You see, at first, I was sick, but I tried to go to Kumasi and buy goods and bring it here to sell. And later, little by little, I bought goods and went to Accra, I went and stayed in Accra, but I sold yam in the market. (Ahay) I sold yam in the market. Makola No 1 (who) And we stayed there and ate cut yam penny, penny, we cut three pence, Eh, three pence, maybe six shillings and six pence.

It was Ga language that we used to sell it there, yes, so. And we sold it little by little, and later I was not well, I was sick. I was sick. (So?) Yes I was sick, again if I wake up, I couldn't, little by little, and my mother died, I came and I returned, when I returned, I suffered from my stomach, so I go under an operation at home. I returned, the disease came, little by little, I came to Berekum, I went under an operation, I returned, disease came, I again went to Agogo, I went under an operation, and I said, now, I cannot go again, I am sick, I will go to my home-town. And I came to Berekum, when I came, I cannot do any work. Now, if somebody come, he/she gives me a little money and say, get it, buy something to eat and he/she gives it to me; if some
Body comes, he/she gives me a little money, now, the disease, it has become so serious, now, I cannot stand up, now, the money also, it has gone up. The money, it has also gone up. Today, I don't received any more. (Yes) But little by little, I am staying here now. Now, the money is too much. First, when we were there, we spent one pound, (Yes) we spent two pounds, we spent three pounds if you take hundred pounds, it is too much. But now, the money, if it is too much, and you used it to buy something, they would give you little. Now, I cannot stand up, and I stay in this room, you see? So, if I woke up, and my children, if somebody gives me one penny, sixpence and say, Nana, get this, I used it to buy something to eat. That is why I am staying here now. But at first, we sell goods little by little, now, I can't sell anything, and I am staying here now. So, now, things are the price of goods has gone up, and the money also, if the announced it, it too much. Now, the money, it is too much here, but if you get it, you would used it for a small thing. (Yes) Eh, today also, it is not like that? (Yes) And now, if I stood up for a while, I cannot walk,
I stay here for nothing, I cannot work (yes). And as at now, I am here. That is why (Ah) Eh- at first, we bought six
eggs at three pence, (yes) you see? The eggs, it was six. Three pence. If you buy twenty, six pence (yes). At
first, if you travel, if you go to Kumasi, at first, your capital, it would be how much?) If I go to Kumasi
Eh- Eh- two shillings and six pence (yes) the lorry fare, (yes) If you take a lorry
two shillings and six pence (Aha) Eh. (And
the money you are going to buy goods.
If we go to buy goods, maybe, I get twenty pounds, I can buy goods (yes)
(What did you sell?) I sold meat.
(Meat at Kumasi?) Eh, eh, and I bring it here, and if I come, I would also
gathered it, three pence, three pence,
six pence, six pence. Eh, the eggs also I buy it for six for six pence (yes)
and if I sent it to Kumasi, I sold six for six pence (yes) yes, and I sold it six pence (Do you buy eggs from
this town?) Yes, buy it from here, six for three pence. (Yes) And I take a lorry
and sent it to Kumasi (yes) If I send it
to Kumasi, the one I bought it for
three pence, and I would also sell it for
six pence here. Yes, that's it. It was what I sold it here, If I finish selling
it, then the meat (yes) I put it in a
lorry and I would bring it here.
and if I come, I would gather the
the meat also, (yes) three pence, three
pence, and I would sell it, that was
what I did it. (At that time, do
you stayed with your mother? I did
you stayed with your mother?) Yes,
I stayed with my mother. (Did you
get married?) Eh, when I was with
my mother? (yes) at that time, I
was not a grown up. I got married.
(Did you get married?) Yes, (yes)
And when I became sick, the disease
it was guinea-work, that I developed
it always. When I developed it, my
legs got swollen, it was my legs
that caused the illness. (yes) Eh, Eh.
After I recovered, the guinea-work
stopped, and I left here to Accra
(Yes) When I went to Accra, then, I
got married. (Ah, did you get to Accra
and get married again?) Eh, and my
husband also, he sold beads. (Yes) The
one we use, on our neck (yes) Eh, Eh,
and I also, I sold yams. (yes) At Makola
No 1. (Did you met your husband there?
