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FOREWORD

In the last two decades, Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have been very active in the forestry and environment sectors in Ghana; they have provided support in terms of forestry technologies, capacity building, research, dialogue, community mobilization and advocacy, among others. With the current emphasis on good governance in the development agenda, the role of civil society generally, and NGOs in particular has become even more pronounced. But it has not always been easy finding out who is doing what. An initial effort at compiling a database on environmental and forestry sector NGOs was made in 2003, through the instrumentality of the Forestry Commission, TBI-Ghana and a group of other NGOs. A lot of changes have since taken place: some NGOs have changed focus, new ones have come on board whilst some old ones have folded up.

This document is an updated version of the 2003 edition; it provides an overview of environmental NGOs in Ghana. In particular, information is given on what they are set up to do (mission), their contact details and some past achievements, among other details. The database covers all shades of environmental NGOs, ranging from small local ones, with very little resources, and few permanent staff, to large international ones with assured core funding, and a bigger work force. They are found in virtually all geographical regions of the country with a concentration in the Greater Accra and Ashanti Regions. A regional break-down has been made as a summary to the brochure.

Efforts have been made to include all NGOs in the forestry and environment sectors, nonetheless, the listing cannot be said to be exhaustive. All the same, the material should serve as a quick guide to environmental NGOs in Ghana. Please do inform us of any NGOs that are not included for future editions and inclusion in online databases.

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Programme Team Leader
December, 2008

ACRONYMS

| | |
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| AIDs | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| CBO | Community Based Organizations |
| CSO | Civil Society Organizations |
| CREMA | Community Resource Management Areas |
| CITES | Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species |
| DFID | Department for International Development |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| FC | Forestry Commission |
| FORIG | Forestry Research Institute of Ghana |
| FONZ | Friends of the National Zoo |
| GOG | Government of Ghana |
| GAPVOD | Ghana Association of Private Voluntary Organizations in Development |
| MESW | Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare |
| MNP | Mole National Park |
| NCG | National Consultative Group |
| NGO | Non Governmental Organization |
| RAVI | |
| RC | Recerca E Cooperazione |
| TBI | Tropenbos International Ghana |
| TB | Tuberculosis |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| WAPCA | West Africa Primate Conservation Action |

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OVERVIEW OF NGOS BY REGION

| | Ashanti | Brong Ahafo | Central | Eastern | Greater Accra | Northern | Upper East | Upper West | Western | Volta |
|----|--|-------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|------------|------------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Abutia Youth Association | | | | X | | | | | X |
| 2 | Action Aid Ghana | | | | X | | | | | X |
| 3 | Adventist Development And Relief Agency | | | | X | | | | | X |
| 4 | Afram Plains Development Organization | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Africa Environmental Regeneration Movement | | | | X | | | | | |
| 6 | African World Foundation For Human Development | | | | | | | | | X |
| 7 | Agency For Sustainable Development | | | | X | | | | | |
| 8 | Agency Of Development For The Rural Community | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Akuapem Community Development Programme | | | X | | | | | | |
| 10 | A Rocha Ghana | | | | X | | | | | |
| 11 | Better Impact Foundation | X | | | X | | | | | |
| 12 | Bowiri Rural Radio Forum | | | | X | | | | X | |
| 13 | Care International | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Centre For Africans Survival And Livelihood Development | | | | | X | | | | |
| 15 | Centre For Agro-Forestry Business Development | | | | | | | | X | |
| 16 | Centre For Indigenous Knowledge And Organizational Development | | | | X | | | | | |
| 17 | Centre For Environmental Research And Sustainable Development | X | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Centre For Missions And Community Management | X | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Civic Response | | | | X | | | | | |
| 20 | Clean Beach And Development | | | | X | | | | X | |
| 21 | Community Agriculture Project | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Community Development And Human Resource Enhanced Group | | | | | | | | | X |
| 23 | Community Development Concern | | | | | | | | | X |
| 24 | Concern Citizens Association Of Ghana | | | | X | | | | | |

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| 25 | Concern For Humanity And Nature Centre | | | | | | | | | X |
| 26 | Conservation Foundation | | | | | | | | X | |
| 27 | Cooperation For Agriculture And Rural Development | | | | X | | | | | |
| 28 | Dornorgbor Wetland Farmers And Fishermen Association | | | | | | | | | X |
| 29 | Ecumenical Association For Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development | | | | X | | | | | |
| 30 | Eden Conservation Society | | | | X | | | | | |
| 31 | Envromedia | | | | X | | | | | |
| 32 | Environment Development Association Of Ghana | | | | X | | | | | |
| 33 | Environmental Development Youth Movement | | | | X | | | | | |
| 34 | Environmental Management Association | | | | X | | | | | |
| 35 | Environmental Organic Farmers And Reproductive Health Services | | | | | | | | | X |
| 36 | Environmental Protection Association Of Ghana | | | | X | | | | | |
| 37 | Forest Watch Ghana | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | Foundation For Integrated Sand Strategic Development | | | | | | X | | | |
| 39 | Friends Of The Earth- Ghana | | | | X | | | | | |
| 40 | Friends Of The Nation | | | | | | | | X | |
| 41 | Friends Of The National Zoos | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Ghana Association For The Conservation Of Nature | X | | | X | | | | | |
| 43 | Ghana Organic Agriculture Network | X | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Ghana Wildlife Society | | | | X | | | | | |
| 45 | Green Earth Organization | | | | X | | | | | |
| 46 | Hatof Foundation | | | | X | | | | | |
| 47 | Health & Environmental Monitor | | | | X | | | | | |

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| 66 | | | | | X | | | | | |
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| 69 | X | | | | | | | | X | |
| 70 | | | | | X | | | | | |

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| 71 | X | | | | | X | | | | X |
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INTRODUCTION

Historical background of NGOs in Ghana

From the mid-1980s to the end of the 1990s, government policies and laws towards NGOs have lacked a standard or coherent framework. This period of disagreement between NGOs and government was characterized by concerns on both sides. Government was concerned about unregistered NGOs, allegations of fraudulent practices and violations of non-profit rules by some NGOs, not consulting district and regional planning authorities before starting projects, and a general lack of reports and information from NGOs on their operations. NGOs were concerned that government attitude and actions threatened their status, autonomy, and right to participate. They charged that government did not consult NGOs before putting in place policies that might have affected their operations. They stated that government did not keep adequate records of NGO reports. NGOs also alleged that government overlooked their need for financial support.

It was in this atmosphere that the NGO Draft Bill of 1993 was rejected. NGOs felt the existing Companies Code/Act 179 was sufficient to regulate their activities. They also objected to sections in the Bill which they believed violated their constitutional rights. NGOs campaigned against the NGO Draft Bill in 1995 and it was never enacted into law. (Draft National Policy for Strategic Partnership with NGOs: 19-20).

Although there was no official legal framework in place, NGOs still operated among themselves and with government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). In February 1999, the Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare (MESW), as it was known then, circulated the “Ghana National Policy on Non-Governmental Organizations” and invited NGOs to discuss a broad range of issues. The NGOs and the MESW agreed to form a joint working committee to discuss the document. In April 1999, at a conference on “Beyond Aid: Strategies for Sustainable Support of Community Development,” held in Accra, representatives from NGOs resolved to hold consultations on the issue of a national NGO policy and make recommendations (Comprehensive Policy Framework for the Non-Profit Sector in Ghana. Draft Discussion Document, 2000: 5). The years 1999-2000 thus saw a renewed cooperation between government and NGOs. A National

Consultative Group (NCG) made up of national, regional, sector networks and umbrella organizations along with government representatives worked in a joint consultation process. The Ghana Association of Private Voluntary Organizations in Development (GAPVOD) Secretariat was chosen as the operational coordinator (IDEG Framework Draft Document, 2000: 6). Between August and October 2000, NCG organized series of workshops across the 10 regions with broad representation of NGOs and government representatives, which produced a policy document – Draft National Policy for Strategic Partnership with NGOs/CSOs. The document was revised in 2004.

Since then, the government has introduced a Trust Bill, which includes the regulation of NGOs/CSOs. This Bill was met with concerns from a section of the NGO fraternity, which was tabled through the GAPVOD platform to the relevant Government Ministry. In 2007, the Government formulated the Draft NGO Policy Guidelines Document as a subsidiary legislation for the Trust Bill. This further prompted some concerns from some NGOs/CSOs, requesting further review of the government document. The concerned groups later (in June 2007) presented a joint position paper to the relevant Government Ministry for consideration. A technical committee at the Ministry considered the position paper and baring further concerns, the Bill will be laid before Parliament.

1. FEATURED NGOS

1.1 ABUTIA YOUTH ASSOCIATION (A.Y.A)

Mission

To tackle problems of rural poverty associated with lack of access to simple improved farm technologies thereby empowering marginalized women and youth in entrepreneurial development skills that will enhance their income levels and prevent hardships as well as rural-urban migration.

Objectives

- To create community awareness and to protect and manage all sacred forests.
- To explore avenues for alternative agro-based income generation ventures
- To adopt energy conservation practices so as to achieve sustainable agriculture
- To conserve biodiversity using modern forest management approaches.

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| Office location | Opposite New Haven Hotel on SSB Road, Kokomlemle, Accra |
| Total permanent staff | Twelve |
| Years in operation | 11 years (1997) |
| Source of funds | EU/GOG/DCP |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta Region |
| Major target groups | Women and Youth |
| Specialized area | |

Achievements

- Successfully carried-out awareness campaign programmes and built community ownership systems for sustainable forest management in the Kalakpa Resource Reserve in the Abutia community.

