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Women from ethnic minorities in social enterprise

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Overview

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I have lived in Italy practically since I was a child and I arrived in Italy through family reunification requested by my parents because they had already immigrated to Italy in the 80s.

My mother's biggest difficulty is that she had to work, maybe it wasn't good having me here because she had to leave me alone for so many hours to go to work.

When I turned 14 and my little sister was born, this situation was reassessed, and it was considered necessary to take me and my sister to Ghana.

I completed my studies there, the diploma, in the meantime I became an adult and I returned to Italy to continue my studies.

I did some training courses, I did a couple of them, in the meantime I worked, I gained experience, I worked in a factory, I did babysitting, I did the housekeeper, I worked in the cleaning services, I worked in a hotel, I did a course of hotel floor attendant.

I at this time, right now, in the last six years of my life. I'm working in the social sector, in a shelter for asylum seekers. I can tell you that, among the many training courses I have done, I also did the healthcare worker course...I have the qualification of healthcare worker.

Having the possibility to speak English too, to have some African culture too, I can also work as a cultural mediator.

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I'm versatile, wherever I'm placed, I can probably get results Sometimes I say this, I'm sorry, but the same cooperative where I work now, but before I had a chance to meet them personally, I sent my healthcare worker's CV to the cooperative where I work now and no one called me. Through a friend, we learned that the cooperative was looking for an African woman who spoke English, Italian and twi dialect to translate for a couple from Ghana. So I was called in to help this couple with language difficulties When I introduced myself and met my job manager, I said to him "but did you know that I have sent this CV to you so many times and no one has ever called me? And he told me that they hardly ever look at CVs... I'm telling you this to let you know that it's hard to find a job in Italy. It's really difficult. If sometimes someone doesn't put in a good word for you... we Africans, we don't fit in easily. It's exhausting. I can give you many examples of work that you will never see Africans do. Maybe lately we've been seeing African guys working in bars or restaurants. So let's hope something can change in the future, that's all I can say. Thanks

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