(Yes it is a job) All the way. Yes it is good, it is good.) And now what do you want me to say and where have it reach do you want me to say? (Since, Since your mother (Yes) Should we start everything again? (Yes) Then since my mother, When I grew up, I was young. (Hmm) My mother and myself, I want to say that, my mother's, they don't do any work except farming (Yes) So when we get up in the morning, when she return's from farm, there is no work maybe as a child or grown up can do. I want to say that if she return from farm, it was only farming that she was doing (Yes) Beans, plantain (Yes) Anything that will grow.

I beg you, you will start from where you said that your uncle wants to send you to school (anything that will grow well) (It will be fine from there) From there coming (Yes it is all good) (Start from somewhere and) (Yes) Please, now, where have we reach now? (She start again) Should I start? Yes you, your uncle whom you stayed, they don't want you to go to school.
The beginning is, there was no school there when we were children (Yes) There was no school in the town. Later they build school (Yes) At that time, we were children (Yes) So nobody don't want to send his or her child to school
Maybe he or she may be canceled.

(Yes) So what they did was that, they went from house to house to gather the children. The children, three children, either a girl or boy, anybody, they grab you and send you to the classroom till your mother comes and they will tell the father that send your children to school. Some say that I am not going to look after them and some of them allow their children to go to school so they caught me. My brothers and sisters, they send us to school and asked my uncle to look after us. He answered yes. So I went to school for a while. Then my uncle said no. He will not allow me to continue so I must stop and go to the bush with him. Sefwi (Was your father alive?) Yes, my father. I was a child when my father died. I was a child. I was not even two or three years when my father died. At that time, my father died, I did not see my father, I did not see him. (Yes) When he died, I saw that he was dead, but I was a child so he did not look after me.

(What happened to your mother?) My mother. She has no job when my father died except the farming. About the farming, if you bring your foodstuffs, nobody is would buy it, you can't do anything, and there was no way of making money. So she
Plans to prepare soap, and about the soap. She went and burned cocoa on the one husk without shell, we collect the cocoa and burned it so that we could get oil from it and get cocoa paste from the shells and prepare soap from it. So when she prepared the soap, we carry it and sell. At that time, it was one penny. One soap is one penny. So we sell it and buy kerosene with some of the money and if there is no meat, we buy some with the same money and salt and pomade. About food, we don't buy it (Yes) because we collect everything from farm. We only bought kerosene and white man's goods. Something like soap, kerosene and other goods was what we bought. Since then, that was it was little like that. But by bit by bit we followed, I followed her. About the job, it was bit by bit, it means she has no money so bit by bit, we lived till my uncle bought a land at Sep Sefwi and gave a portion to my mother for farming and said, do it yourself. At the time my mother got married to my father, they had a cocoa farm. After the death of my father, the family took over all the farm. They gave no portion to anybody, and no relative took after the children (Yes). Maybe my brother left five or six children after his death so I will look
after them. Nobody was responsible. Except
my mother and my uncle who took over
bit by bit. We also helped her (yes) little
work bit by bit. Anytime she prepare the
soap we sold it (yes) After we left, my
mother continued with the farming bit by
bit. Later, it was hard to time so I
my uncle a land at Sethesi and asked her to
join him (yes) so he decided the land to
his brothers and sisters (yes) my uncle his
brothers and sisters and all of us went to
stay there the farm and stayed there. We
started farming. We don’t buy food. We
harvest the plantain, but nobody would
buy it till it got rotten and at time
they would buy few of them and we
spent the money on soap. So she
continued with the farming. Later she hired
labourers. She worked in the farm
and after three years she handed it to
the labourers. So my mother lived at Sethesi
for so many years (so for how long?) She
stayed there for about ten years (Mm)
while she continued farming. Later
she lived there, because she too saw
that the cocoa was growing well and,
started poultry farm with small jobs
bit by bit. Later she said no I would
return home. But the work was still there
She became ill because of the hard working.
There was no doctor at the farm, so
They have to bring you to the town if you become sick. So she stopped the farming and moved to the town. After a bit sometimes she would go and visit the labourers. If the time comes for the labourers to weed the farm, she would go and see for herself if they weed it properly. At times, if the labourers finished weeding her farm and have no work to do, she could get another work (weeding) from friends for the labourers while they stay at the farm. Later, she could stay there because she was weak. So she moved to stay in town. When she moved to town, she did not stay at home. (Yes) (When she came home from Sampa, was it Berekum?) Yes, you know. (She moved from Sampa to Berekum) Yes! No my mother Sefwi. About my mother, (She does, does not) She does not come from Sefwi. My mother she doesn't come from Sefwi. (So she return to Berekum) She returns from Sefwi to Berekum. When she settled, she started farming again. Tomatoes and sweet potato, plantain and cocoyam etc. She was farming bit by bit. At times she would go to Sefwi and visit the labourers. (But you told me at first that you couldn't buy any land at Sefwi) Yes, as at now all the land she bought is finished.
(Yes) unless you find another one.

Unless you find another land to buy for farming (Yes) if she has money, she can go and buy another land anywhere for farming and add it to the first one (Yes) some of them, anytime they hear of any land anywhere, they would go for it. But she, because she has finished with this, she didn't go to any place again and have return home. But my brothers and sisters continued, if they heard of any land, they go and buy it. Now they have moved to Berekum, because the farm was growing well (Yes) she has started a small job since she returned, did not stay there ideal

And we also, all of us, we followed... I got married at that time, I returned, I settled at Berekum and never returned to Segu again. I got married at Berekum (Yes), when I got married, we were transferred to Sampa (Yes) (And you, what kind of job did you do, before you got married?)