- Established community fire volunteer groups in target communities to prevent bush fires
- Trained target community members in bee-keeping, snail farming, post harvest loss handling and the establishment of an apiary and technical support for individuals undertaking their own projects.

Future plans

- To build community ownership system for sustainable forest management
- To establish communal participation in programs of re-forestation, agro-forestry, volunteerism in bush fire prevention and promotion of alternative economic activities and the development of eco-tourism.
- To provide start up funds to farmers to implement various projects in which they will be trained

1.2 ACTION AID GHANA (AIGH)

ActionAid Ghana is an Associate of ActionAid, an international anti-poverty agency working in over 40 countries, taking sides with poor people in Africa, Latin America and Asia to end poverty and injustice together. ActionAid began operations in Ghana in 1990, with its first Development Area (DA) in Bawku West District. AIGH currently works with more than 1,000,000 people in six out of the ten administrative regions of Ghana namely: Upper West, Upper East, Northern (East and West), Brong Ahafo, Greater Accra and Volta Regions. ActionAid uses a rights based approach (that is working within the human rights framework) to development to help protect the rights of the poor and vulnerable with the hope of eradicating poverty.

Vision/mission

To see a world without poverty and injustice in which every person enjoys the right to a life with dignity.

Our Mission is to work with the poor and excluded people to eradicate poverty and injustice.

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| Website | www.actionaidghana.org |
| Office location | 13 th LA Tebu street, East Cantonment |
| Total permanent staff | 73 |
| Years in operation | 18 yrs |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | Northern, Upper East, Upper west, Volta Region |
| Major target groups | Children, families, communities |
| Specialized areas | Gender, population and health, water & sanitation, environment, agricultural & food safety security, education, : advocacy/policy analysis |

Objective(s)

Action Aid Ghana aims to assist children, families and communities to overcome poverty in order to secure a lasting improvement in the quality of their lives

Overview of our Work

We focus on the three key thematic areas of Action Aid namely; Food Rights, Education Rights and Women's Rights and take lead role in education governance. In addition to these specific focuses HIV/AIDS, human security, decentralization and local governance programmes are implemented as cross cutting themes.

Overview of our Work in the North East regional development programme
The regional programme's strategies derive their justification from Action Aid International's Rights to End Poverty and Action Aid Ghana's four strategic objectives under Engaging Power to fight poverty. Generally, the region's rights based approach is centered on poor and vulnerable people using and being given the support to access particular services that are in place to address their immediate needs.

Work in the Brong Ahafo region

The Brong Ahafo Regional Development Programme (BARDP) started in 2000 in the Asutifi District and since 2005 has been active in the Tain district. We currently operate in thirty-six communities in two districts.

1.3 ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY (ADRA)

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) was initiated by the Seventh-day Adventist church. The basis for its existence is to follow Christ's example by being a voice for serving and partnering with those in need. ADRA seeks to identify and address social injustice and deprivation in developing countries. The agency's work seeks to improve the quality of life of those in need. ADRA invests in the potential of these individuals through community development initiatives targeting Food Security, Economic Development, Primary Health and Basic Education. ADRA's emergency management initiatives provide aid to disaster survivors.

ADRA is a professional, learning and efficient network that embodies integrity and transparency. ADRA reaches across boundaries empowering and speaking out for the 'at-risk' and 'forgotten' to achieve measurable, documented and durable changes in lives and society. The agency was established in November 1956 by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide humanitarian relief and welfare. Originally called Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service (SAWS), the name was changed to Seventh-day Adventist World Service in 1973. By 1958, SAWS reported relief shipments to 22 countries with a total value of about \$485,000. Four years later, the number of countries had increased to 29, with a total value of \$2.3 million in shipments. During this period, countries benefited included those in South America and the Middle East, sites of major disasters. By the mid-1970s, the organization began to broaden its mission from disaster relief into programs leading to long-term development. In 1983 SAWS underwent yet another name change to better reflect its overall mission and activities, becoming the "Adventist Development and Relief Agency" (ADRA). ADRA's work grew rapidly with major programs in several countries emphasizing community development, food distribution, institutional development, and ongoing disaster relief. From an initial worldwide staff of approximately 600, ADRA's activities soon included: building health clinics in Africa, assisting hurricane victims in Central America, teaching hygiene and health to children in Asia, and promoting awareness of worldwide humanitarian needs through ADRA's Global Village in the United States.

ADRA is currently one of the leading non-governmental relief organizations

in the world. In 1997 the agency was granted General Consultative Status by the United Nations, a unique opportunity giving ADRA added voice in the international community. In 2004 it assisted nearly 24 million people with more than US\$159 million in aid. More than 4,000 ADRA staff members currently work in 125 countries. As new challenges and needs arise, ADRA continues to strive to realize its mission of reflecting God's love through compassionate acts of humanitarian service.

Mission

ADRA works with people in poverty and distress to create positive change and justness through empowering partnerships and responsible action.

Objective(s)

The main objective of ADRA is to provide assistance and other interventions to help improve the quality of life of women, children, the poor and the disadvantaged in society.

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| Office location | Osu Avenue, near SSNIT Guest House, Accra |
| Total permanent staff | 77 |
| Years in operation | 23 yrs |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | nation wide |
| Major target groups | Children, families, communities |
| Specialized areas | Population and health, relief, education, agriculture and food security, environment, income generation |

Activities

Food Security

ADRA's food security programs breathe life into frail and struggling communities. Emergency food aid meets short-term needs of refugees, internally displaced persons, and disaster survivors. Long-term solutions- such as teaching skills to increase food production, marketing techniques,

land rehabilitation, and education on how to meet the nutritional needs of adults and children—provide food for life. Millions of people don't know where their next meal will come from due to food shortages. ADRA's Food Security programs focus on long-term solutions to end hunger permanently. This may include training farmers in new techniques or providing resources such as seeds and tools to increase crop production. ADRA also provides food aid (such as rice, maize, beans, or nutritional biscuits) in emergencies such as drought, famine, natural disasters or war.

Economic Development

In countries lacking a reliable banking system or formal savings and credit institutions, or where the services they provide are denied to women and those who live in poverty, ADRA steps in with an empowering hand. Often, a few resources are all it takes to help a family achieve financial independence. Business skills, literacy, and numeracy training followed by small loans are some of the tools that ADRA uses to give a 'hand up', not a 'handout'.

Primary Health Care

ADRA provides immunizations, clean water, sanitation, health care worker training, HIV and AIDS education, community-based health programs, and fights tobacco use to help reduce the millions that die each year—especially children—from preventable health causes. Stifling the potential of many children and parents are HIV and AIDS, high birth and illiteracy rates, and lack of access to health care and potable water. To combat this, ADRA establishes community-based health services and education programs. Special emphasis is placed on child survival, nutrition, sanitation, smoking cessation and prevention, HIV and AIDS, functional adult literacy, and child abuse issues. For sustainability, ADRA trains community health workers and traditional birth attendants, incorporates HIV and AIDS components into programs in all sectors, and creates linkages to government programs and resources.

Emergency Management

War, drought, famine, hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding, and other emergencies have devastating tolls on human life and inhibit development. Their impact on a local community is even worse when combined with poverty, poor or insufficient development, and ethnic conflict. Although the

effect of certain natural disasters can be immediate, leaving thousands homeless and without food, drinking water and clothes, many emergencies, such as droughts and famine, happen over longer periods of time. In some situations, a natural disaster can have a greater impact if it destabilizes already volatile political environments or exacerbates existing conflicts over resources, such as water and land. In these situations ADRA remains neutral and strives to ensure that the impact of emergencies doesn't exceed people's capacity to survive—and thrive. How ADRA responds to an emergency: Just as the rate of emergencies is increasing, so is ADRA's response. Our objective is simple: to save lives. This means being agile and pro-active in responding to the different and changing needs of people in crisis and chronic distress. From our earliest days, relief work has been an important part of our mission. Today, ADRA is on the ground and ready to assist during every phase of an emergency—preparedness, immediate response, recovery, mitigation, and long-term development—in more than 100 countries. Because ADRA is ready to act even before a disaster strikes, it is part of the solution to humanitarian crises around the world. This comes as a result of a strong understanding of communities where we work and close relationships with other agencies, including external partners and the U.S. government. In 2006, ADRA International provided relief 60 times and designated approximately \$900,000 in private-funded disaster relief projects, as well as nearly \$5 million in foreign disaster and refugee funding from the U.S. government. We also provided \$34 million in Gifts-in-Kind donations, including life-saving medicine, food, clothing, hygiene products, newborn kits, school supplies, and equipment.

Education

Education is the key to breaking the poverty cycle. ADRA's Basic Education projects create promising futures by unlocking this opportunity for children and adults, especially women and girls. ADRA builds schools, and provides school supplies and furniture. ADRA also offers teacher, literacy and vocational training. ADRA knows that education makes achievement a possibility. Seeking to empower children and bring new beginnings for those who missed schooling opportunities—especially girls and women—ADRA provides primary education for children, literacy, and numeracy training for adults, teacher training, secondary education, and support for vocational education.

