The criteria for support are based on vulnerability. OAfrica helps those who need it most: at-risk children who do not have appropriate family care. Each child or young adult supported today entered the programme because they met at least three of the following criteria for inclusion:

- Affected by HIV/AIDS
- With Special Needs
- Single or Double Orphans
- Living on the Streets
- Ex-Orphanage Residents
- Child Labour
- Abandoned
- Abused
- Neglected
- At Risk of Abandonment
- In Conflict with the Law
- Victims of Trafficking
A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER

2015 was an eventful year for OAfrica and for Ghanaian children’s rights generally. In January, a report on national television by undercover investigator Anas Aremeyaw Anas, whose stated aim is to “name, shame and jail” criminals, exposed chilling cruelty and violence at the unlicensed “Countryside Children’s Home,” further proof, if any more was needed, that orphanages are not the right place for children to grow up. As I write, the court hearings are still ongoing.

Later in the year, The Child and Family Welfare Policy (CFWP) was launched by the Government of Ghana: this is an important national guideline that highlights the need for family care for children.

In May 2015, a high-level and multi-sectorial Ghanaian delegation defended its child rights record in Geneva for the first time since 2006; three of the delegates were proudly sponsored by OAfrica. Subsequently, the Concluding observations on the combined third to fifth periodic reports of Ghana was presented by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in June.

In these concluding observations, there was some praise, notably on new legislation and policy measures, but the report was brutally forthright on the lack of progress in areas such as corporal punishment, HIV/AIDS, harmful practices, child labour and juvenile justice.

The committee clearly underlined the “evident gap between law and practice.” in various child-related legislative measures. You can read the full report here.

The KidsRights Index, the annual global index which ranks how countries adhere to and are equipped to improve children’s rights (viewable here) placed Ghana in the 126th position, showing that the country needs to do much more to provide the necessary conditions to realize children’s rights. Sadly, Ghana’s overall score has actually gone down in three key areas since 2006.

All this international attention clearly demonstrates that our work safeguarding children’s rights is needed more than ever. Ghana continues to be a hot spot for trafficking issues and as pressure around international migration continues to rise, OAfrica continues to support families so that children can thrive in community settings and feel rooted in their own culture. We also provided scholarships in 2015 for over 200 children and young adults helping them stay in school and learn employable skills. We were much encouraged by the plethora of mentions of our work (as OrphanAid Africa, our previous name, over 50 mentions in all) in the Country Care Profile published by the Better Care Network which you can find here.

Despite hard economic times, we continue to look for innovative digital and other methods to extend our reach to as many vulnerable children and families as possible.

Thank you for supporting OAfrica as we enter our 14th year protecting children.

Lisa Lovatt-Smith
Founder

Pictured: the Management Team:
Robert Dakwa (CFO)
Lisa Lovatt-Smith (Founder)
Miracle Damanka (CDO)
The system does not support care for children in orphanages or residential institutions.

Shifting the culture and community values to promote care for out-of-home children in families and not institutions.

Create an alternative system focused on family strengthening, reintegration and, for the few children without appropriate extended family care, purely family-based foster care.

Develop family strengthening skills and protocols.
orea is committed to Care Reform and to ensuring that children grow up in safe, permanent family settings with appropriate care and protection and with equal rights and opportunities.

**OUR MISSION**

OAfrica empowers vulnerable children and young people whose rights have been compromised due to institutionalization, poverty, violence, trafficking, HIV/AIDS, abuse and discrimination. We help them become productive members of their communities by strengthening families and reintegrating them into safe, stable and loving environments.

**OUR VALUES**

- Child-centered
- Family-oriented
- Child Participation
- Pro Poor
- Gender Equality
- Promotion Of Autonomy
- Non-Discrimination

**OUR VISION**

OAfrica is committed to Care Reform and to ensuring that children grow up in safe, permanent family settings with appropriate care and protection and with equal rights and opportunities.
THE PROBLEM

Of the estimated 8M children in orphanages worldwide, at least 80% have living parents who want them, but who have NO ACCESS to health, education or social services in the community.

Children usually get placed in ORPHANAGES to ensure access to these services. POVERTY is therefore, worldwide, the main reason for abandonment of children in orphanages.

AFRICA believes that orphanages are very often ABUSIVE and that even the “BEST” of them never provide the meaningful connection to family and community that children need to thrive or the proper emotional attachment to a significant adult.

We believe all children deserve to grow up in a family and that orphanage care should be eradicated worldwide.