It was the cocoa farm, we had a farm at Amagoon (Amagoon?) Amagoon. Did you get cocoa mango... it has borne fruits. It has grown (Yes) (Is it it & belongs to you?) myself. My uncle acquired the land and we joined him at Amagoon for farming (Yes) When I returned from Amagoon, I didn't go to
any place again. (yes) Then I became ill. And my husband was transferred to Sampa. There he was a teacher. Before you were transferred to Sampa, did you sell something in town? I started trading when I was a child. When I was a small girl, oranges I buy and sell it at street (at Segui). Berekum. (Oh Berekum) Market place and everywhere, I can buy items from Kumasi! (yes). Sometimes, I bought material which I cut it five feet or ten feet yards and sell it. I did this bit by bit before I became sick. (yes) I sold to different items before I became sick. (yes). After this we went to Sampa. They don't buy anything at Sampa, except. Kerone and herring. (yes). So these was what I sold. Sometimes I go t Cumasi or Berekum and buy kerosene and herring and send carry it to Sampa for sale. (Did they buy plenty of kerosene here?) Yes, and herring. (Herring, yes, yes I know) That fish. . . . . (Have you been to the boundary?) Yes, we were near that place. It will take only few time from Sampa to that place. I always go there. Sampa and Bonduku. (yes) I stayed at Sampa and Bonduku, there was no walls, it was there like that. So Sampa and Bonduku is a short distance. (yes)
It will take you about four (yes) miles to reach Bontuku. You stay there but you have cross the boundary. If you cross the boundary, the town is called Bontuku. I can go and buy them from the town for sale because it is not far. Even if you are sick, you can go and see the doctor at Bontuku, though you live at Sampa and it is all at the boundary (yes).

We didn't stay there for so long (yes).

We stayed for only two years. We spent two years (yes) at Sampa. Two years.

(What kind of job did the citizens of Sampa do?) At Sampa? There was no special job there at that time. But anytime people bring good from Bontuku or Abidjan to the boundary, they come and call people from the town to carry their goods to the Sampa (yes). Then they hired another car and load them to Kumas (Did you do that job?) Because I have not enough strength, I couldn't do that job. It helped those people who did that job if only you are there, especially who lived there because there was no special job. Groundnuts and yam and beans and oil etc. etc. were the only crops they grew (You said that somebody sells cooking oil?) Yes, at Bontuku if they harvest more groundnuts, they can make
Cooking oil from it. They make it like petrol (Yes). There they combined cooking oil, kerosene, and petrol at one big store. So you can find cooking oil there, kerosene there and petrol. So you can buy any one you want. So this is the work they did.

It is from the groundnuts that they prepare and store the cooking oil (you told me that somebody prepare, bring salt?) Yes it was the brother of my husband, my junior sister's husband (Yes) who was a store boy. He had no money, so when he married my sister, my mother looked for a loan for him to trade in salt (Yes). When she gave the money to him, he started trading in salt. It took him less than a year to make plenty of money. So he started to build houses. He again one in Kumasi here. He planned to build one for my sister, his wife, but he couldn't even he did not build it. It was a storey building. After reaching the flowing level, he stopped it (Yes). At now he has plenty of money, even now, he has a house at overseas (So?)(Yes)

(And yourself, at that time, what do you want to...)

(Yes) At that time, I wanted to do the same work but I had no money, and if you had not enough money or loan (plenty)
to load a full truck for sale, you would not get enough profit (yes)
It means you cannot pay the transportation with the little profit, you would get nothing. Unless you found one person to join you, so that you the two of you load a truck full of salt. In this way, you can get profit. Maybe you bought small, and he buy load one articulator full of salt, he would get more profit, you would get nothing. You would lose in the transportation. After selling it, you would get money to pay for the transportation and the salt, but you would no profit (you told me that Samba was so beautiful, than any place) yes I mean that, at that time the smuggling was as good as salt (job) They brought cocoa and other good & Sometimes the white men came and bought cocoa, they carry it to the place. You would get plenty of money. Only if you don't catch you (yes) The soldiers will kill you, if they see you carrying cocoa (yes). They would shoot you and kill you in the bush. They would not allow you to send the cocoa to that place (yes) so they will kill you. And if you don't take. If you are lucky and you they don't kill you, you would get money
It is a short distance. From there going it's a short distance from there to Abidjan you would get money. Only if you can carry it in gallow's to that place. Because of the killing, there was no progress in business, but if get the chance you would do it like that. You would get quick money.

(Where did you go after you left Lampa?)

After we left Lampa, we came to Wiamoze. (How was life there?) About Wiamoze, in the town you have to know the goods they need, before you buy it. When we went there, we noticed that the pt-people of the town, trade in cola-nuts. (Yes)

Because of the trading in cola-nuts they have no time to go to Kamasi to buy any item for sale. The will pay the money. He will get plenty of money in a week's time without selling anything. If you go for the cola-nuts self you stay there, and cannot go for the cola-nuts, you can go and bring other goods. They would buy your items you are selling, with the money got from the cola-nuts. So this is the life there.

(But why couldn't you trade in cola-nuts)

About the cola-nuts business, you buy, if you don't go are not the citizen of the town, you cannot do it, because they can go at night. Every, they could reach in the forest before four a.m.
Before three AM, they will be in the forest. You are a stranger so you cannot go. Again, if you go for the first time and see a snake, you cannot go there again. You are afraid.

But he is not afraid, because he has been going there frequently. Even if he sees the snake, he is not afraid. (Yes)

He would go his way and the snake also.

So it's okay, so it is a job for only those who know the forest properly. (Yes). And you know where to pass. (Yes) So you could not go for the cola-nuts, except them selves alone who can go. (Yes). He knows where there are cola-nuts are plenty. Unless you follow him when he is going. Even you could not follow him twice, or once. (Yes)

(To whom did they sell the cola-nuts?)

If they brought the cola-nuts, there were so many people in the town, who will buy it for them. If they bought it, they took off the peels and buy certain types of leaves and store it and keep it in this way. They have bought. After two weeks, they took off the spoiled ones, and store the good ones. After sometime, maybe Christmas time, they sent it to Mecca, long distance. They sent it to Mecca for sale.

This is what they... So they...
had plenty of money after selling them. Those people who sold the cola-nuts.