1.4 AFRAM PLAINS DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (APDO)

APDO is a professional non-governmental organization (NGO) committed to the development of the Afram Plains. APDO was set up in 1986 by a group of committed individuals who saw the need for a non-sectarian organization specializing in the rural water supply sector. The activities have since expanded to include sanitation and hygiene promotion, community development, training and institutional strengthening, promotion of basic primary education with emphasis on the girl-child at community, district, national and international level. We effectively do this under our networking and capacity building programmes at all three levels.

Mission/vision

The vision of APDO is "Working in partnership with the poor and vulnerable communities to realize their full potentials towards poverty reduction". This vision is being pursued through the mission statement, which states that "APDO is a professional registered NGO committed to contributing towards poverty reduction through empowering the poor and vulnerable communities to access safe water, hygiene and sanitation services, quality education, information on HIV/AIDS prevention and sustainable use of natural resources." The focus and emphasis of implementation approach is on encouraging, networking and collaborating with developmental organizations with the participation and involvement of the recipients to ensure sustainability of projects and (or) programmes initiated. The use of participatory approaches to project design and implementation is fundamental to projects and programmes initiated by beneficiaries and supported by APDO. Communities are supported to identify their developmental problems; prioritise them; find solutions and make decision as well as design action plans to solve them. A component of this process is capacity building through training and other technical support to village level institutions or community-based organizations (Watsan/CBOs, etc).

Objective(s)

To work in partnership with vulnerable communities to get access to water and to provide support to vulnerable communities in terms of health

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| Total permanent staff | 20 | | |
| Years in operation | 22yrs | | |
| Source of funds | Water aid UK, internally generated funds | | |
| Current focus | | | |
| Active regions | Volta Region, Eastern Region | | |
| Major target groups | Vulnerable communities | | |
| Specialized areas | Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion, Education Promotion (CHILDSCOPE), Capacity Building/ Training of CBOs and Groups, Sensitisation/education on sustainable use of natural resources (Environmental Protection), HIV/AIDS control and management campaign | | |

Current programmes

Rural water supply

Water is Life and for that matter APDO wishing to bring life into the people of Afram Plains District, first entered into the district with rural water supply project. This translated into the provision of potable water to deprived rural communities.

Specific activities being carried out under the rural water supply programme include: Animation and mobilization (Using PLA/PRA methodology), Networking/Community Development, Borehole Drilling, Civil works: - Concrete Pad/ Apron/Washing Base, Pump installation, Pump maintenance volunteers training (PMVs), Refresher Training for Existing pumps volunteers, etc

Hygiene/Sanitation promotion

Under hygiene promotion, APDO has been encouraging communities and schools to adopt and adapt good hygiene practices. The hygiene promotion activities are imbedded in the water and sanitation activities. The hygiene promotion is carried out in collaboration with the District Health Management Team (DHMT) and staff of the Environmental Health

Department and involves training of community members and Teachers as well as Village Health Co-ordinators (VHC).

Health is associated with not only potable water availability and knowledge on hygiene education. As such we have a programme component that focuses on the promotion of good sanitation practices in the communities. To this end APDO has been educating and sensitizing communities about the importance of living in a clean sanitary environment. APDO has created a Sanitation Market to facilitate sanitation promotion in the Afram Plains District. At the moment APDO has trained over 60 latrine artisans who are stationed in the communities doing the promotion and construction of various designs of latrine facilities.

Micro credit

One of the inhibiting factors to poverty reduction in the Afram Plains is lack of or inadequate credit facilities available to prospective farmers and traders. To help solve this problem, APDO has been operating a Micro-Credit (Loan scheme) for women groups in the District. The scheme currently operates with a budget of about 10 million Cedis and is a revolving fund, which has so far benefited about 16 groups with a total membership of over 200 peasant farmers. To the beneficiaries, the fund provides a humane, less bureaucratic, and less costly alternative source of credit as compared to the formal banking system. The scheme was started in the year 2000 and has so far operated successfully towards assisting rural dwellers come out of their poverty cycle.

Promotion of basic formal education (Child scope)

APDO's commitment to the gradual but total development of the Afram Plains district has led to her commitment to the implementation of a basic educational reform project called the Child scope process. Child scope is an innovative approach to the development of basic formal education, especially in the rural communities. The programme is implemented by APDO in collaboration with GES and sponsored by UNICEF.

The needy children fund

The success of a child's educational career depends on funding support from the parents/wards. But sadly however, there are a number of children in the Afram Plains who are not privileged to have this kind of support given to

them, either because they have been orphaned or that their guardians are obviously poor and cannot cater for their educational needs. APDO, in her interactions with the schools and communities has come across many children who fall into this unfortunate situation. The organisation has therefore instituted a "Needy Children Fund" where funds are solicited from both within and outside the District for the purpose of assisting these children, materially and financially. Some of the regular contributors to this fund have come from some senior staff of UNICEF House in Accra, and benevolent individuals. But by far the biggest source of funds for this Fund has come from the staff of APDO who through voluntary contributions deducted at source from their salaries have been contributing not less than ₵300,000.00 a month to the fund. The fund which was started in 2000 has so far generated over ₵15,000,000.00 and has been assisting over 25 school children who are considered needy but brilliant. The assistance has been in the form of payment of school fees, provision of school bags, uniforms, sandals, text books, chronometer, and credit support to parents of the children to enable them engage in trading, processing and farming. The needy children fund was the brainchild of APDO and was not part of the initial design of the Child scope process.

HIV/AIDS control and management campaign

APDO with funding support from Ghana AIDS Commission is currently implementing an HIV/AIDS awareness programme in the Afram Plains District. The prime goal of the project whose target audience is pupils/students aged between 11 and 19 years in 50 basic schools is to achieve behaviour change among the youth so as to reduce the risk of acquisition of the disease.

Networking

Networking is an important strategy of APDO's programme implementation plan. To this end, the organization works closely with Departments and institutions in and out of the district. We call these institutions and organizations collaborators. They include; the District Health Management Team (DHMT), National Commission For Civic Education (NCCE), Ghana Education Service (GES), Commission On Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Forestry Commission, District Assembly, Chiefs and Traditional authorities; etc.

1.5 AFRICA ENVIRONMENTAL REGENERATION MOVEMENT (AFERM)

Mission

Reforestation of the Volta River Basin and its inlet tributaries as the Oti, Afram, Dayi, Asukawkaw and Tsanow rivers through: raising of timber, agro-forestry, herbal and ornamental seedlings with schools, churches, women/youth groups NGOs, farmer groups, and local communities.

Promoting the establishment of timber, agro-forestry plantations, herbaria, avenue trees, orchards, woodlots, community animation and education on the value and importance of trees to man and the environment as well as the promotion of income-generation activities such as nurseries, grass cutter domestication, bee-keeping, snails and mushrooms

Objectives:

- Plant nurseries for plantations establishment
- Establish/promote plantations
- Promote NTFP income-generation projects
- Promote animal husbandries, wildlife sanctuaries etc.

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| Total permanent staff | 33 |
| Years in operation | 14 years (1994) |
| Source of funds | Forestry Commission, ITTO & Income-generating projects |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta Region, Eastern Region, Greater Accra Region |
| Major target groups | Communities on the basins of river basins, schools, churches, NGOs, women and youth groups |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Established nurseries in 59 schools, 28 churches, 38 communities, 8 NGOs, several youth/women groups (14) etc.

- Established timber plantations (12) agro-forestry (9) herbal (4) projects in several communities in the Volta, Eastern and Greater Accra regions.
- Promoted animal husbandries, wildlife sanctuaries and fish ponds, apiaries etc.

Future plans

- Creation and promotion of the Voltarian Basin Forest
- Establish more animal sanctuaries.



Plate 1: AFERM operates along the Volta basin

1.6 AFRICAN WORLD FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (AWFHD)

Mission

AWFHD is to reduce the vicious cycle of poverty by creating agricultural mechanisation to help upgrade the farmers. We want to enhance collaboration with farmers who try to destroy the forestry reserves in order to make them aware of the dangers ahead.

Objectives

- To accelerate the socio-economic development by creating awareness of problems facing people in the community
- To create employable skills among the youths
- To enhance efficiency within the agricultural sector as well as the forestry sector

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| Total permanent staff | Twelve |
| Years in operation | Nine years |
| Source of funds | Member contributions & donor agencies |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Greater Accra, Eastern, Ashanti and Western Region |
| Major target groups | the youth, women, men and traditional rulers |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

So far AWFHD has achieved a lot by training some of the youth to engage themselves in afforestation and also to serve as peer educators on pertinent issues.

Future plans

Our future plan is to focus mainly on agro-forestry and to create viable condition for people who want to be trained in the agro-forestry plantation within the country.



