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Jonathan Odame is a Senior Clinical Psychologist at the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital, Ghana. He holds a BA (Hons) degree in Psychology with the Study of Religions and an MPhil in Clinical Psychology both from the University of Ghana. He has completed his PhD in Adult Education and Human Resource Studies at the University of Ghana.

In the light of the above, he has received a number of academic distinctions such as the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation/S, Je'cial Commonwealth Assistance for Africa Programme in 2016, UNAIDS -The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS awarded by the State of Israel in 2015, a fellow of the Singapore Civil Aviation Authority, a fellow of the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Chiang Mai in Thailand as well as a fellow of the V.V.GRI National Labour Institute, Noida, India. He was a visiting PhD scholar at the Julius Maximillian University of Wurzburg, Germany in 2019 under the DAAD Scholarship (Funded by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany) and participated in the Business School for the World, 2018 in Kenya under the INSEAD Scholarship.

He has travelled around the world to speak at various international platforms on the plights of African youth, Streetism, Violence against the Youth, Racism, Youth Empowerment, and World Peace and have made several presentations at Local, National and International levels on Youth Empowerment in the 21st Century. Over the years, he has been working to tackle youth employment barriers within the Ghanaian society and support Youth Employment Organizations to represent the voices of young people in Ghana. He organizes public policy engagements and shares research findings with policy-making bodies.