(You said, you would run a store, if you had money? (Yes) About that? If I had the money I could run the store, so then if the person comes from the bush after bringing the cola-nuts, he would come and buy the items he needs. He would need kerosene, matches or anything else.

And if you don't go with them and had money to run a store, he would come and buy your goods with the money from the cola-nuts. (Yes) Only if you had money. But at that time, I had no money for such trade trading. (So what kind of job did you do?) (Yes) I sold saucepans, and towels. I bought towels and headgear. (Yes) I bought scarfs and towels, the one we use for bathing and arrange it in a pan basin. So if they come there, I would buy some of them, get money and sell you that, I have no money, you can. I would pay you after selling my cola-nuts. They will pay you after selling their cola-nuts and buy another one. That was what they did. So if she buys your headgear with the money she got from the cola-nuts, maybe you would get a little profit, because she had bought yours. You add a little profit to it so that she can buy it.
(Were you transferred from Wiamcose to Accra?) From Wiamcose we came to Agona (Agona?) Hoo. At Agona at I sold the towels and the headgear's. So I sold it there, the same, I sold the same items. It means that the all the whole area are one, 2, Wiamcose and Agona, they come from Agona on market days at Wiamcose. Again we go from Agona to Nsuta Market Agona to Nsuta on market days at Wiamcose. So, if I bought the items, I sold it them only in that place. And after we were transferred to Nsuta, I sold Saucepans (Yes) (And what happened that you changed to sell Saucepans) Hoo, I mean, when we lived at Wiamcose, they buy the towels and other things and the headgear's, but if you sell Saucepans, they would not buy it (Yes) At Wiamcose, E, Nsuta, if you sell your Saucepans there, they would not buy it except Saucepans E, They like only Saucepans. They bought only Saucepans (Yes) They don't buy the headgear's and the towels (But why have they not been buying the headgear's) Many people comes to Nsuta and everyone to sell headgear's Many people sold the headgear's so they don't buy it. But they couldn't bring the Saucepans there (Yes) That was why. Because few people sold Saucepans, I took that opportunity to sell the Saucepans so that they would buy it quickly (Yes)
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Where did you get the saucepans? I bought it from Kumasi. There was a man called Papya Kwadwo. He sold it on credit. If you go to him, he would give you as much as you need, and he would write it down down, before you took it away you would pay it in a week’s time. Yes and collect another one. (Yes) So I got my saucepans and basins from him for sale. Because he gave me items for sale, so I forced myself to sell it quickly so that I could pay in time to get another one. (Yes) (When you left Wiamoase and Nsuta, did you come to Saint Andrews?) Yes. Here, after Nsuta we went there. (Yes) From there, we went to Saint Andrews, where the Training College is. (So, is it not at Nsuta?) Yes. Nsuta Mampong is it is at Nsuta Mampong Nsuta. It is all around. (Ah, Mampong Nsuta) Heo. It is not too far. The principal was called Mr. Kwakwa. (Yes) He asked me to come and cooked for them to give them food. I appealed to him, and he allowed me to cooked for the Saint Andrews. Sometimes, if they go to teaching practice, (Yes) I can do something like...like Nsuta. We can leave Mampong to Nsuta. (Yes) by myself, myself, I can go and stay there. I stayed there, I cooked for them always. If we spent a month or two weeks I always cooked for the
School. It means, we have divided the people. Some did this and some did that. If we come to this place, if we come to Etsui, I cooked for them. If we come to Mampong, somebody was there to (Yes) cooked for them. At the end of the month he would give you some money. Because the pay is too small, if we go and buy the items for cooking, maybe we leave some for ourselves (Yes) and eat. (How much does he paid you?) 1000. (How much do they pay for the cooking?) (How much do they pay you for every month?) Yes. At that time, they would give you ten thousand or maybe one thousand cedis (Yes) that is what they would give you. (If you sell Saucepans, would you get one thousand cedis at every month?) A. (At that time) Yes. At that time (Yes) we sold the Saucepans weekly (Yes). We don't sell it everyday (Yes). Market days. Sometimes, Thursdays (Yes). You would sell your Saucepans on every Thursday (Yes). But at school, everyday. And you sell on Thursday. If all the people gather on Thursdays and you sell your items on Thursday, except another Thursday, so you leave it alone (Yes). You can prepare the food for the school. (You can also sell your Saucepans.) Yes. You can also sell it (Yes). It mean you can sell the Saucepans, only one day.
Only one day, but at school, you would do it everyday (Yes) so you can sell it (Which job did you like best, the first one or the job at the Training College?)

Hm, maybe the job, the house with the small money (Yes) that was what I liked best.

Maybe I got little amount from the saucepans I sold (Yes) At that time, even if you had money, you couldn't keep it because of the children. You cannot keep it for you have to buy something. About the children, maybe this one attends school here at this place, you have to give money to pay school fees or you have to buy something for him or her. You would not have the money. You have to spend it immediately. You received it you could not saved it (Yes) Even if it is left little amount of money in your hand after you have done that. You have to buy books for Kwasi from the money I received from the job at school (Yes) and if any are for Akwa and I used the rest to pay for the school fees. So I have nothing left. (So where did you go after you left St Andrews) After still I continue to sell the silver after I stopped the work at Saint Andrews I sold it at Nsuta. After we left here, we were transferred to Bonsaiwe.