Plate 2: Women are a major target group for AWFHD's activities

1.7 AGENCY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ASD)

Vision/Mission

ASD seeks to help improve the living standards of the rural poor, needy communities and the unfortunate in society. ASD is committed to promoting togetherness, human resource development, women self empowerment, girl child education and encouraging community partnership, to transform the structure of society in the interest of social cohesion, gender equity and sustainable socio-economic development. The agency aims at encouraging and empowering people particularly, the youth and women in distressed and needy communities, to take up the challenge of their own existence and ensure self sufficiency thereby scaling down their vulnerability to the many human and societal obstacles or challenges

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| Years in operation | 8 |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | Volta Region |
| Major target groups | Rural Community Groups and Pupils in JSS |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Advocacy, Community mobilization, Information dissemination |

On-going projects

- Grass cutter training
- Bee-Keeping training
- Mushroom rearing

Achievements

Environmental Educations in Schools

Educated and sensitized 39 rural communities on HIV/AIDS and family life, promoted community afforestation and youth and cottage industry development as well as girl-child education and entrepreneurship for junior secondary school students. Also organised 200 families into bee-keeping groups, 45 women into ginger and vegetable farming as well as tree planting, in 5 Adaklu

communities. ASD in partnership with Heifer Project International, Ghana has presented 500 beehives with accessories to 100 farmers in five communities. Finally, has undertaken project leading to the bio-diversity conservation of the Adaklu Mountain and its environment

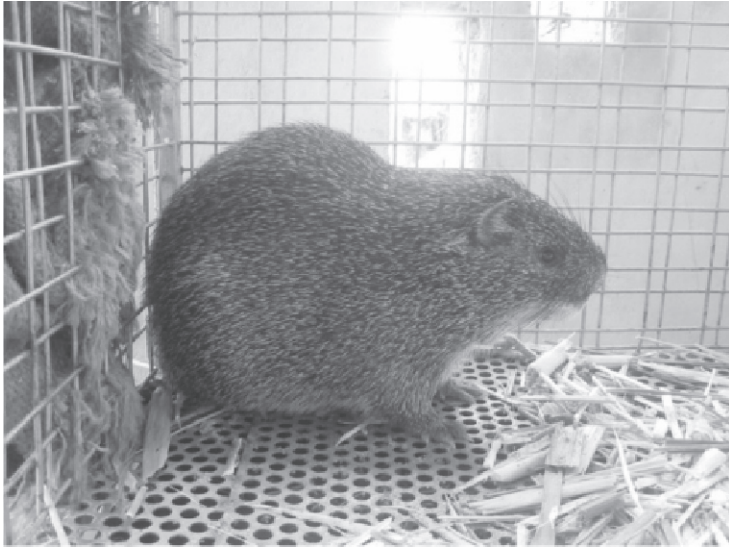


Plate 3 : ASD supports 'grasscutter' rearing as a source of livelihood through training

1.8 AGENCY OF DEVELOPMENT FOR RURAL COMMUNITY (ADRC)

Objectives

To encourage cultural activities and network among women groups in the communities of Ghana, to create environmental awareness within the rural and urban communities and to initiate programmes in practical non-formal education for people.

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| Total permanent staff | 2 |
| Years in operation | 19 yrs |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Accra new town |
| Major target groups | women and children |
| Specialized areas | Population and health: income generation: agriculture and food security, environment, education training |

Recent projects

- Agro forestry and community tree planting.
- Beekeeping
- Alley cropping activities
- Anti AIDS and anti female genital circumcision projects
- Tensnatinga women Shea butter extraction project
- Sarabogo women group



Plate 4: ADRC focuses on income generating activities for women's' groups

1.9 AKUAPEM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (ACDEP)

ACDEP was formed in 1985 as a result of the acute water problem and water related diseases that prevailed in the Akuapem area and the Presbyterian Training College at the time. It was created to find a solution to these problems after a Presbyterian missionary visited the UK to present the water problem and the concerns of the people. Though the initial focus was on water provision to needy communities and institutions, the organization later added sanitation and hygiene promotion to ensure enhanced health benefits for the beneficiary communities. ACDEP, at the initial stages of its activities, adopted the supply driven approach to water and sanitation delivery. However, it shifted toward the demand driven approach in the 1990s. This approach is generally believed to be effective in terms of sustainability. One organization whose support has contributed tremendously to the development, growth and expansion of ACDEP is WaterAid. WaterAid started supporting ACDEP shortly after its creation in the 80s and continues to provide it with the greatest support.

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| Total permanent staff | 5 |
| Years in operation | 12 |
| Source of funds | Water Aid (UK) Internally generated funds |
| Current focus | Agro forestry: health, education. |
| Active regions | Akuapem South, Yilo Krobo, Suhum Kraboa Coaltar, West Akim, and Akuapem North. |
| Major target groups | the community |
| Specialized areas | Agro forestry: health, education, construction of wells. |

Activities

The main activities of ACDEP are Water provision, sanitation improvement, hygiene promotion, advocacy, capacity building and agro forestry. ACDEP supports the provision of hand-dug wells and boreholes and household Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrines in terms of its water and sanitation services to the rural communities it serves. They train local artisans in well excavation and latrine construction. They also build the capacity of local

institutions in hygiene promotion and water facility management.

Achievements

At the moment, ACDEP has supported the construction of more than 600 hand dug wells and boreholes. In a majority of communities where ACDEP provides water facilities, they also promote and support the construction and use of household latrines as a safer sanitation option than open defecation. They also integrate hygiene promotion in order to assist the communities to maximize the health benefits they derive from the water and sanitation facilities. They have also trained many hygiene promoters to facilitate hygiene promotion in communities. ACDEP has also succeeded in obtaining tremendous support from the Royal Netherlands Embassy and the British High Commission, SGS, the District Assemblies.



Plate 5: providing good quality water to deprived communities is a primary concern for ACDEP

1.10 AROCHAGHANA

Vision / Mission

A Rocha Ghana recognizes the inextricable link between modern man and the survival of the earth's flora and fauna, hence supports the conservation of important biological areas, ecosystems and species, while seeking alternatives for communities who live near the resources and whose livelihood depend on them. We are committed to community, conservation, cross-cultural cooperation and our underlying Christian principles to sensitise people to care for the natural resources.

Objectives

- To show love to all of God's creation
- To mobilize Communities to effectively manage their resources

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| Total permanent staff | eight (8) |
| Years in operation | 7 years (1999 till date) |
| Source of funds | A Rocha International, NC-IUCN, US fish and Wildlife |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Large Mammals, Guinea Savannah area, |
| Active regions | Greater Accra, Northern, Ashanti & Central |
| Major target groups | Women, Children, churches and Communities, Tree Aid, British High Commission & RUMNET |
| Specialized areas | Environmental education, studies on elephants, alternative livelihoods, Social & economic empowerment of Rural Women, community-based natural resource management |

On-going projects

- Elephant conservation and possibilities of creating corridors in the Western Region
- Village Tree Enterprise – Marketing Analysis and Development (MA&D)
- Environmental Education programme around The Mole National Park
- Combating poverty and Biodiversity Loss in the Guinea Savannah land fringing Mole National Park

- Climate Stewards Tree planting project to offset Carbon
- Monitoring Matters of Large Mammals in the Mole National Park

Achievements

- Second elephant dung count survey in an African forest that includes the new CITES/MIKE adopted retrospective dung decay model (Laing et al., 2003), after the Ziama survey in Guinea (Barnes and Awo, 2005).
- Provide opportunity to test and compare results of the new retrospective survey technique with recent techniques that employ DNA encoding (Eggert, et al., 2003) and with more traditional techniques like the rainfall (Barnes & Dunn, 2002; Barnes et al., 1997) and steady state assumption models (McClannahan 1986)
- Ghana was the first West Africa country to develop elephant conservation Strategy after the sub-region one in 2000. This project contributes in part to the objectives of Ghana's strategy through the provision of accurate up-to-date information on elephant populations and investigating factors that influence elephant conservation in Ghana
- Increased awareness about natural resources & best practices in wildlife exploitation done in collaboration with other NGO's and the Mole National Park outreach Unit
- Increased awareness about the park & conservation issues through educators, NGOs and the MNP Outreach Unit
- Local people capacity in wildlife management built
- Trained educators and Park guards

1.11 BETTER IMPACT FOUNDATION (BIF)

BIF is an organization established in 1997 to tackle the issues of environment through research into causes of poverty and other social problems in the greater Accra and eastern regions of Ghana.

Mission

To help improve the quality of life of underprivileged people by providing them with resources training and information that will empower them to address issues relating to poverty alleviation, environmental protection and social development.

Objective(s)

- To promote family planning, infant and maternal health care, eye care and reproductive health.
- To engage in disease control programmes relating to HIV/AIDS malaria TB and other communicable diseases.
- To provide nutritional support for orphanages, the aged, the physically disadvantaged and the poor.
- To inspire and train young people to acquire IT skills management, leadership team-building and presentation skills

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| Total permanent staff | Five (one paid personnel and four voluntary personnel) |
| Years in operation | 11 |
| Source of funds | Internally generated funds |
| Current focus | Advocacy research |
| Active regions | Greater Accra and Eastern Region |
| Major target groups | Women and youth |
| Specialized areas | Population, environment and poverty reduction issues |

Achievements

- Clean up campaign in some selected communities in the eastern region
- Symposia organization in the greater Accra region
- Skills training for the youth and women in the eastern regions
- HIV/AIDS workshops and awareness creation for the youth

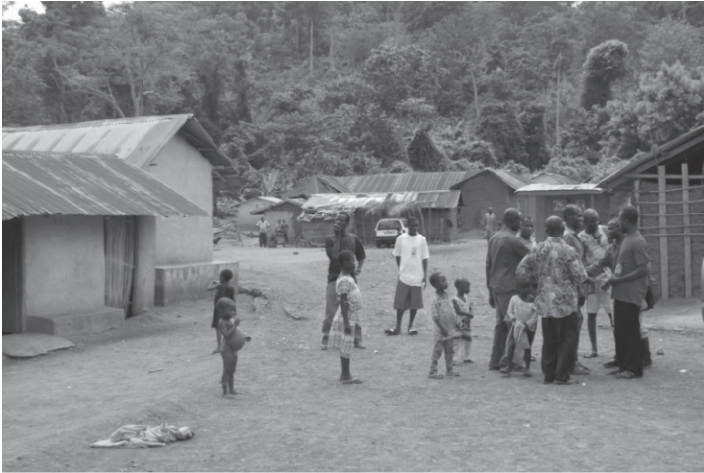


Plate 6: better impact foundation is committed to improving the quality of life of the under privileged

1.12 BOWIRI RURAL RADIO FORUM (BRRF)

Mission

To galvanise the youth to take advantage of the resources around them so as to extricate themselves from the abject poverty they find themselves engulfed in bearing in mind the need to do so on a sustainable level, to assist slam the breaks on the persistent downward trend of education in the area as well as help mitigate the spread of HIV/AIDS pandemic among the youth and by so doing minimizing its attendant socio-economic cost to the society.