The time you went to Accra, did you
met your husband there, or in Accra
or here? Did your husband sent
you to Accra?) My husband comes
from Kumasi. It was 'me, who went
there. (yes) I went there before I
married him. (Ah, do you know
somebody in, in Accra?) Yes, I was
There with my brothers and sisters
And my child. (Your child?) Eh, my
elder sister and her children, all the
children are there and they attend school in
Accra (Yes).

When we returned, a couple
of days ago, she have come. She was
the one who died. (So?) That Akosua
came. (Ah, is she the one you visited?)
Ehe, Ehe. (Ahah) We stayed there, my
elder sister, she and all her children,
And we went (Ah) Ehe, (That was
why you said, you went to Accra?)
Ehe, and I went and stayed there,
and I also married from Kumasi. (Yes)
Ehe, and I stayed with him. (And
what did you do, that you got a
store at Makola No.1?) When I went
my sister, was selling some of the
yams there. (Oh its true) when I went
they also gave me a place. (Yes) Yes,
That was why. (At that time, where
did you get yams, where did you bought
We go and bought it from Yendi.
(Yendi?) and also, Tamale (Ahah?) Yes,
Yendi, Kantele, Karachi. (Yes) Karachi,
yes, and we go there and buy some of
the yams. And if the new yams is
coming, Bogyease, (Bogyease?) Ehe,
It was the first place we went and
it. (Yes) And if it come more, then
we went to Karachi, and we went
to Yendi. (Yes) Ah, so. (Eeh, you have
travelled) Yes, (It was whose time)
was it Nkrumah's time, did you went?
I was there before Kwame Nkrumah-
(Were you in Accra?) I was in Accra
before Kwame Nkrumah, -(Were you in
Accra) I was in Accra, before the
case of Kwame Nkrumah's case came
(Yes ee you have lived for a long period
He-he-he- I was there, before Kwame
Nkrumah was captured. (Yes) At that
time, the soldiers, if they said that
(Aah) They have returned from war, so
Kwame Nkrumah, eh- eh- government
should increased their pay. (Yes) And
when he came, they killed him (ah,
They Shot him, (yes) And Kwame
Nkrumah came, and he asked, why?
Now, if a person asked you to
increased his pay, and if you wont
increased it, you killed him?) (No)
Loot them, so, people looted all their
goods, the white men, who were there,
they looted all their belongings (So?)
I was there. Before they finished, and
they said, they killed many people
there. (Yes) I remember, I was there
before they said that, anybody, who
took some of it, should returned it,
but many people have run away
with it, some of them, have dig a
hole and have hide it there (yes)
And (yes) they came and took Kwame
Nkrumah (yes) and they sent him to
Cape (yes) and sent him into prison
I was there, and my small child was there; they said, 'C P P - you have done well; what you have done - we pray that God bless you - go.' Everybody don't fear Kwame Nkrumah. And I said, it is not that, but we say it, we say! C P P. What you have done, we thank God for you - go. Everybody fears Kwame Nkrumah. But we didn't say, we don't fear Kwame Nkrumah (yes) and I said it to my child. So, if he come he would greet us, and he would greet my child (yes). They send him to prison, when he came, (yes) and the car (yes) they send a car, the day they sent for him to be a chief, (yes) we came and stood around the car and pour powder on him (yes) and they ride him, we were singing, and they took him out of prison. (Yes) They brought him before they sent him to Osu, (yes) When they sent him there, all the people gathered went and meet him, before he was enstooled as the chief, (yes) in all these, I was there. (So? I then you have seen many things.) He-he-he, (Are you among the C P P?) That C P P? (Yes) ... ... The time we came, we played there. He came and took over. So, at the time of Kwame Nkrumah, I was in Accra, at the
time of looting, when the war
was there, (yes) It was a certain
white man, who held my hand, (so?)
and I asked, why? And he said, are
you now going home? And I said, I
am sick, I came and bought petty-
petty things I have not heard of
anything. (yes) And I said, and I said
I am going to buy something, and I
saw that, the policemen and the
soldiers are coming more, (yes) I am
afraid, I cannot walk (yes) and I came
to collect my things, and I am going
home. When I reached there, the white
man asked me that, why is it
that, I walk. Through these many
people to here? And I said, I
have not heard, I don't know that
there a trouble (yes) At the time
they looted goods. Now, I have seen,
and I am returning home. And
he looked at me, he looked at me
he looked at me continuously, (so?)