Didn't you go-go to Bonsaiwe.
At Bosomtwe. (What job did you do at Kumase?) When I first came here (Yes) I first went and bought these - I fried bofarout, and meat pie. I continued with the meat pie at first, at first, it was the only thing I did, but there was no money in it. When I started first, there was no money in it. At Antoa Mensah's house. (Yes) If I fried it, some of the children sit down and eat it free. So I hired some Gogo people who sold palm oil, even if they sold it, they don't bring the money, so I stopped. When I stopped, I went and sat in the market. I did a lot of jobs. I later went and did bar. That bar (Chop bar or beer bar?) Yes, Chop bar, it was somebody who was doing it. (Yes) Antoa Mensah it was the sister of Antoa Mensah who was doing it and she asked me to join her in the job. (Yes) She paid me seven Shilling. So I and Akua and Aggie (Yes) who was doing that job. Akua 38, Aggie washed the things, the dishes and s, s. Akua also collected the things and myself also I turned the fufu. (Yes) I did this for about one year. (Is that so?) Then later, the woman said I should stop, because my children are too many. When we come, I give Akua fufu to eat, I give Aggie fufu to eat, (Ooh!) and I also would eat some,
So I must stop. Maame Ahenkan’s sister (Yes) who said this to me, and I, I stopped (Yes) when I stopped, I cried a lot. I couldn’t find any job. I have no money, maybe I can do this job with it. (Are your money from the silver, it is finished?) Yes, about the silver, I don’t buy them. I borrowed it. (Borrowed?) so if I sold it, the little money I would get, I spent it on the children. So the about the silver, when I stopped selling them, I have no money. (True) Then I went to do the bar (Yes), you see? When I went to do the bar, the woman, I sold, we went with Akua and Aggie. So when we finished, some of the food, some few plantain, and those who were left at home, I bought it (Yes) and I gives it to the children. At times, sometimes the woman gives me Cassava, and she gives me plantain and neat and I sent it to the children. (So after that you stopped?) Later that she said, I must stop the job, so I stopped. After I stopped that day, I wept for a long time. I have no money. She gave me seven shillings. She gave Akua and Aggie. She gave Akua three shillings. She also gave Aggie three shillings. They washed the dishes. So when she told me to stop, when I stopped, my eyes were red. That day, I cried a lot. Then I sat down quietly, then & I sat down. I couldn’t find any place to set
my eyes, where I could find found a job to do. Then I picked my things, I came to the market. I had only three shillings in my hands. I brought the money to this place, on the road. I bought some green leaves, and I bought nkontomire with it. I bought nkontomire for two shillings and sixpence. So when I brought it to Kumase market, that I got two pounds. It likes, when I got that money, I became a rich person. (He-he-he-he). But I have worked several times, I haven't got cedi, even I haven't got even cedis I haven't got some. (Ahaa) And I got that money in a day, I was happy. I said, God you have done well. I continued to sell it. That nkontomire, I sold it always for three years (Hoo) is that so? Yes, after all these, I sold nkontomire, I got money, ( & is that so? ) That is all. Yes. At that time, I was saying that, I took that opportunity to supply. (And...) The nkontomire & (green leaves) Tamale, they will get collect, and they will collect corn leaves. (Nkontomire) Green leaves and corn leaves and palm oil, they would come and collect it to Tamale. So if they come, a bin of palm oil, if I bought it, the police men were those who came and collect it. They sent it to prison yard at Tamale. So if they come, they pour the palm oil bottle by bottle. If they buy ten drums.....
They would pour each one, one bottle from each drum for me. You see? About the green-leaves, if they buy, they gives me some (After you have said it to him?) Yes, we pour some. (And again, you pour some and sell?) He pours it (for you?.) It means, he would not add any money to it (Ah, ok.) So if he pours some for me, I would go and sell it as my profit (Yes) That is what they do it. So I continue to do the job with them always. From there, there, from there going, I got money. That is why I am saying that, the soldiers they didn't pay paid (Yes) the money so I loose. (You see?) Because of this, all my money was finished. And the changed of the currency also (How much did they owed you?) The soldiers when they didn't paid you?) Yes! The soldiers, the money they didn't paid was three hundred thousand, and the change of the new currency came. That also, three five hundred thousand they didn't gave it to me, and then, I again became a child. (Yes) I didn't get anything again. (You see?) That, that money which I didn't receive, I didn't get, I didn't get anything from what I did, I became miserable, it's all because of these two things (Yes) Change of the Currency and the Soldiers (Yes). (And you lose all your money) Yes, it's all finished. And the little money I had with me, I said, I would go and buy cassava with it and if I need something, I would go and withdraw it. And the little, I used it to buy the cassava. At that time, the changing of the new currency has not ended (Yes). You see?
(Yes) And the members of the cassava also have lodged it. And this also, the soldiers also have took it. And this, the changing of the new currency also, they didn't change it. (What happened, that the bank didn't give you the money?) The bank? The bankmen said, when I send deposited my money there, I did not add anything again, secondary, I did not withdraw some from it. (Aa) You see? It was there like that? It was there like that. (They think you are dead.) Yes, they wrote to me that you are dead. Yes, they wrote to me that I have deposited my money at bank, I haven't withdrew some, and I haven't added anything to it. (How long did lasted?) It lasted about almost four years. O, five years. I didn't add anything to it. I didn't withdraw it. So it is finished. They will not give it to me, that means it is finished. And I said is that so? They said, yes, and I cannot go and say anything. Am I lying? (Ee) That it all, the money got finished. And at that time, And one time, I said, I am going to look, I am going to asked, they said, oh, the money, we have deducted it, it is finished. Every month, we deduct. I said, yes, I have heard it. So I didn't went there again. After that, I have no money. And the children, they have grown up, the go to school. (Yes) Their expenses have gone high. So I suffered. (Yes) I faced problems. Even I haven't got food to eat. (Yes) Yes, so I suffered a lot more. And I again brought forth Kudjo. Have you seen him? (Yes) Kudjo. (Yes) He also died. And this also, is full of debts. (Yes) You see?
Even you were there. Me and you. So I have
suffered a lot. But, even, if I sat down quietly
or I had some money or I had no debts, even
that money, e, the changing of the currency
and the soldiers, I would have got money (Yes)
