Help us end child trafficking in Ghana by 2022

Challenging Heights
We aim to end child trafficking in Ghana’s fishing industry within five years and slavery within ten.

Why now?
Since inception, Challenging Heights has reunited families, educated students, raised household incomes, and rescued children from slavery. The Ghanaian police are now supporting these efforts and our rehabilitation shelter was rated #1 in the country by the US State Dept.

We believe our programs are quality and effective enough to end child trafficking in Ghana’s fishing industry by 2022. We will only be able to achieve that goal by working in partnership with others who share our vision.

How?
We need partnerships with individuals, NGOs and agencies to support and help deliver real change on the ground. Here’s how...

Rescue
We’re going to rescue more children from slavery on Lake Volta – a total of 700 children over five years. These efforts will substantially reduce the number of children in slavery.

Rehabilitation
We want to ensure that all children receive high quality care before they return to family life, and we are planning to care for 1,000 children at our shelter over the next five years.

Families
Family life should be secure for all re-integrated children and we will provide support to them, ensuring a good life for 4,900 family members of re-integrated children.

Root Causes
We’re going to tackle the root causes of child trafficking, especially poverty, ignorance and family separation, with the help of partners in source communities.

Government
We’re going to put out calls for the government to step up their anti-trafficking efforts, specifically investigating and prosecuting traffickers.

Since inception
1500 children rescued
360 enrolled in youth empowerment program
350 family incomes increased

Public Awareness
In five years, 80% or more of Ghana will be opposed to trafficking and actively supporting children’s rights, which will be facilitated by our awareness campaigns.

NGOs
Anti-trafficking NGOs in Ghana will collaborate and work toward eliminating child trafficking together, and we will facilitate knowledge sharing and partnership.

Partners
Through an international anti-trafficking practitioners conference, we will facilitate the creation of a global best practices document to be implemented around the world.

Research
Stakeholders will have a better understanding of the prevalence and nature of trafficking in modern slavery in Ghana because of annual research we publish.
I feel happy because I know when I complete school I will work and earn money to take care of myself, siblings and mother.”

Kwesi, 6 years old rescued in 2015

Once we have stopped new children from Ghana’s coastal fishing communities going to Lake Volta it will be easier to bring home the thousands of children who remain there.

This plan sets out what we want to achieve and how we are going to do it over the next five years. It is an ambitious strategy but, with the right energy, drive and resources and with YOUR help, we’re confident it is achievable.

Our ultimate aim – within ten years – is to end child slavery on Lake Volta. For that to happen we need to do two things.

1. Prevent new children being trafficked to the Lake, through holistic community engagement and livelihoods programs.

2. Begin charting a course for rescuing all enslaved children within 10 years by increasing rescue operations annually and expanding our rehabilitation and reintegration capacity.

We need partners to join us on this journey: other NGOs and agencies to work on the ground in Ghana, global partners to fund and advise us, and leaders in affected communities to tackle the root causes of trafficking.

Join us in eliminating child trafficking in our world, starting in Ghana.