He said, are you afraid? And
I said, no, he said, let's go
he hold my hand and put it in
his armpit (yes) and he sent me to
my house. (so?) Yes, the white man.
Have you seen legs, which is pain
me? (yes) I couldn't wore my sandals.
And there was blood on all my legs
feet, those people, who have been
shot, (so?) all our feet are covered
with blood. (Oh) They have broken
more bottle, (yes) and they used it to
scrape the blood on my feet, (Eei)
I have ever suffered. (true) Now,
the disease, it has gone up again
(80?) that was why I came (yes)
So, I won't go there again. And I
went and divorced my husband,
(yes) that, now, I am sick, I cannot
come again, so I came here (yes)
And I came and stayed here. I
cannot work. (And at that time
did they sell yams like now?)
They sold some of the yams here,
but, the price was not expensive
like now. (So, the price, it is up
here, did they work as now?)
Now, when I came, some of them are
there, who sell the yams (yes) Some
people are there, who sell the yams
The Ashantis, (Some of them sell yams?
yes, they are in Accra, they sell
yams (About how many year did you
spent in Accra?) Eei, When I returned,
it is a long time. Maybe----- (It
was whose time?) It was the time
of Kwame Nkrumah, I was there (yes)
(At the time you was leaving there,
it was whose time?) When I left
there, it was the same Kwame
Nkrumah's Government, which was there
(yes) Eh, when I was leaving there
to this place, when I was coming, it
was the *past* ruling of Kwame
Nkrumah. I came here before, all the
people who became chiefs; at that
time, I was here. (Yes) while I was--
(At that time, Accra and Kumasi; where
did you like best?) that? (Where did
you like?) Kumasi? (Kumasi or Accra?
you said that, you stayed in Kumasi
before you stayed in Accra.) Eh-- Eh--
At now, when I was going to Accra
Kumasi was not like now, (yes) but
now, it has become big, it has
become beautiful, now, I don't know
there, it is a long time since I
returned (yes) Ehe, Accra also, I
Stayed, first, at first, I was at
Makola No. 2 (yes) and I left
Makola No. 2, and I went to stay
Saraha market, (Salaga market?) yes,
and I left there, and went to
Gbeshie, (yes) from there also, I went
and stayed there, and I left there
also, I went and lived at Abora.(Mm)
And I left there also, I went and
Stayed at Sempa, and I left there
also, and went and stayed at James
Town. (Yes) Police station (yes) a
certain storey building which is near
the road, downstairs, at down, Eh,
down, Ehe, and I left there, I stayed
there, and from there, I came here. (Yes)
From James Town, from there, I came
here. (Yes) Eh-- Eh-- (Why did you moved
from house to house.) If I am
staying there, and the landlord, (yes)
and maybe if he says, I want my room
(yes) then I go and search for a
new room. (true) And I go and
stayed there. And I go and so
That was why, I moved from house
to house. When I went to Accra,
I spent ten years, (in Accra?) In
Accra, (yes) and later, I returned, I
again went and spent one year
so, I spent twelve years in Accra,
(yes) before I returned. (Eei you kept
long) I kept long, so I understand
Ga (yes)

I am
speaking a little Ga language to you
(yes, but I don't understand) yes, you
don't understand (Accra, (Ga), I don't
even understand I word) true, A-ha-ha-
-he he he. (Eei, you went to Accra
so, you understand Accra language)
yes, yes, oh. I understand it very
well, (yes, your husband is an Ashanti)
yes, my husband is and Ashanti. He
comes from Antoa (yes) Kumasi. (Mbo) Eh-
Eh-. (At the time you were in
Accra, what thing, that helped you
in your business?) When we sold the
yams, (yes) if you sell it, if you buy
the yams for about ten thousand,
and if somebody comes, she would say,
