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## **IYE AJA (Umbilical Cord) Project**



***Fertility Doll***

The fertility doll which originates from Ghana but can be found in many other countries in West Africa, is given to a woman who is wanting to become pregnant. The doll is carried by the wishful woman and is cared for as if it were an actual baby while she is waiting for conception to occur. The woman carries the doll and treats it like a real child, dressing it up, adorning it with jewellery and putting it to bed. Once birth is achieved, the doll will be handed down to the child who will receive the fertility doll as a toy which in turns teaches the child how to care for a young baby.

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