

Hawawu's story



Hawawu Issah, is a street worker who has been working with Muslim Family Counselling Services (MFCS) since 2013.

She got her first training that year when MFCS coordinated the headcount of street connected children in Kumasi supported by StreetInvest and with funding from Barclays Ghana. Hawawu has since been part of the street work team at MFCS. She is particularly skilled at building strong relationships with the street girls from northern Ghana with the dual advantages of both being a female and speaking their Dagbani language.

Hawawu told us that, before the headcount, she had a thought that most street children were bad and that it was dangerous to get close to them. However, after being involved in headcount, including night counts, she changed her views about the children and the streets.

She has learned a lot from the children and sees them as good friends Hawawu says, "It is a great opportunity to be a street worker. Until you are on the street you will never understand the situation of a street child. Every street child needs a trustworthy adult to share their story with and protect their rights. That is the beginning of the empowerment process."

Hawawu has a family and is mother of 3. She is currently pursuing a diploma in education at university in Kumasi.