



RUTH IS A GRANDMOTHER FROM THE BULSA SOUTH DISTRICT OF NORTHERN GHANA.

She is the sole carer for nine children, including her grandchildren and her sisters’ children. She is one of the focus child ‘grand’mothers in the Family Livelihoods programme.

Having received training from AfriKids, Ruth buys materials to make soap which she then sells in the market. She also sells Gari (casava grain) and bottled water.

“I have to travel very far to get products to make the soap which makes it very difficult. I sell the soap for 5 cedis,” said Ruth.

“With AfriKids support I can now buy all my materials in bulk which means I can make more profit and don’t have to make the long and difficult journey so often. The price of a bag of Gari is going up so I need to buy more to make a lot of profit.”

For Ruth’s family, the support from AfriKids means she is now able to feed all the children and ensure they can go to school and not go hungry.

Ruth explains: *“It wasn’t easy for my family as there are many people to support. Now I can give some money to the children to get food at school. I can also make sure there is food when they get home. If there isn’t enough food, then at least we also have Gari at home which they can eat with sugar.”*

Ruth’s grandchildren are supported through AfriKids education programme to ensure they can stay in school.

“I didn’t get the opportunity to go to school. It is my hope that all my children will be able to sustain their education and have a good future,” explains Ruth.

“Before AfriKids, I couldn’t afford for them all to go to school all the time. Now they go every day. I also have the support of the other women in the group. If we have a week where we don’t have enough money, I know they will be there to help. This makes me happy.”

Ismeal, Ruth’s grandson, is 11-years-old and in primary school. AfriKids’ has supported Ismeal with a school bag, books, pens and sandals.

Your support is crucial in ensuring that stories like Ruth’s continue to inspire hope and change for Ghana’s disadvantaged families.



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