

**Accountability actions,  
children demand  
accountability for their rights  
March 22 to 28, 2022,**



**Introduction :**

March 22 to 28, 2022, 25 Associations of Working Children and Youth from Ghana, Guinea, Mali, and Chad organized accountability meetings.

Determined to monitor the progress of children's rights and the commitments made by the authorities in previous years, the children's and youth members of the AMWCY under the support of Enda TM and Plan International met authorities, decision-makers, and parents and advocated for their rights.

**Ghana**

- The director of social action sees the Association of Working Children and Youth as one of the actors that counts. Based on the realities on the ground that it is able to reflect, she has made a commitment to work with the WCY on the rights of the child, particularly on health issues, and to serve as an intermediary between them and the competent ministries.
- To deal with the non-declaration of children at birth, these children inspire the director on the systematization of community outreach. Invited to make proposals on the children's learning time, the latter brings the authority to co-sign the contracts between the children and their workshop bosses.



**Guinée**

- In Mamou, the municipal authority guaranteed compliance with employment contracts between child apprentices and their bosses.
- In Conakry, the advocacy of working children made it possible to obtain a tax exemption for working children in the market of Kissosso district. The police have pledged to pay more attention to cases of child abuse that occur in the market.



- At the port of Dubreka, following negotiations between WCY and the authorities, children are spared the risk of drowning due to the intervention of the authority which has taken monitoring measures in this working environment. Employers are committed to putting an end to all practices of economic exploitation and extremely dangerous work for children working in the port of Dubreka.
- Mediations in favor of children in prisons led to the direct release of 5 child prisoners in Dubreka. Easing of sentences for the benefit of 2 other children (1 in Coyah and 1 in Dubreka) who made mistakes, of course, but tolerable with punishments.



## Mali :

➤ In Koulikoro, the observations of the visit of the WCY are at the origin of a prompt dialogue between the authorities and the parents on the rates of school dropouts; children who fled the courses to devote themselves to the extraction of sand.

The WCY at the forefront of a fight for an adolescent victim of sexual abuse by a person having authority over her, this abuse was denounced.

➤ In Bougouni, the school authority agrees to the need to talk to more than 700 pupils of an establishment about the rights and violence against children.



## Chad:

➤ A meeting between the children and the Islamic Council, was facilitated by the mayor of Gendeng (Chad) wherein the president of the Islamic council decide that the Koranic school teachers should send him the numbers of children in their school and that they define the hours for studies and for that who go out in search for kind givers.

➤ In Ndjamena, the police say they are ready to receive female-maids who have problems with their bosses and support them in writing their complaints, the right to equitable legal aid when there is problem.



➤ in advocating with the authorities for access to health care for “talibés”.

➤ The mayor of Koundoul asked the WCY to organize their fellows who work in the markets in the said city so that he gives them safe places and reduces taxes.

### Conclusion :

Despite the efforts made by our States for the realization of the rights of the child, it must be recognized that most local and administrative authorities

who are supposed to be the main actors in the protection of children do not know the instruments that protect children. Others are still reluctant to report to children. Hence the need for continuous monitoring of grassroots children organizations so that the realization of their rights becomes a reality.



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