

children

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The first few days in Adexor-Kpodzi I was surrounded by children.



Children are part of and participate in all aspects of village life.

Caring for infants.



Fetching



Collecting fire.



and carrying water.



Cooking.



Farming,



carrying.



and peeling cassava



then processing it into gari to sell at the market.



Village life is ground level, eye level to children. Children learn from infancy the life and work of the village.

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Children are part of life, not apart from it. Little ones even, if there is an available knife, peel cassava. Children are not entertained or taken to places to play. They do that through being part of the community. Peeling cassava, picking peas. Little ones did things we would never think safe. You also see children playing with discarded razor blades and old tin cans. Little ones help with littler ones.