I will give you fifteen thousand, (yes) that means, She has to add something to it for you. (Yes) That was how we always sold it (Mho) If somebody comes and say, she want one tuber, you give it to her at one shilling and three pence, and she also, would buy it (yes). That is it. This also, little by little, maybe, till the time it would finished, you also would get about twenty pounds (mho) And you add it to it, and you would go and bring another one. (Mho) mho, so that's it. (When you did that work, did you get money for savings?) If I get money, and I need cloth, I used it to buy, (yes) If I become sick, I use some to see the Doctor (yes), yes, If I need a dress, I would buy, (aha) yes (And didn't you save money to do property?) Ao, I have nothing, I cannot use it to build a house, what I will eat, (yes) is what I need, yes. But now, I cannot work, (yes) now. If somebody come and say, get this money to buy food, then he would give it to me. Now, I cannot work, mm. (So, at the time you were in Accra, what was the difficulties in the business?) The work, it is not everyday, that you would get money from it. (So?) Sometimes, if you buy the yams, and you put it there, if they didn't buy it in time, it
would get rotten, if it get rotten, then you lose. If we wake up, maybe, we will take some to the street and sell (Yes) if we come and sell it, the one we brought it, if all of it didn't get finished, and if the sun burns it (mho) and you packed it again, it would get rotten. If it got rotten, nobody would buy it (Yes) That means, your money you used to buy it, it is finished (yes) Eh. And if you get some and sell it—
little by little you used it to balance your debt. (yes) yes, that's it. (Did the government gave you troubles in your work?)
Government? (Government) Oh no, he did not gave me any trouble, because he did not trouble us. Even, if the soldiers come, they buy some of our yams, (ahah) and they bring their machine and weigh it (yes) and they would pay me, and take it away, and give it to the soldiers, (yes) (So the soldiers, didn't they left any dept on you?) If they come, the would buy some (ah) if they buy it, they pay you (yes) If somebody also want some to eat, if he comes, we will give some to him, he also will buy, and he pays you, yes (So at that time, did you have more costomes?) Yes, the people, some of them, they would come and buy, and cook ampe's.
and sell it in the street, and maybe, you, would come and say, maybe, I will buy ten pounds (Mwo) and I will give it to you. If you finish selling it, she cook "Puso" (Amptes) and if you finish selling it, you bring me my money (Mwo) and collect new ones (yes) and I go and buy it little by little. (The time you was in Accra, but, at that time, did you went to Kumasi to buy fish?) Eh, -- E, which one was profitable than the other? Was it in Kumasi, or Accra?) When The first time I sold it? (yes) The first time I sold it, it was Cheap. (so) So, the game, if you sell it, you get more money than (the other one) than the fish. (yes) Fish, the herrings, (yes) if they bring the herrings we will go and buy some, we will go and buy some and sell, Ehes. So, the game, that one, if you sell it, you get more money than the fish. (yes) (Mm, I have heard) Then, I stop selling it and went to Accra (ah) yes, (yes) (Before you sold the fish, did you do any work, did you work?) At first, (yes) If it comes more (yes) we cultivate, we cultivate continuous I grow plantain, and I grow cocoyam, and I grow cassava. At first, we, we don't like cassava, (yes) we eat only yam. So, And, and plantain (yes) and cocoyam. But now, we eat cassava.
(Yes) Now, we mixed the cassava with the plantain. (Mho) But, first, we don't eat cassava. (yes) Eh, when we went to Acera, before I, it was there, I ate the cassava. (Yes) But when we were here, we didn't eat cassava. (he-he-he) We eat yam, my farm. Myself I have more yams here, my mother also have some, there are plantain (yes) We go and cuts palm-nuts, and we take out oil and use it to fry red-plantain (yes) So, at that time, nobody buys it. (Nobody buy anything?) If any everybody goes to her farm, she would bring her goods, if anybody goes to her farm, she would bring her own. (So, your mother, did she sold something?) Everybody have his/her own, she would not buy it (yes) This person have brought his/her own, Auntie have brought her own, myself, I have brought my own. Who will buy it? (Ahaa, true) They don't buy it. There were more pine-apple. The pine-apples (yes) if we bring it, Eh, three, for half penny (yes) Pine-apple, three for half penny (Mho) you will carry it, till the time you reach here, you become very tired, half penny (yes) Nobody buys anything. (True) That means because, everybody have his/her own, (yes) nobody would buy. (The day you went to what farm, the same day you went to the Kumasi?)
