning income from clients in their own communities.

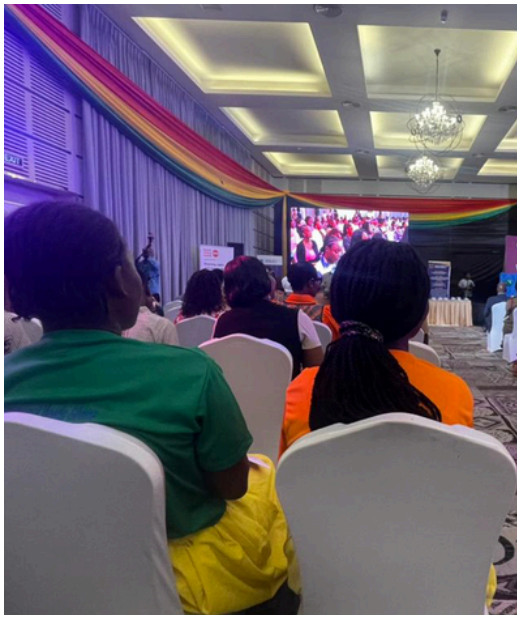






Five students also attended a national conference celebrating International Women's Day, where they met the Minister of Gender and servicewomen from the Ghana Armed Forces. After participating in the conference, students were even more determined to keep building their own skills and achieve greater success.





Daily Meals and Health Support



Nutritious meals continue to help students remain focused and engaged in class and provide relief to families with limited or uncertain income.

An eye screening was also conducted for 25 students to address vision concerns. Seven participants received medication, 13 were prescribed corrective eyeglasses, and four were referred for specialist assessment.



One participant was identified as being at risk for glaucoma due to a family history of the condition. Reflecting on the support she received, she shared “I had been experiencing severe eye pain, and whenever I bowed my head, it felt as though my eyes were about to fall out. After receiving my medication and spectacles through the support of International Needs, I can now read, write, and see clearly.”

Positive Parenting That Strengthens Families

This term, parents and students participated in sessions focused on positive communication, such as affirming children’s strengths, and responding to constructive criticism.

For one mother, these sessions opened the door to meaningful conversation with her child, rather than solely focusing on correcting behaviour. Staff also noticed that one child’s behavioural issues at school had significantly decreased after spending quality time with his father. Thanks to improved communication, both families are starting to see positive changes.







Continued Care and update from students Patience and Justice

Ongoing monitoring visits, home visits, and check-ins are how the team ensures children's well-being at school and at home as well.

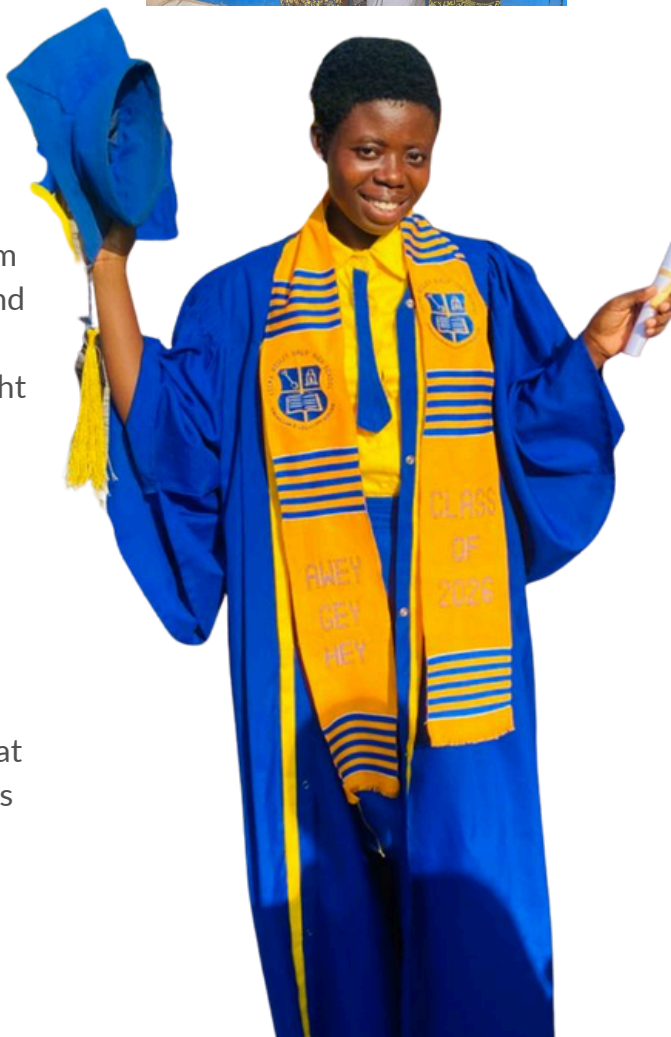


You may remember Patience from our last report, who was removed from an abusive caregiver and now lives with her grandfather. This spring, the Department of Social Welfare and International Needs Ghana visited her to see how she was settling in. The news was good: her injuries have fully healed, her confidence has grown, and her grades are improving. During the visit, the team also spent time with her grandfather, offering guidance on how to keep the home a safe, nurturing, and protective environment as she continues to heal.



Justice, who needed additional medical support in our last report, has some encouraging news: enough funds have now been raised to begin his physiotherapy. He's started weekly sessions to build strength and improve his mobility. This wouldn't have been possible without your support.

A University Fund for Graduates



As shared in our last update, the University Fund helps cover tuition for students entering postsecondary school. This ensures that finances do not deter hardworking students from advancing. Six students were supported in the first cohort and more will be nearing graduation in the years ahead. If you're interested in supporting the fund or know someone who might be, you can find more information here: https://internationalneeds.ca/ghana-university-fund/

Thank You

Because of your support, children are learning, graduating, healing, and building businesses. Your generosity is helping them move from vulnerability to opportunity. We also ask that you pray for the families affected by the flooding in Accra this June. Several of our participants lost belongings and learning materials, and their households are still recovering. Please keep them in mind as they rebuild.