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# GOODWORLDGHANA NEWS

## Early Childhood Day Treatment (ECDT)

The project has started! On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March the first children came to Kokobeng to attend the Early Childhood Day Treatment. We now have 5 children who come on a regular basis and from next week on another 2 children will attend. It will be difficult to introduce all the children in this newsletter so we will start with the first child.



My name is Akyeamaa and I come from Chicibong a small village in Ghana.

I am born with the Down Syndrome. Because of this I was refused at the school in my village. So I never went to school before. Because I couldn't go to school I just roamed about on the street. Maybe that's why I am anxious and shy. I try to trust you, but this will take some time. Dancing and singing makes me smile.

With the safe environment and daily structure of the ECDT project we will try to gain her trust and improve her self-esteem. Her disability has never been acknowledged. This is also because of the poor financial position of the family. We are in close contact with her parents and we are confident that Akyeamaa will find her place. To reach this goal we want to examine her in the hospital by a child psychiatrist and with this assessment we can find a suitable next school in the future.

## Living in Kokobeng

To show where the projects take place, we included some pictures of the SMILE complex.



Inside towards front side



Front side of the SMILE complex



Inside towards back side



Back side of the SMILE complex

## Easter in Ghana

The children are now on the Easter break, but before they went we first took a picture. So we wish you all a great Easter from the children of Kokobeng!

