

Lecture 7

Deaf Education in Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire,
and Uganda

Lesson Objectives:

At the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Compare information about deaf education in the 3 African countries under study,
- Identify services available to deaf people in those countries
- Practice signs and sentences with time information in ASL

Map of Africa



Deaf education in Ghana

- There are 110, 211 deaf people in Ghana
- There are 12 basic schools for the Deaf in Ghana
- 1 senior secondary school
- 1 inclusive senior secondary school
- Education of deaf people in Ghana is generally poor
- Disability ACT 715, of 2006 guarantees the rights of disabled people in Ghana
- The Ghana National Association of the Deaf is the umbrella organization of deaf people
- 2 Universities offer courses in Special Education in Ghana

Deaf education in CIV

- Number of deaf people in CIV = 50,689 (1998 Census Report)
- 1 primary school for the deaf in CIV (established by Dr. Andrew Foster in 1974)
- 6 privately runned schools for disabled persons
- Zero secondary school for the deaf
- No legislation on disability matters in CIV
- 5 deaf associations, 2 organizations run by the deaf
- More than 100 people with disabilities work in the public service in CIV
- 1 association of sign language interpreters

Deaf education in Uganda

- Number of deaf people in Uganda = 260,000 (WHO 2005 estimate)
- There are 20 schools, units and inclusive education schools serving deaf children in Uganda (Gallaudet University information unit: http://www.gallaudet.edu/rsia/world_deaf_information_resource/deaf_orgs/local_orgs/uganda.html)
- Uganda is the only country in the world where the deaf are voted into regional parliaments in elections

Issues for class discussion

- In the United States for instance, there is a program called the Peace Corp. It is a program for volunteers who wish to serve humanity outside their home country. Is there any equivalence of the Peace Corp program in Europe? Have you ever thought of volunteering in a programme in some third countries?

Break Time

7 minutes break

ASL Practices: Telling time related events in contextual situations

- We have class every Wednesday from 3:45 pm – 5:30 pm
- The administrator will have appointment with some students at 9:00 am
- Solomon Grundy was born on Sunday, Christened on Monday, Married on Tuesday, took ill on Wednesday, worsened on Thursday, died on Friday, buried on Saturday
- Today is April 1st
- We will have test next week
- Last week was busy for her and her kids
- This year is 2015
- Next year will be 2016
- He came to the Czech Republic last year