Sources of data: Lumos, Save the Children, UNICEF, Hope and Homes for Children.
We believe children have the right to a safe childhood in a family setting and that poverty and poor health are not adequate reasons for separating children from their families. We offer a broad range of tailored support including parenting education to empower families to care for their children more effectively, thus creating a stable environment and opportunities for achievement both within the family and community.

Each of the 80 children supported has a key worker who is invariably a fully qualified social worker and every contact with the child is recorded in our own purpose-made database for easy tracking and monitoring.
This year 78 young adults were supported in our care-leaver programme in school, tertiary, vocational or apprenticeship scenarios. Cash transfers, accommodation and entrepreneurship training and set-ups were also offered in what has become Ghana’s most successful life skill and scholarship programme for vulnerable young people. 8 of them graduated from the programme and are ready to face the world as confident men and women, bringing the number of OAfrica alumni to over 500.
When kinship care cannot be provided, temporary or permanent care with foster families can still offer a good home for children. These are households which receive one or more children, unrelated by blood, marriage or adoption to the caregiver, who is trained, monitored and usually (but not always) compensated. At any one time, we have approximately 30 children in foster care, and we work actively to reunite them with their families. We believe that families do not need to be perfect to get their children back: they should be reunited when risk has been reduced and the home is safe. In 2015 we were able to reunite 4 children, from long-term foster care, with their families.
SPECIAL NEEDS

10 children and young adults with complex special needs receive special education and physiotherapy and counselling services suited to their condition.

Those with special needs who are unable to be with their families live in long-term foster care. These are small facilities integrated within communities and designed to serve children or adults with chronic disabilities. These homes usually have six or fewer occupants and are staffed 24 hours a day by trained caregivers. The programme is designed to make them as autonomous as possible within the constraints of their condition.
2015 saw the launch of a brand new OAfrica department for the first time in ten years. Focusing on the key areas of parenting, de-institutionalization, sexual and reproductive health and child protection,

We aim to build resilience by reaching large numbers of vulnerable young people through outreach programmes: TV and radio programmes, billboards, publications, training, social media and mobile communication. We hope to reach out, through technology, to millions of Ghanaians across socio-economic boundaries. Our maiden event was for the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, attended by 174 adolescents and young adults living with HIV, and included medical screening, ARV distribution and entertainment. We also ran an internal OAfrica careers day, youth rally and health fair, in addition to 12 caregiver training sessions and a specially designed advocacy programme for radio.
The 2015 observations by the Committee of the Rights of the Child, in Geneva, emphasized that “financial and material poverty should never be a justification for receiving a child into alternative care or for preventing a child’s social reintegration”, and recommended that Ghana should strengthen the implementation of the Care Reform Initiative: supporting and facilitating family-based care and establishing a system of foster care for children who cannot stay with their families. This was a source of great satisfaction for OAfrica which co-created the Care Reform Initiative in 2007 with the Government of Ghana and Unicef. This programme impacts over 4000 children estimated to still be living in orphanages in Ghana today.

In 2015 OAfrica proudly became a partner of Hope & Homes for Children, an international NGO whose aim is to eradicate orphanage care for children worldwide.
Impacting over 550 men, women and children, our school, clinic and sports programmes performed very well this year, the last for our Community Support Department. From 2016, in line with our 2013-18 Strategic Plan, we will be completing our phased withdrawal and handing over these projects – library, clinic, toilets, school - to our partner NGO “A Child Unheard” and the Community Leadership Committee which OAfrica helped form. Thus, ten years in the small settler village of Ayenyiah came to an end for us, as our purpose evolved over the last decade beyond this village, to focus on bringing services to families, wherever they might be.
Today approximately 4000 vulnerable children in Ghana are still growing up in orphanages. They are supported by well-meaning charities, churches, individuals and governments. In the best cases, the children are receiving food, an education and a roof over their heads. In the worst cases, they are isolated, starved, abused, trafficked, sold into international adoption or die of preventable diseases through neglect. In all cases, they never get the affection and sense of identity that only a loving family can give. Hundreds of studies tell us, as does our common sense, that family life is critical to a child's healthy development.

We want to change the way Ghana looks after its vulnerable children and make sure each child can grow up within a family.

You can become a changemaker too: support us today at oafrika.org.
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## 2015 OA Ghana Consolidated Accounts (GHC)*

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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*Note: GHC stands for Ghanaian Cedis.*
## Consolidated Summary in Euros*

Consolidated accounts for OA fundraising branches in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States.

USA and Swiss currencies were converted to euros taking the historical rate of the 15th of each month and then dividing by 12.

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