Objectives

- To help the youth go into income generating activities such as bee-keeping, snail rearing, batik tie and die, kente weaving, palm oil production, local soap manufacturing and palm kernel oil production.
- Assist individuals or groups go into economic trees and agro-forestry plantations
- Help facilitate the development of eco-tourism
- Zealous pursuit of AIDS/HIV education campaign
- To properly nurture and sustain the first cycle schools already established.

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| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | Nine years (1999) |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta region |
| Major target groups | individuals, CSOs, CBOs, religious bodies, educational institutions, opinion leaders, traditional leaders, farmers, assembly members, wild honey hunters, commercial sex practitioners, peer groups, chainsaw operators |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- NGO established 15-acre teak plantation out of 200 acres acquired for that purpose at Kwamekrom and also has a 10-acre palm plantation which is fruiting at Bowiri Amanfro
- A 35-member women's group annually assisted to produce palm oil on commercial basis
- Established and running a first cycle school as a result of the persistent and very poor academic performance by the public schools at BECE level over the years in the area.
- Palm seedlings bought for 13 farmers to establish one acre each of palm plantation as a pilot scheme.

Future plans

- It is the aim of our NGO to expand the 15-acre teak plantation at Kwamekrom to 200 acres.
- One other area that the NGO is seriously looking at with eagle eyes is to encourage and assist farmers go into economic trees and agro-forestry plantations
- We plan to pursue an aggressive AIDS/HIV education campaign.
- To expand the first cycle school already in place to a second cycle institution.
- To link up with relevant bodies both governmental and non-governmental to open the area up for eco-tourism.

1.13 CARE INTERNATIONAL-Ghana (C.I-gh)

Vision/ Mission

CARE opened its office in Accra, the capital of Ghana, in 1994. The vision of care: Voice, Access and Dignity for people through partnerships. CARE GoG's mission is "to support equitable and sustainable development by enabling the underprivileged to realize their potential, exercise their rights and strengthen linkages with broader society."

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| Total permanent staff | 100 |
| Years in operation | 11 |
| Source of funds | Care Denmark |
| Current focus | Forest, Agric, Education, HIV/AIDS and Health, Micro finance, Agro - based enterprise |
| Active regions | Greater Accra Region, Western Region, Ashanti Region, Northern Region, Upper East Region, Upper West Region |
| Major target groups | The poor and marginalized groups |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building and Advocacy |

Objective(s)

CARE GOG's strategic directions, for the next five years will be guided by three program strategic directions and one organizational strategic direction as follows:

Strategic Direction 1: Women Empowerment: CARE GoG is a diverse and inclusive organization with programming that empowers marginalized people, particularly women

Strategic Direction 2: Policy influence and duty bearer's accountabilities: CARE GoG, its partners and allies will influence policies which represent the views and aspirations as voiced by the poor, and also hold duty bearers accountable

Strategic Direction 3: Sustainable livelihoods programming: CARE and its partners implement sustainable programmes which enable poor and marginalized groups to have better access to livelihood opportunities for economic growth and development

Enabling Strategy: Staff morale and program quality: Ensure that CARE Benin, Ghana and Togo have supportive organizational cultures that foster high staff morale and quality programming CARE in action: Strengthening communities: CARE focuses on strengthening community-based organizations in Ghana, helping them work with government institutions and the private sector to foster more effective development. For example, we are supporting local parent-teacher associations, so that communities are able to influence educational policy and improve the quality of education

Earning a decent living: We are reducing poverty in Ghana through savings and loans projects, which enable poor families to save their income and take out loans to make small investments, such as in tools or livestock. This then improves their lives and increases their future income

Fighting HIV and AIDS: We are working to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS in Ghana by raising awareness about the disease, particularly among commercial sex workers in mining towns and port communities. For example people are being reached through a radio soap opera with messages about HIV and AIDS.

1.14 CENTRE FOR AFRICAN SURVIVAL AND LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT (CASLID)

Vision

CASLID works to fight poverty, ignorance and disease for the socio-economic development of the deprived communities.

Mission

The mission of CASLID is to develop and foster growth of communities through self-help initiatives, economic empowerment of women in a sustainably managed natural environment, promote child education and maintain the health of all.

Objective(s)

To foster growth and development of local groups in the communities through self-help initiatives, to advocate the repatriation of immigrant rural youth from the urban centres, to empower rural women economically to reduce the burden on girl-child labour, to encourage small ruminant production in the rural communities, to establish and provide technical and financial support for economic and other trees plantation and finally to bridge the gender gap in the African society

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| Office location | Gumbihini Link |
| Total permanent staff | Eight (8) |
| Years in operation | Six (6) |
| Source of funds | UNDP, Energy Commission |
| Current focus | Forest, Agric & Environmental conservation |
| Active regions | Northern Region |
| Major target groups | Women and rural communities |
| Specialized areas | |

On-going projects

1. Wood fuel plantations in nine communities in Tamale, Tolon/Kumbungu and Savelugu/Nanton Districts to support the Government's 'school feeding programme'.

Past projects/achievements

- Gburumani Community Based Land restoration project in Tolon/Kumbungu District
- Wood fuel plantations in six communities in Savelugu/Nanton District

CASLID is willing to collaborate with order organization in the following areas:
Information sharing, Funding, Human resource development, Logistics,

1.15 CENTRE FOR AGROFORESTRY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (CABUD)

Vision

CABUD's vision is to become a leading practitioner and trainer of farmers and communities in sustainable development through practicing agro forestry, biodiversity conservation and environmental management by 2015.

Mission

CABUD's mission is to encourage and support farmers and communities to acquire the skills and abilities to practice agro forestry, biodiversity conservation and environmental management and sustainable development.

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| Total permanent staff | 5 |
| Years in operation | 12 |
| Source of funds | Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, Personal Resources, members Contributions |
| Current focus | Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | Western Region |
| Major target groups | Farmers/Communities |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, community mobilization, advocacy, Information dissemination, technical advice, fund administration, Experimental/Demonstration farms |

Objective(s)

- Training of farmers in silvicultural practices and seedling production.
- Establishment of bamboo craft centre.
- Bee keeping and supporting the rearing of small ruminants.
- Operating micro-credit facility.
- Setting up of farmers' resource and training centre.
- Develop eco-tourism facilities.
- Documentation of indigenous knowledge.

On-going projects

1. Sureso/Pebaseman Community Resource Management Area
2. Farmers Resource and Training Centre at Sureso.

Achievements

- JY Quarm Farms Agro forestry/Afforestation Project
- Sureso/Pebaseman Community Resource Management Area
- Bamboo Craft Training Centre at Nkankrom.

CABUD is open to collaboration with other organization on advocacy and capacity building

1.16 CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CIKOD)

Vision

A vibrant indigenous Civil Society giving voice to the rural poor for equitable and sustainable community development

Mission

CIKOD exists to facilitate access to information, methodologies and skills for facilitating endogenous development and advocating voice for the rural poor to be able to demand their rights to development.

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| Total permanent staff | 12 |
| Years in operation | |
| Source of funds | Care Denmark(Care-Ghana) DFID (RAVI) Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (kaf) Compas – netherlands |
| Current focus | Forest, Mining, Ecotourism, Customary Land Administration & Agric |
| Active regions | Western, Brong Ahafo and Upper West Regions |
| Major target groups | Traditional Authorities and Grassroots Civil Society Organizations |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy & Fund administration |

Objectives

- To facilitate the development, documentation and dissemination of methodologies and processes for community organizational development to enhance the engagement of the rural poor in development processes.
- To develop methodologies for use by development organisations and practitioners to enable them work with Traditional authorities and indigenous institutions to facilitate community organizational development to enhance the participation of rural communities in their programmes.

- To facilitate and support the capacity building of traditional authorities to enhance their roles in community mobilization and advocacy and strengthen/build traditional platforms as voice for rural communities to enhance sustainable, equitable and pro-poor development.

On-going projects

1. Community Organisational Development Innovations Support (CODIS)
2. Community Voices Project (CVP).
3. Promoting Endogenous Development.