You see? (Yes)
If if the money was there, I would have trade
with it, and it would increased. Since that
time, and the children schools have gone
high. (Yes) because of this I have no money
which I can save, So, everytime, it was
poverty (Yes) lies before you. (You see?)
So, But if that debts were not there, and
all was in my hands; When I came there, I had
more money than Madam Akemakan. (When you
came?) When I came to that house. (When
you came to the house?) Yes, at Kumasi. (Is that so?)
I had no money money than the woman.
(Is that so?) Again, I had children than the
woman (Mm) You see, that she had no child
(were to pay her school fees, and again, she
dont think e. (Her children went
to school). E, Kofi. Gods power is that Kofi. That-
Kofi, he is now in Abroad & Doctor (Yes) He is
a Doctor. And Gods power is great also, had
three children (Yes). She also is in Accra.
She mouds block. (Yes) Blocks which we use
for building houses (Yes) She mouds it there.
At that time, the woman, she had no job.
She sold materials. (Yes) She sold medicine. She
sold medicine small-small, and she stopped the
medicine. (Yes) And sold materials (Yes) She
sold only the materials, she maintained it always.
She build the house. But myself, the job I was doing (Yes) was more profitable than hers (So?) Yes. (Why do you said, your's was more profitable than her?) Yes, myself, myself, the items I was selling (Yes) there was more money in it, than her. The money I would get reviewed in a day (Yes) was more than what she reviewed (So?) I thought we were all one, (mm) We all eat together, took our bath together. (Yes) So if she goes, and has not, & if she sells and get no money, she tells me, and me, my items if I get some, I tell her. If I get nothing, I also tells her. Sometimes, the items, the clothes, they don't buy them. (Yes) You will sit down, maybe three months, you would won't get any money. (Mm) And that three months, I have yet even more money. & (you see?) (Yes, I see) So if she comes, if she goes to the market, she can tells us, give me money (Yes) to go to the market and if I get it, I would give it to you. I can give it to her. (Yes) Sometimes, she said, buy foodstuffs for me. I can buy foodstuffs for her, to cook. Then later, the trading, the children became more. The trading, the money is all gone (Yes) But she, because she had no children, her trading, if she gets the money, she would buy nothing, and she keeps the money. (Yes) She would not pay school fees, she won't do (is here husband there?) Oh, madam Atenkana? (Yes) Her husband is dead. She married & when Afua's father (Yes) she had eight children. They all of them died, and it was left with only the two of Afua. (Oh) And the husband
also died (Yes) so she had no husband.
When you came there, she had no husband.
(Yes) See? (Yes) So, in that house, you saw
that she had no husband? (Yes) Yes. After that,
if she works, it was the landlord. (Yes) He
gives her money. At that time, she was the
one, who cooks for the brothers. (Yes) so
she don't spent on chop money. She don't
used money to buy food. (Yes) If the man
gets up, he gives her money and she cooks
and eats with all her children. (Yes) so if
she gets the money, she don't buy anything.
(Mmm, Yes, I have heard) She used it to sell
items for clothes. She gets that money. (Mmm)
And the store, that was in the market. (Yes)
myself, one was for me, and she had one.
The market store; she sat here, and I sat
here. They came to a time when they were
building the store. I had no money. And she,
at that time, she told me that, she would
do the store and give me one. You see?
(Yes) She didn't gave it to me. She didn't
gave me one of the stores. So, I walked and
walked and later, I settled at 8, around the Rubbit.
(Yes) There, at there, we got two stores, two. (Yes)
And she gave one to somebody for hiring.
and she took one. So, the money from
the store, if she collect it, she used the
money to pay her store, again. She used
some to pay 8, Yaa Nkansah store; you see?
(Yes) So she had no debt. She don't pay
any money. She don't spent on chop-
money, and in market, she won't pay.
money. But you, they would collect every-
thing from you. So I am not equal with
you. The children also are too much on
me. (Yes) So I cannot be equal with her
(Yes) So, anytime, she saves money. That was
why she:—and if I was like that, when she
built a house, maybe, I also, if not the
children, and I was alone, I can build a
house, you see? (Yes) (So when you left
Kumasi, where did you go?) Kumasi here? Me,
When I came here, it is nearly thirty years.
I haven't go to any place. (You were saying
there, you went to lake side) So! when we
left, we went to lake side, before, this place.
When we left, this place, Sampaa, (Yes) (and
you went to lake side?) Yes, when we left
lake side Sampaa, and we went we came to
lake side. There, we didn't kept long. We spent
exactly one year, there, at lake side. It means
that, no cars go there. (Yes) You were lucky, that
you didn't kept long. Yes, Cars don't go there
and at that place, even we spent only one
year, I cry everyday. If you come to Kumasi here,
and buy your items and you reach Bompa, the
car would drop you at Bompa. (Yes) It is about
ten or nine mile and you would walk on your
feet. At night, it is raining, you would walk in
it, So that place, I told you that when I came
here at that time, Basel Banerman, (Yes)
I am coming to tell you, he works at the
Mission (Yes) I told Banerman that, if they
won't allow him to be a teacher, we would
stay at home. (Ha-ha-ha) My eyes
were red. Akua (True.) So I said, if we are not going to be a teacher, I am coming to stay in Kumasi, and prepare herself for cheap money (Ha-ha) And if so, we would go to City Council. And when I said this, he said, That year, when we study it, they would not transfer us from the place you see? Then I came to this place, City Council. That my husband is a teacher, so Basil Mission had to person; he is a master. (Yes) He is a catechist, so what they are doing to us, I want get anything, if some items, if you go and buy a plate or anything and you load it in a car, it will all brake into pieces. If you have Clothes, you will wash and it will all spoil. Some time, when we were returning from Sampa, we had many chicken. When we reached the town, all the chicken were dead. (Ha-ha.) Sheep were there, goats, all of them killed. (Ou!) The car killed them. The loads fell on them and killed them. But if we were staying in one place, and we sold them, we would get money you see? (Yes) Yes, So, when I said this, he said we must stay here, so he would transfered, he will look for a better place and transfered us. And I went to the City Council and told them that, today I would not follow him again. So when I said this, and (He-he-he) he said, they must give us some place, station, and he said, then master, he must come to Asawase. (Asawase?) Asawasi, (here) And we were transfered to Asawasi (So at there he teach at that place at Teck?.) Yes he teach at Asawasi.
(When he left Asawasi, and went to to Teak?)

