Maame Yaa kvartal 4 2013

Maame Yaa is five years old and the youngest of our children in the LoszuGhana Children’s Village. She lives together with Ebenezer and her foster mother Rosina in the yellow house within the project. Before living in the Children’s Village she lived together with her sister Maabena, her father and her grandmother in a small town 30 minutes away from the project site. The social welfare has been approached by her father and her grandmother for help and the worker from the social welfare recommended the LoszuGhana Children’s Village as a good place for Maame Yaa to live and to develop as best as she can. When she arrived, Maame Yaa was very shy; she hardly talked and showed symptoms of physical and mentally neglecting. Her speech was not clear and her physical balance very unsteady and unbalanced. In September 2013 she has been moved to the Children’s Village and at the same time started attending Nursery 2 within the Old Adwampong Community School. Together with nine other children from the nearby village Old Awampong Maame Yaa learns the alphabets and numbers, colours and shapes and loads of important social skills as well. Within the first five months living in the Children’s Village and experiencing the loving care of her foster mother and all other workers, Maame Yaa shows great progress in her cognitive and physical development. She enjoys talking, telling stories and chatting about experiences, i.e. driving with a taxi to the hospital. She often laughs and smiles and likes to fool around with Ebenezer. Her movements have become steadier, she is now able to say, if she is disturbed by someone or something and does not fear to ask for help. But in moments of very high frustration her method is defense is biting. Maame Yaa’s trust in the people around her has grown a lot, so that it is now possible for her to stay behind instead of running after the others hysterical crying. She now enjoys playing with the other children instead of playing all by herself. She enjoys singing songs she learned in school and likes to dance. Already in the early morning she will sit in front of her house, brushing her teeth, smiling and shouting “Good morning!” We are very happy to count Maame Yaa as one of our first children here in the LoszuGhana Children’s Village and very optimistic that she will grow and develop as best as she can with all the help and care given to her here.