The farm? (yes) Because of that guinea worm, I became ill (ah) I couldn't go to the farm, (because of that) and I said, I would go, if I am in the market, that also, I sell things little by little, and I will get some to buy something to eat, that was why I went (yes, I have understand, and the disease, it has given you many troubles) Very serious, it has given me troubles. The disease has given me trouble. Even now, I am suffering from my head. (Aoo) I am suffering from my head, I am suffering from my head very seriously. Have you seen that water is coming from my eyes? (True- true) My ears, it is all paining me now, my chest, (yes) the cough, it is serious. If somebody gives me money to buy food, I used it to go to hospital (ah) I use it to go and see the Doctor, If I see the Doctor, they will collect the money. (Mm) If I return home, I become miserable. (True) If I come and stay home, I will cry continuously, if somebody come, she says, stop, (mm) if somebody comes, she says, stop, and she would give me money to buy something. (When you left Accra and say here, did you work here?) When I returned from Accra with the disease, I have not been able to work again.
(So you couldn't.) No. (Eee) When I returned, somebody brought second-hand clothes, (ah) and I went and pick some, 'selection' (yes) and I sat in the street, and sold it little by little, and I got little money, and they announced that, we should change the currency (aha, yes, the day they the currency) and all the money I have, they did, that they are changing the currency, they would change and they collected it to the Bank. (yes) When they send it to the Bank, and they said, they should give us reciepte (yes) and gave everybody a reciepte, and later, it came to a time that, the government said he should pay everybody's money, so everybody should bring his/her reciepte, but the where I placed it, I searched it, but I couldn't find it. (Oh) Later, after they have closed it, (aha) when I went there, it was there, (oh) now, it is there, it is there now. (Can't you go and collect your money?) Now they have finished changing it, they have cancelled it. (Eee) and the money got finished. (Oh, it all got finished). That was why the money was left at the Bank (aha) since that time, I haven't sell anything again. (Eee, what a story?) Ac, my story is miserable, except the Lord, (aha) who can handle it. (Mmm)
That was why. (Mm.) Some time ago the white men came here, that, we, who are sick, (yes?) they came and write our names (yes?) that they are going, and those who cannot do anything they will give us little, little job. (yes?) When they left, nobody here, not return yet. (so?) Eh-e, they haven't return yet. And we are staying here now. And what I am now, this disease, it will not stop. (yes?) It is still with me, and what can I do? (Mm.) So, I have suffered, pray for me. (yes?) Maybe, somebody else would give a gift, and I will eat, because I have become very old. (true?) He-he-he. (The day you worked at Makola, who have got more money at Makola, who was, what kind of work was prosperous?) I say, when I do it, and me, I was there. (yes?) At that time, I can walk little, by little. (yes?) At that time, I was a little fine. (yes?) But now, now, I have no strength. (true?) Now, I have no strength at all. (At that time, those people who come to Makola, did they sold more goods?) Yes, people were in Makola. (But.) (And what kind of work was more prosperous the other, somebody sold yams, somebody sold clothes, somebody sold sugar, somebody sold?) You see that, if somebody sell clothes, she sells
it for by herself, so she would not come & tell me her profit. (So?) And me also, when I sold the yams, what I received, I would not go and tell her (yes) Ehee, so (you would not know)

Everybody does her own work. (Aha)
She does if she work her maths, after we have close from work, (Mm)
after I have gone into my room, then, I would see that, I have got profit or I have loose. (Ahaa) That was what I look, That is why (So, you cannot know?) Ehee, I cannot know into somebody's - yes, So, if anybody go and sell, if she goes to the market, she goes and sell what she need, if she collect her money. She sends it to her own house, she works her maths at her house (Mho) And me, also, if I sell sell my goods, myself, If I get some ooh, if I go loose, I also, I do my maths in my house, (So, if somebody is in the market, you couldn't know that, she have money?) No, Maybe, if I see that, the clothes she is selling is too much. (Ahaa) That means she have money. (Ahaa)
(Aha) Ehee, somebody also is there, her goods it so little, that means her capital is very small. (Aha) Ehee, that is why. (Yes) Then I thank you you have help me a lot

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