No, when he left Asawasi, he became Master at Tennyango, E this place, Amankwahy.
(Yes Amankwahy!) Amankwahy (Primary School)

Yes that school at that place. He became a master at that place at six years (Yes) From there he was transferred to Bantama in the cocoa (Mm) Near the Basilt house (Yes)

That place, he went and taught there for two years. He was transferred from Bantama cocoa, and was transferred to Teak (Mm) At Teak, he died. At Wiepese, he spent more than eighteen. That place, he stayed there for a long time. (So he was a teak master for a long time.) Yes. Oh, 13th (the year, when they were 0), in the year that he got promotion,

They said, O he would do what? Office, he said, he would not stay. He said he would not stay at the Office, he would teach.

He said, he is a fitter (Yes) If the school is going bad, they have made him a fitter. And he would go (Discipline) He would go and do everything nicely at the school (He-he-he) And again, he was sports master (Yes) At that time, ball and everything. He was a coach (He-he-he) So in Kinna? here, when he died, all Kotoko teams, they came and played ball at, look (Mm) He died at Korlebu. He was laid in state at town hall (Yes) At Town Hall. It was there, where they brought the corpse from Accra and laid in state (Mm)

The work, it needs people. I also, I tried my best, so that I also can care for the
Children properly (Mm) so that they also,
in future (Mm). Now even Abenaa she is
forcing herself (Yes) she is forcing. They likes
school. Yes (Everybody goes to school. You said
Kofi, he gone to school at Abroad.) No,
Kofi & he went to secondary school. Just
now when he finished (Yes) I have to help
him to continue, he and Abenaa. I had no
money. So when Abenaa finished the noctional,
She went and learned sewing and finished.
When I studied, the machine also I can't helped
her. I again prepared another one. Even this
machine, this is the one she used for sewing.
The one standing there. (Yes) And the one
which with belongs to Joana, (Machine, yes) That was
the one Abenaa Joana gave it to her and
used it for sewing. (You said) Joana this
child? (this) yes her machine, (Yes) The one
she used to sew this, (Yes) it was this, that
Abenaa used for sewing. (Yes) And this belongs
to this person, so when she collected it, Abenaa
had no machine again. The machine was
there like that, it was spoiled. If we repaired
it, it spoil again, If we repaired it, it
spoiled again (True) And she said if this
is the situation, she would go and learn
typing. (MM) That was why she went (Yes)
And now, about the job, if you do it, and
you gets somebody to help you, (Yes) it is
good. Again, if somebody helps you and
you have no depts to settled, as I was
saying, in this, you would get have peace of
mind. You see? (Yes) And about my life.
Story, I have been tired, I have been tired.
(When your husband died, didn't they gave you pension, or any Social Security at that time?)
When he died, seven, seven years, it is only a couple of days, this Christmas time, that we went to see them and we & pension fund (Yes) Yes. When we went, somebody was dead. That person, maybe, when he died, when mother died, them, they gave them pension fund, even they were children. They gave, even at all, they gave them about five million, or or three million or four. Some can get ten million. But, when he died, even, 1 million, they didn't gave it to him. (Mm) They didn't gave it to him. And I lost more money: So when they shared the debts, I hired a lawyer. When we shared all the debts, five children were about ten, and the debts involved, when we shared it, we received, the money they gave to us was 3, 3, Seven hundred thousand. Seven hundred thousand, and you have hired a lawyer, you paid for transportation, and the children, how many were they? Five people, some of them were not here so there were five, that # I went to Accra with them. Calculate the transportation and see your your in and your out. How they will charge you in the office. When we finished, we divided the money, somebody received 200, somebody received fifteen thousand, somebody received nine thousand, some received ten thousand, & you see? Haven't you loose? I loose. And they talked
again, they talked to us that, every month they would give us fifteen thousand, so I must take it like that and I said, alright, even they don't pay it. If you go, they don't pay. So, it was few days ago, I became seriously ill, but the sickness, maybe it was too much thinking and hunger other things. When we return from Accra, you have borrowed money for, maybe, if I received about one and half million, I would used half to pay the debt, and you didn't receive that. But the case, when they finished, the landlord he gives me troubles. all the time. If you put your food on fire, he take it, and throw it away. (Yes) Sometimes, he would close the toilet, he said, I wont allowed you to go to toilet. (he-he-he-he) I wont allowed you to bath... I wont allowed you to go to the kitchen. Look! I have suffered 0! (Mm mm) But God, if you give all problems to Him, you have finished. (And that fifteen thousand, which they said, they would paid it to you, do you go and check?) 0, few days ago, I went to Accra. When I went, and we checked, they have brought fourteen thousand. Even I haven't went to the place, I went and look. When I asked and they told me that, this, if you received it, you would chop it in three days only. Even, it won't take you three months, you would finished chopping it. (You have to go and collect it. If you didn't go and collect it, they would not add & more to it. So, if you go and collect it, that is good. You see?) And they would
Know that, you are there. If nobody go and collect it, it would go to the bank. They would not give it to you again. Fifteen thousand, even you can use it as pocket money. Small change money (Mm) SE wonlu? (Mm) (But if you received small money, what job would you do?) Yes, now the money & the store room, which I was saying that I received, (Yes) Yes, I finish putting up the gate, (Mm) I will tell my friends. If somebody has the plastic, plastic we sell or anything else which anybody can help me small. Small, and I will send it there, and sit down. (Yes) You see? And again, the fridge has spoiled. The one which is in my room. Even, there was a small one there, I decided that I would sell the small one to repair the big one. (Yes) And I will send it there. I can sell iced water, and (Yes) malt, and I would put inside. (In the store?) Yes, inside the store. So, I have forced Aku to prep build the gate for me. If any money, maybe, if I sit there, she must go and borrow money to build the gate. If she finished, I will work little by little, and I would pay it to her, that person, and I would send the fridge there, the deep-freezer. (Yes) Yes, it can also sell water, (Yes) These days, I have no money, so if I pour water in a plastic, I put it inside, and people come and buy it. (Yes): If they buy it, sometimes I can get what I would use to what to.
Something to buy food