Achievements

- Civil Society Strengthening Facility (CSF) In 2004, CIKOD administered a DFID funded pilot small grants facility that provided grants to forest fringe communities that enabled them organize themselves to participate in the management and formulation of policy for the forest sector in Ghana. The facility developed and video-documented coalition building of grantee CBOs in the Western, Eastern and Brong Ahafo Regions around Community Access to Timber / Lumber (CAT) which worked together to advocate for Timber firms' supply of 20% lumber to the local market or lifting / modification of the ban on chain saw operation. The project also video-documented chiefs and people of Kwaebibirem and Birim North districts on pro-community review on forest and land policies since they are the only source of livelihood to most ordinary people in Ghana. Radio series on Communities' Participation in Natural Resources Management in the Brong Ahafo Region was also developed and aired by communities and Community Radio Stations.
- Civil Society Capacity Support (CISOCS) Civil Society Capacity Support (CISOCS) is a component of the Agriculture and Natural Resource Management programme of CARE International in Ghana. Under this programme CIKOD developed methodologies for development agents to facilitate community organizational development. Methods tested so far include:

- Community Institutional Mapping (CIM) – a methodology by which communities rediscover their own institutions and use them to engage more actively in development
- Community Organizational Self-Assessment (COSA) as methodology for assessing organizational capacity strengthening needs.
- Using Traditional Festivals as platforms for dialogue between service providers and communities
- Community Learning, Sharing and Assessing (LeSA) as a community peer review mechanism.
- Institutional strengthening of Indigenous Institutions and local groups

Major challenges

CIKODs believe that communities' development can be more effective and sustainable when Traditional Authorities capacities are well built to initiate and champion their own communities' developmental needs. Unfortunately Traditional Authorities have not been proactive enough for this conviction to be fully realized. In Addition, Traditional Authorities have not done enough to erase some negative perceptions that the general Ghanaian populace have about them to encourage many development agents prepared to work with them.

CSF project spent a lot of time and resources to develop CBOs capacities which forms an integral part of civil society strengthening. On reaching the point where CBOs had gathered enough momentum to claim their rights and influence policies the project was discontinued on grounds of lack of funding support. That took a lot of steam and energy out of CIKOD and the CBOs

Collaboration

CIKOD Is open to collaboration in; development of Methodologies for Community Organizational Development, development of strategies for working through Traditional Authorities for sustainable rural development and fund management with Grassroots Civil Society Organizations.

1.17 CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CERES)

Mission

To engender the development of poor and marginalized people in both rural and urban communities to achieve their life potential through effective partnership with all development actors and within the framework of sustainable development

Objectives

- To assist its constituency to plan their development through the use of participatory development methodologies
- To promote self help development in rural and urban communities through the initiation of indigenous projects
- To promote the use of environmentally friendly technologies to enhance the protection of the natural habitat
- To undertake baseline surveys and action oriented research as basis of intervention in target communities
- To empower the poor and marginalized to access their rights
- To engender the use of alternative conflict resolution mechanisms to ensure social harmony

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| Website | |
| Office location | Along Kumasi - Mampong road |
| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Forestry, Reproductive Health, Vocational Training |
| Active regions | Ashanti Region |
| Major target groups | |
| Specialized areas | |



Plate 7: CERES is committed empowering the poor to access their rights

1.18 CENTRE FOR MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT (CMCM)

Mission

To improve and sustain the educational, health and socio-economic needs of the rural youth in Ghana

Objectives

- To provide appropriate and quality reproductive health information and services to the youth in Ghana
- To promote sustainable management and development of forest resources
- To provide educational and employment opportunities to the rural youth

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| Total permanent staff | Five |
| Years in operation | Six years (2001) |
| Source of funds | Donor support and own resources |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Ashanti Region |
| Major target groups | Youth (10 – 30 years) and women |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Trained 58 Peer-Educators
- Involved schools in tree planting
- Trained 25 street children in employable skills

Future plans

- To acquire degraded lands for re-forestation
- To establish a nursery to raise seedlings for out-growers
- To solicit for funds to finance our programmes

1.19 CIVIC RESPONSE (CR)

Vision

A just, productive, pluralistic and tolerant society collectively in control of its resources and systematically improving development opportunities for all citizens' and communities

Mission

To provide advocacy and networking support to self-organised citizens groups seeking to change social arrangements that entrench marginalisation, exclusion and division

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| Total permanent staff | 7 |
| Years in operation | 4years |
| Source of funds | Rights and Resources Initiative, IIED, FERN, Christian Aid |
| Current focus | Water, Forestry, Mining, Climate Change |
| Active regions | nation-wide, |
| Major target groups | policy makers, marginalized socio-economic groups |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization & Advocacy |

On-going projects

1. Hosts FWG secretariat
2. Coordinates Forest Governance Learning Group
3. Improving equity and livelihoods through community forestry
4. **Climate Change Awareness project**

Collaboration

Civic Response is open to collaboration in advocacy on natural resource rights, climate change & networking

1.20 CLEAN BEACH AND DEVELOPMENT (CBD)

Objectives

- To educate communities against the dangers of negative environmental practices
- To help communities to conserve, protect and make efficient use of natural resources without destroying the environment
- To create awareness for the importance of sustainable development of biodiversity
- To promote environment health and sanitation
- To engage in beach cleaning and ecological restoration around degraded water bodies
- Youth training on environmental issues
- To promote sustainable tree planting culture in towns and villages

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| Office location | JamesTown and Kotobabi - Accra |
| Total permanent staff | Six |
| Years in operation | eight years (2000) |
| Source of funds | Voluntary contribution by members , District Assemblies |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Greater Accra and Volta Region |
| Major target groups | Environmentally degraded areas, schools and farmers/fishermen |
| Specialized areas | Educational programmes on environmental issues, Sensitise communities, Encourage re-afforestation |

Achievements

- Awareness creation has been achieved
- Beach cleaning is on-going
- Tree planting
- Environmental healthy and sanitation programmes in Jamestown, Kotobabi and Alavanyo in the Volta Region

Future plans

Sustain our programmes and move into the rural areas for environmental programmes that will help reduce poverty.

1.21 COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE PROJECT (CAP)

Mission

To bring about the sustainable development in farming communities

Objectives

To develop rural child and women, sensitise the organic farming in farming communities

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| Total permanent staff | Five |
| Years in operation | Nine years (1999) |
| Source of funds | German Development Service (DED) |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Western region |
| Major target groups | Rural folk |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Provided gari processing machine to a community last year
- Built 80 and above farmers' capacity through technical support in various communities last two years
- With the liaison of the District Assembly, we have been able to sensitise 56 communities on community owned rural water and sanitation project

Future plans

Women in development, girl child education in some selected schools, animal improvement programme

1.22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE ENHANCED GROUP (CODEG)

Mission

To facilitate participatory processes in improving the socio-economic well-being of mankind through sustainable Natural Resource Management and use for which women and children serve as agents of behavioural change and channel of information dissemination.

Objectives

- To assist in holistic development of mankind through capacity building training activities towards wealth creation
- To enhance environmental protection through sustainable development, climate change and biodiversity conservation
- To empower women through training and micro-finance

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| Website | |
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| Total permanent staff | Ten |
| Years in operation | 13 years (1995) |
| Source of funds | Member contributions, consultancy services |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta, Eastern, Greater Accra, Upper East/West |
| Major target groups | Women and children, district Assemblies, faith -based organizations, traditional authorities, CBOs and other grass-root organisations |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Trained over 82 water and sanitation committees in the Volta region under DANIDA-Community water and sanitation agency sponsorship
- Trained 65 farmer-based organisations under World Bank sponsored village infrastructure projects

- Assisted in establishing 18 school/community based plant nurseries and plantations
- Formed 92 women groups under a project named 'The African Women in Sustainable Development' dubbed 'AWOSAD'

Future plans

- By 2010 every community in Ghana would have benefited from the AWOSAD project
- Every AWOSAD beneficiary would have been linked to funding agency to undertake sustainable development project

1.23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONCERN (CDC)

Vision/Mission

CDC is a non profit, non partisan organization dedicated to secure positive sustainable development for the poor and vulnerable groups in society. It is concern with the Human Rights, Health, and Education and Environmental development trends of poor communities in the Volta Region.

Objectives

- Promote Human Rights
- Improve the living standard of cured lepers
- Support fight against child trafficking
- Empower Women and marginalized groups in society.

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| Total permanent staff | 5 |
| Years in operation | 5 years |
| Source of funds | Self Financing |
| Current focus | Forestry & Agric |
| Active regions | Volta region |
| Major target groups | Physically Challenged, Women & Youth Groups |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination & Event organization |

On-going projects

1. Community Tree Planting at the Agortome, Leprosarium
2. Tree planting on the Kabakaba Hill, Ho
3. Advocacy at Kpando Torkor to plant trees around the Volta Lake
4. Advocacy at Avate Tornu to plant trees on the lake side

Achievements

- Re Afforestation at the Kabakaba Hills at Ho

Major challenges

Bush burning during the dry season, Marauding Cattle, Sheep and goats

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in Nursing Management and Production of tree seedlings.

1.24 CONCERNED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF GHANA (CCAG)

Mission

Tree planting, awareness and education campaigns for first cycle schools and the general public

Objectives

- Controlling environmental population
- Participation in community development and general voluntary activities
- Promoting mass education programs
- Propagating and dissemination of information on policies and programmes

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| Website | |
| Office location | Amasaman – Greater Accra Region |
| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | 28 years (1985) |
| Source of funds | Membership dues, The Forestry Commission and the District Assemblies |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Nation Wide |
| Major target groups | Farmers, educational institutions, district assemblies, fire service and forestry commission |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

More awareness on environmental protection has been created on our target groups.

