

## THE GHANAIAN TEAM

Ghana was the first African country to qualify for the 2010 World Cup.

The Ghanaian national team is also known as the Black Stars.

Ghana expect to get through their group – if they do, they could meet England in the next round.

They have won the Africa Cup of Nations four times.

Three members of the Ghanaian squad play in England – but they're missing a star player from the Premier League. Chelsea's Michael Essien who had to pull out after a knee injury.



## FIRST MATCH DETAILS

Ghana v Serbia

**When:** 13 June, 3pm

**Stadium:** Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria

**Capacity:** 51,000

**Who's going to win?**

Ghana have gone from strength to strength in recent years but Serbia beat France in qualifying to win their Group. It's too close to call!

## EDUCATION IN GHANA

Three in 10 children in Ghana never get to primary school.

Nearly a million are missing out.

Find out more about education in Ghana by reading our case study of Gifty and watching the film from Ronan and Rhiannon's trip to Ghana in February.

Look online at [www.sendmyfriend.org/teaching-resources](http://www.sendmyfriend.org/teaching-resources)



### REAL LIFE STORY:

**Latifa, 10**

**When we last met Latifa, she was 10 years old, had just started school and was on her way to fulfilling her dream of being a nurse!**

Latifa lives with her mum in this one room house. Her mum works as a cook for another family, and Latifa's job is to fetch some of the food her mum cooks so she and her mum can have something to eat.

Because they don't have much money, Latifa never went to school until she found out about a project that helps children who aren't in school to get a proper education. They're taught to read and write, so that they can keep up with other children when they manage to start school.



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### FOOTBALLING HERO:

**Michael Essien, 27**

**Michael is one of Ghana's and Chelsea's star midfielders and the most expensive African player in the world. He has signed up to 1GOAL.**

Michael Essien's nickname in Ghana is 'The Bison' because of his tough tackling style. He grew up in Awutu Breku in the central region of Ghana where there were few opportunities for most people to reach their potential.

He is missing the 2010 World Cup because of a knee injury.