Down the down. (Yes) The top is working, but at the down, if you put something there, it don't work. So I would asked them to repair it (But now, your children are grown up, they can help you small small) Yes, I want to see that, this one leaves there, I would sit. (I would see to it that if Kofi can live there) Yes (That Kofi)

O.K! Kofi, he is a child. (Which one of them did you said, he is in abroad?) Aq, Akwasi (Akwasi, Yes) But he, but he nowadays, that is why I am saying that, it is only few days ago, that Mama wrote a letter, and abused him (Yes) And, if she send something, She send sometimes, she don't get find any person to give him the money. And the money, if she post it, they steal it (Ahah) You see? (Yes) She send 3 money, always, maybe three or four times. He didn't received it (You see?) But she, if she is there, she knows that she had send him money. He didn't received it. So, Mama sent him a letter that, if he didn't care for me properly, (Yes) He must remember and know that I have cared for him (Yes) to grown up. So if he sit down and eat, if he eat and didn't give me some, and if I die he must not say that, he is my mother. He must not come and perform any funeral rites. So she send him a letter And she gave it to a certain anti, who is at Taceh, and she, her husband is
there, she is a friend of her husband. He is his friend. (He is his friend) Yes, he
is friend of Kwasi (Yes) He and his wife
his wife is at Teack. Both of them are
lectures at Teack. And they went to course
and Nana Yaa (Yes) At first, Nana Yaa
was the one who gives me money (Yes)
(You have told me) At the end of the
month, Nana Yaa brings me money, so
when Nana Yaa left, I have nobody to
gives me money. And the friend of her
wife also, brought me some money. She
brought the money, maybe, two times, she is
gone. Her husband also left, (Yes) So, after
that, nobody gave me money (If she
did not find a good person, she won't
send the money.) Yes, but it is only few
days ago. At first, it was his wife. When he
send me something, I don't know, maybe
Akwasi himself, or the wife (Yes) She collected
the money, and have taken come for
Come and take her mother away (Yes)
to Abroad. This is the situation now.
But, within me, it is that, I have no money
for I can work and buy food (Yes) and
do everything. Have you seen? (Yes I
have seen) Yes, but the money, which is
sometimes, is not there. Now, today the palm
oil is spoiled. If I go and bring this palm-oil,
If you reach here at once, the income
tax people come (Yes) But the palm oil,
Maybe you bring one drum, income tax
men, the tax they will collect from
you, if you pour it, if you pour every mini drum. They have an amount they would collect from you. (Yes) If they collect it and you finished, it would left with small money. It can't supply your food. You see? (Now that Palm oil) It has spoiled. (It has spoiled?) No Yes! (There is no profit) None! (Before you had money) Yes. (But why didn't you get money?) What has happened that it has spoiled like that? The palm oil? (Yes) It is too expensive (Yes). It is too expensive. You see? If we enter this season, there is no palm-nuts. And if there is no palm-nuts, the price of palm oil goes up. Haven't you notice that, now, since they produced the factory one, (Yes) Cedi, one thousand cedis. One bottle, the factory one is thousand cedis. The refined one, palm oil, the refined one.) Yes, I have heard it, Akua knows it. So the price of the palm oil that thousand cedis, (Yes) and the mini drum, how much it cost? Thirty thousand. (You see?) Thirty bottles. Yes, it will be thirty thousand. (Ah?) Yes, and this, you, you, how much money can you need to buy? (Yes) If you buy two mini drums, thirty sixty (mn) you see? (Yes) If you pour it, (Yes) factory (Yes) Because of the factory, E & E, the Palm oil in the rubber, can't reach it. The price of the Palm oil is expensive. But the palm oil, we use the same money, they want us to to sell it like the price in the factory. Today, how much
is the price of one bottle? (Today, our local ones?) Yes. Even, some are there some of the good ones, it is eight hundred cedis. (Palm oil?) Yes, some are seven hundred cedis. (What?) Four hundred cedis, it is not that. The four hundred cedis one type. (Four hundred cedis type, it is long ago, I bought one and it tastes good, but it was long ago.) Yes, five hundred cedis and six hundred cedis one. It doesn't taste good. You see? And how much can you add to it? Yes, how much can you add to it, so that you can get something? So, that was why the price has spoilt? (Yes) All those who sells it, some of them, when they sell it, it will loose and run away (Mm) You see? (But) But me, I cannot run away. (Yes) You see? (Yes) If I sell it and and loose, can I run away? If I didn't sell it, can I loose? (No) That was why, but the first time you were here, If you sell it, you can get four hundred cedis on the mini drum. One day, you can sell four mini drums. You see? Or some, Palm-Kernel oil, Palm-Kernel oil, you would get four hundred cedis, and this, you would get four hundred cedis. Before you leave for home, you would get about thousand cedis, you see? But today, it is not like that. Even, if you sell 1 drum, you could not get one thousand cedis. (Mm.) So, if you enter this business, you are worrying the children (Mm) If you loose, and they catch me, Akua cannot...
Say that, they must send me to make
she would go and find a loan (Yes) Yes
that is why (Yes) If you start life, and it
did not go well, they call you, you have
done nothing (O.K. but now Akua wants
to say, that) Yes (When she first came,
here, and then returned, you have talked
about the past, but since she left
how was the living?) Yes. When she left
here, about the living, it has become harder.
It is not like the first time (Yes) First time
she was here, it was hard, but now, she
has seen it herself, that, today, there are
changes, you see? There are more changes.
The changes, which has come is, that
(Nsakrafie, it means, changes) Akua,
Nsakrafie.) The first time you were here,
(Yes) time, the time has changed. It is
not like, the first (Yes) Yes, So even the
living, if you buy something for about ten
cedis, today, you will not buy it for ten
cedis again. You see? So the life is too
hard. Since I left here, haven't you done any
work again?) O. Since I left here, I have done
some work, I did it. That is why I was
saying, nowadays, I was selling, I was selling
medicine. (Medicine? Yes for that, you haven't
told us.) Aa, I sold medicine for fever,
audice. (Yes) (Local medicine.) Yes Local
medicine, I sold it for a long period.
Do I lie? (So?) it is pine, it is pineapple.
When I was here, it was that business, and I
sold palm oil. The Palm oil is not good.
That was why I sold that medicine. It was that medicine that has helped me up to date. It is only few days ago, that I stopped it. (Do you prepare it yourself, or somebody taught you?) I did it myself. (Do you know that medicine by yourself?) Yes, one of my brothers, Doctor, he was at Tarkwa. He was the one who prepared it. He was Doctor Agyeman at Tarkwa. He was the one, who prepared it, and he was a Doctor, local medicine, was what he prepared at Tarkwa. (Yes) Have you seen him? (Yes, I have seen him) (But I have heard his name.) So sometime ago, I got sick. And, I heard of him, I heard of him and we are all from one town. He was the Chief of Sunyani. (Yes) He is Chief of at Sunyani. End of H A.
Jaundice and more medicine