Future plans

To sustain our programmes and ensure that Ghana is green

1.25 CONCERN FOR HUMANITY AND NATURE CENTRE (CHANCE)

Mission

Our mission is to address Community and National Concerns in the field of sustainable human development and nature conservation at all levels. By the next ten years, CHANCE hope to achieve this by accelerating community self-development initiatives in all the areas of human development, health, education, economic, environment, human rights and social improvement by directing our energy towards this with our organization as the key animators

Objectives

- Promote the conservation of natural resources and the environment
- Promote sustainable agricultural development
- Promote rural development
- Promote cultural diversity
- Promote human Rights

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| Website | |
| Office location | Building Adjacent Butchers Shop Hohoe Opposite Bank of Ghana |
| Total permanent staff | 2 |
| Years in operation | 7 |
| Source of funds | Project income 2. Individual contributions 3. Funds raised locally |
| Current focus | Forest and Agric |
| Active regions | Volta Region |
| Major target groups | Communities, Farmers and Women |
| Specialized areas | Community mobilization |

On-going projects

1. Sustainable Land use by farmers in our area.
2. Raising and supply of tree seedlings

Achievements

- Environmental Protection Project: This project was an Educational campaign carried out in our project area to reduce wide bush fires, tree cutting for charcoal burning, for fuel wood and timber. To increase awareness on proper use of Agro chemicals, pesticides and reduce poor Environmental sanitation in our area

- Agriculture and Food Security: This project activity helped farmers in our area to increase crop yields.
- Women economic empowerment: This project gave skills to women to increase their access to self employment.

Major challenges

Our biggest challenge is finance. Though we are making frantic effort in attracting funding from foreign partners, we have not been very successful. Communal spirit in our project communities has died out with the people because of past promises from the politicians and other identifiable groups, making our organizational work very difficult. More so, Hunger, Poverty, Unemployment and Ignorance remain the biggest challenges.

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in environmental Protection, Food Security, Community and Rural Development Activities,

1.26 CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (CF)

Mission

Improve the livelihood of rural communities through capacity building, advocacy and community development.

Objectives

Improve community stakeholders in participation in forest governance; benefit sharing, advocacy planning and implementation

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| Office location | Agona Nkwanta |
| Total permanent staff | 12 |
| Years in operation | 10 |
| Source of funds | Water aid, Care GOG |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | Western region |
| Major target groups | CSOs, CBOs, and forest fringe communities |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination, Technical advice |

On-going projects

1. Water and sanitation
2. Forest project
3. CREMA project
4. HIV/AIDS campaign

Achievements

- Water and sanitation project
- Forest project
- HIV/AIDS project

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in community development, water and sanitation advocacy

1.27 COOPERATION FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CARD)

Mission

To improve economic and social well-being of low-income rural dwellers through self-help enterprise development and empowerment processes.

Objectives

- Integrate rural small holder agricultural production of food crops into animal/agro-forestry system as an alternate to traditional shifting cultivation;
- Establish nursery for trees, fruit crop and wildlife to supply good stock of inputs to community members

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| Office location | Adenta, along main Madina/Adenta Road, near E. P. Church, Adenta |
| Total permanent staff | Five |
| Years in operation | Seven years (2001) |
| Source of funds | Gifts, donations, fund raising (income generating activities) |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta Region |
| Major target groups | Low-income small holders and institutions |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Produced report on the agricultural situation in the North Volta – Jasikan, Kadjebi, Nkwanta and Krachi districts.
- Five acres of land acquired at Kordibenum – Kadjebi for nursery establishment – 2nd quarter of 2003.

Future plans

- Restore fertility of degraded lands in the Kadjebi district
- Form community environmental groups including institutions on the district
- Provide training in nursery establishment and agro-forest

1.28 DORNORGBOR WETLAND FARMERS AND FISHERMEN ASSOCIATION (DWFFA)

Mission

To create a healthy environment through improved farming and fishing practices and wildlife protection

Objectives

- To promote farming and fishing
- To support wildlife by protecting its destruction
- To plant more trees and protect the environment

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| Website | |
| Office location | Quarters road - Dornorgbor |
| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | |
| Source of funds | Self-funded |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta Region |
| Major target groups | |
| Specialized areas | |

On-going projects

1. Growing of vegetables

Challenges

Loan not given on time

Interest rate very high

How to market crops

Rains usually destroying crops

1.29 ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ESCARD)

Objectives

To promote sustainable agriculture and rural development through the sharing of resources, information and expertise of member bodies

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| Website | |
| Office location | Haatso on the atomic road, close to video club |
| Total permanent staff | 8 |
| Years in operation | 13 |
| Source of funds | Internally generated funds. ICCO |
| Current focus | agriculture, and food security, environment, advocacy |
| Active regions | |
| Major target groups | CBOs, PVOs, development practitioners, farmers based organizations |
| Specialized areas | agriculture, and food security, income generation and advocacy |

Achievements

Networking with many NGOs on sustainable agriculture in organic farming and agro forestry

1.30 EDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY (ECS)

Mission

Our mission first of all is to remind the entire Christendom about our divine call to 'work and keep the earth' Gen. 2:15 and then to all the nations of the world about working at saving important species from getting extinct.

Objectives

- Hands on protection and preservation of important ecological habitats
- Solicit support for the management of protected areas
- Facilitate the initiation of and support the management of community based natural resource management programmes

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| Website | |
| Office location | Orgle Road, North Kaneshie |
| Total permanent staff | Three |
| Years in operation | Nine years (1999) |
| Source of funds | donations from members, affiliates and international donors |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Greater Accra, Ashanti, Northern and Western Regions |
| Major target groups | Communities, women and children, churches, students |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Sensitised the Christian community in Accra, Kumasi and Mole and Murugu
- Elephant count at Draw River Forest Reserve and Disur Forest Reserve
- Conservation project in the North (ongoing) community-based
- Collaboration with NRM Platform (Mognare and Mwugu)

Future plans

We plan to manage water catchments and facilitate the conservation of energy community based tourism, resource replacement.

1.31 ENVIROMEDIA

Vision

To become a leading media advocate on environmental issues in Ghana and Africa

Mission

To creatively apply audiovisual technology and ground-breaking media projects to promote environmental and sustainable development through awareness creation and advocacy

Objectives

- To continuously bring to light issues on environment through television and radio productions
- To specialize in developing audiovisual tools and facilitating media outreach to support the work of organizations engaged in sustainable environment protection activities
- To collaborate with pro-environment organizations to generate audiovisual training materials to educate the public on environmental issues
- To offer media support to NGOs and private and public organizations engaged in promoting environmental and sustainable development
- To connect with other pro-environment media around the world to contribute local perspectives to global environmental stories

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| Office location | 4 th Poultry Farm Lane, Hse No.3 Akokofoto Dansoman |
| Total permanent staff | seven |
| Years in operation | 1 year |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Mining |
| Active regions | GREATER ACCRA REGION |
| Major target groups | Environmental Organisations / Policy Makers |
| Specialized areas | Advocacy, Information dissemination, Technical advice, Event organization |

On-going projects

1. Production of 26 episodes of TV Talk Show on the environment
2. Animation of 30 and 45 sec promo materials on need to keep the environment clean

Achievements

- Documentary and Coverage for Third World Network Africa on Mining
- Coverage and Package of civil society meeting on forest governance for Forest Watch Ghana
- Production of Radio Educational Campaign on forest laws and policies for Forest Voice

Collaboration

Open to collaboration on issues about Rivers, Forest, Waste Management and Extractive Activities

1.32 ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF GHANA (EDAG)

Objective

Implementation of agenda 21 for sustainable development

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| Office location | RANSTAD block opp. Kaneshie market, Accra |
| Total permanent staff | 10 |
| Years in operation | 15 |
| Source of funds | Internally generated funds, donors |
| Current focus | Agro forestry, HIV/AIDS |
| Active regions | Central, eastern, western, Ashanti and northern |
| Major target groups | Women, youth, children |
| Specialized areas | Agro forestry, anti tobacco campaigns, proposal writing |

Achievements

- Tree planting
- HIV/AIDS education
- Tobacco use prevention

1.33 ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT YOUTH MOVEMENT (EDYM)

Mission

To mobilise the youth in the conservation of nature and to fight against desertification by undertaking reforestation projects and promote rural development through cottage industries, entrepreneurial skills, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and environment education

Vision

Education, training, advocacy and demonstration projects

Value: In harmony with life and rural development

Purpose: To regenerate and protect the natural environment and its inhabitants

Objectives

- Adopting environmentally friendly pursuits to fight poverty environmental education, training, conservation and promotion.
- Mobilising rural funds for rural development
- Reproductive health for youth including HIV/AIDS
- Build capacities in sustainable livelihood activities

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| Website | |
| Office location | Have – Etoe Volta Region |
| Total permanent staff | Eight |
| Years in operation | 18 years (1993) |
| Source of funds | Bread for the World, Germany, tree seedlings sold, secretarial services, donations, Ghana AIDS Commission, Ghana Cooperative Credit Union Ass (Gh.) Ltd. |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta region |
| Major target groups | In and out of school youth |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Formed sixty in-school environmental clubs
- Raised distributed and planted over 500,000 tree seedlings since inception

- Undertaking sustainable livelihood projects in conjunction with CBUD
- Facilitating the WETO communities forest conservation project
- With support of Peace corps-Ghana, constructing livelihood training centre under the EDYM Village projects
- Engaged training of various youths on reproductive health HIV/AIDS
- Facilitated the formation of the EDYM Co-operative credit Union targeting peasant farmers and youth.

