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## News Report

### Girl power in Ghana's schools



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For young people in Ghana, in West Africa, it's not easy to learn the necessary skills for work and life. The school system has many problems: the **quality** of teaching is **variable**, and sometimes teachers don't come to work at all.

It's particularly difficult for Ghanaian girls to get a good education. Normally, they're expected to leave school when they are young, and get married.

A new education project, called Making Ghanaian Girls Great, is trying to improve girls' education, by offering extra lessons in English and maths.

The project provides lessons on television, from a **studio** in Accra. Teachers in the - studio can talk to pupils in their classrooms, and the project also offers after-school lessons - called **Wonder Women** lessons - designed to increase girls' **confidence**. In these lessons, girls can ask questions about health, education or careers - and they can also talk to **role models**.

The project was **launched** by Nana Ogyedon Tsetsewah, a **local** leader in central Ghana. Nana says that young people in Ghana are **frustrated**, and they don't want to work as farmers any more.

Head teacher Vanderwell Augustt Gordor welcomes the extra lessons. It's a much more **active** style of learning, he says, and the pupils like **joining in**.

Ghana has invested in education, in order to increase national income. "Education is **the key to** development," said Anthony Klopka, a local **politician**. But until now, he says, girls' education has not received enough attention.

Because of projects like Making Ghanaian Girls Great, perhaps this situation is starting to change.

## **Vocabulary**

### **quality**

how good or bad something is

### **variable**

not always the same; sometimes high, sometimes low

### **studio**

(here) a special room where TV programmes are made and broadcast

### **wonder**

(here) something extraordinary, or amazingly good

### **confidence**

belief that you can succeed

### **role model**

someone who you admire, and who you would like to copy

### **launch**

start something officially

### **local**

from this area

### **frustrated**

annoyed or angry because you cannot do something

### **active**

doing things; influencing a situation

### **join in**

take part; become involved

### **the key to**

(here) the only way or the best way to achieve a goal

### **politician**

a person who works in politics or government

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