He taught me at Tech. I learned it at Tech. If you like, you don't sell anything, go and prepare the medicine and sell. If you sell it, you will get money, and to buy food and eat. (Yes) So I continue to prepare the medicine. I sell in the morning. I prepare the medicine, maybe, two mini drums or four buckets. Before eight O'clock or nine O'clock, at least, ten O'clock, it will finish. (in the morning?) In the morning. (Does it mean that, people come and buy it at home, or you sell it in street?) I sell it at the street. Some of them come and buy it at home. So if I prepare it, and it is coming to finished if I boil it, and it is getting to finished, I would go and sell the palm-nut oil. (MM) So, the palm oil, it was not too necessary for me, because, I would not get anything from it. And, because, I would go and sit at home, doing nothing. That was why? So if I go, I buy petty-petty things (You be.........) (Yes, it is good) If I go and buy petty-petty things, and thus, while I was selling, you see? Sometimes, if I go, I can buy plantain, I bought plantain. They gather the plantain for thousand cedis, thousand cedis, Mn. So I can buy some of the plantain, and cut it from its bunch and divide it. So if they buy thousand cedis at once, the remaining one I take it home. And I buy Cassava, and that also, I separate it. If I finished selling it, the remaining one, I take it. I would not sell it. That was what I always
did so when it came to a time, when I
sold the medicine, I go and there, and do it
like that, and I would send it home, and I would
buy medicine meat. It was what I always do
it small small, till a time that, the palm-oil,
I don't work on it regularly. If I wake up in
the morning, I would go and sell it. If the medicine
finished I buy some and send it home. Myself
and one of children I sold it always. So, in
Kumasi, if everybody, if you say you are looking
for the woman who sells the medicine for
jaundice, if you reach any place, if you say
they will show you. It means everybody,
many people. I have sold the medicine for
more than ten years. (But why did you stopped?)
The medicine, I can't; I can't. If it come to a
time like this, I can't, if it is raining like this
if I carry it, I fall down. (Can't carry it) Yes
If I carry it, at once I fall down, and it pours
down, and it is water (MM). (If you prepare
it and put it in front of your house, not
too much, if you prepare a little and put it in
front of your house, maybe they would buy it)
Market. (Yes) I have a market store. I boil it
and send it to the market, more. If I boil it, I pour
it into a silver, and I put calabash on it which
we use to drink water on it, the little ones and
cups. If you want ten cedis, I measure it for you
That was what I always did it. Some of them,
they used rubber; those who have been attacked by
jaundice seriously, he bring rubber to buy it
If he go and drink it, it will stop at once
(Yes) Yes, if he drinks it, at once, the
fever will stopped, and he would come and
buy it every day. Even, at the meat market,
there is nobody there, who have not buy this
medicine before. If you send even, two mini drugs
there, they would buy it, But today, I have no
strength. And my children are also grown up.
Everybody is, we have not arranged our job.
There is nobody there, who would do this.
And ee, this because this, and the medicine
it p helped me always, than all the jobs (Mm)
(Yes) All the jobs I did, it was only the medicine
that helped me. Oh, when Kwasii was going
to the university, at times, when one term
will end, I have get money, which I
have saved. When he come, he take it away
(Yes) I have paid all the children; this helped
me to looked after all the children. For I
cannot. But today, I cannot carry it (Yes)
my legs got swollen (Yes I have seen). Yes;
it was my legs, that was why all the jobs
(Mm) have gone, all the jobs I was doing
have gone down. It made me sick, so this
is the charge. You say said, maybe, I have
decome old, I am not old, it is the job and
the sickness. (Your leg something hit or
it get swollen by itself?) Yes, it was around
it. (Aa, what happened?) It was car it was
car, that cut me at this place, and this
lead it to tefraus Titanus. (Aa) I was
admitted to Gee (Central Hospital) for long
period. It was troto (=Mini Bus) that cut you.
Yes, when the car moved, when the car
moved, and started going, when it was
Climbing the hill, at once, E, it reversed and hit another one. When it hit it, the place I was sitting, was near a gutter. It was going to Summersalt, and if it Summersat, it will fall on me (Mm) And all the people were running.

So it cut my leg. So I suffered for a long period on my leg. I was in trouble for a long time. I was admitted at Gee Central Hospital for a long period. Now my leg, it pulled like a sack. All my nails have shaken (Yes, the skin pulled out) Yes, it started from this place, from this place (A. Yes) from this place. From this place, all pulled out like a sack, and all my nails have shaken. It has become too soft (Ou!)

This, I laid it on this one, like this (Mm) And this, my leg was, it like it has been boiled, so the other one also pulled out.
The job while I stopped, it was all because of this. We walk on our legs, and you have none. Can you sell something (No) Hei! since then, I couldn't sell anything I become hungry always.