Future plans

- Make EDYM Resource Centre Operation by 2005
- Establishment of Woadze Afforestation / Agro-forestry project (1000 hd) by 2005
- Consolidate the EDYM Cooperative Credit Union with a Health Insurance programme by 2005
- Extend CBUD-EDYM partnership to 5,000 beneficiaries by 2005
- Youth to be fully educated on HIV/AIDS by 2004 close in the district
- Raise 200,000 seedlings between 2004 and 2005
- Establish Moringa Plantation of 5 acres by close of 2003

1.34 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (EMA)

Objective

To promote environmental education

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| Website | |
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| Total permanent staff | 15 |
| Years in operation | 14 |
| Source of funds | Internally generated funds and donors |
| Current focus | Agricultural and food security, media, advocacy |
| Active regions | Ashanti, western, central, eastern |
| Major target groups | Women, grass roots |
| Specialized areas | Media and agriculture |

Achievements

- Production of video documentary on ozone depletion
- Video documentation on Korle odam for EPA

1.35 ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIC FARMERS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES (EOFRHS)

Mission

To promote food security and natural resources friendly agricultural practices

Objectives

- To facilitate access to agricultural information;
- To advocate for improvement in extension services
- To sensitise member organizations to promote organic agriculture
- To lobby for change of unfavourable agricultural policies and practices
- To promote internet communication among members

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| E-mail | |
| Website | |
| Office location | Asawasi Community Centre, Kumasi |
| Total permanent staff | Four |
| Years in operation | nine years (1999) |
| Source of funds | member contribution |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Ashanti Region |
| Major target groups | Government, donors, farmers, researchers, consumers and agro processors |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

Sustainable management of flora and fauna to enhance improved livelihood and sound environment

Future plans

- Well-informed membership participation and meaningfully influencing issues, relating to biodiversity conservation
- Members will be equipped with knowledge and skills to influence/promote sustainable alternative livelihood

1.36 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION OF GHANA (EPAG)

Vision/Mission

Our vision is to provide Ghana especially the Ashanti Region with self-sustainable environment and health which guarantees generally a decent and comfortable life

Our mission is to encourage, support and provide activities which promote environmental and health sustainability in Ashanti, Brong Ahafo and Ghana as a whole

Objectives

Promote an environmentally conscious society and ecologically sound sustainable development.

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| Office location | Asawasi Community Centre, Kumasi |
| Total permanent staff | Eleven |
| Years in operation | 21 |
| Source of funds | Dues, contributions, donors |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Ashanti and Brong Ahafo Regions |
| Major target groups | Schools, youth, women adults and communities |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Establishment of a ten-community afforestation programme
- Reproductive health education in five communities
- Training of one hundred farmers in agro forestry, afforestation and income generation
- Protection of Jachie sacred groove
- Management training for six community project implementation committees
- Training of eighty peer educators on HIV/AIDS

Future plans

- To establish a central nursery
- Capacity training of staff
- Payment of staff salaries
- Environmental education
- Maintain existing programmes/projects
- Fund raising

1.37 FOREST WATCH GHANA (FWG)

Vision/Mission

FWG is the national campaign vehicle of 30 Civil Society Organizations and many individuals, linked to many forest CBOs and committed to the rights of poor forest users.

Since its creation, Forest Watch Ghana has actively advocated pro-poor policy changes in the forestry sector in Ghana. Our members can be found working with communities and marginalized forest stakeholders in six regions in Ghana. Our members have diverse backgrounds including livelihoods support, participatory rights based development, forestry research, environmentalism, public media, socio-cultural and socio-economic rights advocacy, governance monitoring and public interest law.

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| Website | www.forestwatchgh.org |
| Office location | C/O No 37 New Town Loop, Kokomlemle |
| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | 4years |
| Source of funds | CARE, FERN |
| Current focus | Forest |
| Active regions | nationwide |
| Major target groups | policy makers, marginalized socio-economic groups |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, community mobilization, Advocacy & information dissemination |

FWG works towards sustainable and just forest development and biodiversity conservation through campaigns including:

- Fair access to forest resources as between different stakeholders and in particular for improved access for forest dependent communities;
- Fair distribution of benefits from forest exploitation as between different stakeholders and in particular for forest dependent communities;
- Greater democratic stakeholder participation in forest policymaking and management particularly for forest dependent communities;

- Greater civil society mobilization around forest and natural resource issues.

On-going projects

1. Forest for the People! Campaign

Achievements

- Forest Voices Project – helped strengthened community voices in 6 regions in forest policy, decision making and management
- Challenges
- Challenge of effective networking
- Sustaining the momentum of the campaign for social justice and community level natural resource rights

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in advocacy on natural resource rights, Voluntary Partnership Agreement and Network with like minded socio economic groups

1.38 FOUNDATION FOR INTEGRATED SAND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT (FISTRAD)

Vision

A society in which all people have access to basic needs in a sustainable manner achieved through education , promoting human rights and good governance

Mission

To work in partnership with rural deprived communities to promote development, through education, promotion of livelihood security, environmental protection using right based approach

Objectives

To reduce poverty among rural women through skills training, involve women and children in the decision making process through rights based approach advocacy and to ensure effective environmental management through education and advocacy as a way of promoting sustainable development.

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| Office location | Sandema- Chiana Road, Opposite Presby Agric Station |
| Total permanent staff | Eight(8) |
| Years in operation | Ten(10) |
| Source of funds | Sandema Educational Resource Charity based in London German Embassy, French Embassy, Paul of Germany, Ibis Ghana, Ghana' AIDS Commission, Builsa District Assembly |
| Current focus | Soil and water conservation and forestation |
| Active regions | Upper East and Northern Region |
| Major target groups | Women, youth in and out of school |
| Specialized areas | Advocacy and information dissemination |

Ongoing projects

1. Skills training in cloth weaving and dressmaking
2. Monitoring of good governance activities in the Builsa District
3. Promoting enrolment and retention of children in basic schools in the Builsa District

4. Provision of library services to the public as well as remedial classes to deprived school children
5. Establishment of Community Radio Station

Achievements

- Access to justice project with CUSO
- Alternative livelihood programme for women in charcoal production
- Green Clubs in Senior Secondary Schools in the Builsa District of the Upper Region
- 400 women have been received vocational training and have been supported with credit to set up small scale businesses. Many of these women were previously engaged in charcoal burning
- 100 members of the Green Clubs in 3 senior secondary schools have been sensitized on the need to protect the environment
- Annual anti-bush fire education

Challenges

Limited market for products of vocational projects made the project unsustainable and difficulty in obtaining long term funding for environmental projects often leads to communities abandoning tree planting projects.

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in fundraising, capacity building and Information sharing.

1.39 FRIENDS OF THE EARTH – GHANA (FOE)

Vision

Working with others to create a sustainable national and global society where environmental protection and meeting peoples' needs go hand in hand FOE-Ghana believes economic growth should not be a goal in itself, but part of 'sustainability policies' based on the rational use of natural resources.

Mission

Working with others to build a movement for environmental change that spans from local to global, a movement that challenges politicians and other decision makers to honestly engage with issues of sustainability and quality environment for the conservation and sustainable use of the world's natural resources to improve the economic and social well-being of present and future generations.

Objective

Environmental protection and sustainable socially equitable development

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| Total permanent staff | fifteen |
| Years in operation | 21 years |
| Source of funds | ICCO, FERN |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Mining |
| Active regions | Nationwide |
| Major target groups | Local Community Groups, research institutions |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination, Technical advice |

Achievements

- With support provided by ICCO and DOEN Foundation, FOE-Ghana has facilitated the improvement of local governance in 30 forest fringe communities located in nine districts of Ghana. The communities have increased their understanding of their rights and responsibilities in terms of Joint Forest Management. About 25,000

people including women and the youth in 30 communities around nine forest reserves have benefited from the capacity building activities. Consequently most of them can now effectively negotiate equitable Social Responsibility Agreement between themselves and the logging companies to ensure that they receive a fair share of the benefits from the forests.

- FOE-Ghana has also worked with timber companies to build their capacity in sustainable forest use. The organization has assisted them to achieve sustainable forest certification and legal timber verification. It has also assisted companies to understand and work within Ghana's new forest laws.

- With support from DFID and in collaboration with WWF forest management staff, five Producer Group members that are committed to SFM have been provided with technical and financial assistance to enable them achieve certification. Thirty-five (35) forest workers have received training in reduced impact logging, among other things. This support has culminated in the completion of pre-audits by independent assessors and development of certification action plans by the companies

1.40 FRIENDS OF THE NATION (FON)

Vision

Friends of the Nation envisage a world where communities manage their environment in a sustainable and healthy manner and where equal opportunities exist for all people in the use of natural resources. By sustainable manner we mean in a manner that gives future generations the opportunity to enjoy an equal measure of utilization of environmental functions whilst contributing to global environmental sustainability

Mission

Friends of the Nation serves as a catalyst towards increased action for sustainable natural resource management and healthy environment, service to wetland and forest dependant communities as well as poor urban communities through education, training, networking and advocacy.

Objectives

- To serve as a catalyst for increased action for sustainable natural resources management
- Make a contribution to poverty reduction through the strengthening of the capacity of wetland and forest dependent communities
- Educate and create awareness about natural resources
- Promote health and good governance
- empower communities to enable them assert their basic rights
- advocate for the rights of the voiceless communities on natural resources and
- to network with other CSOs for information and experience sharing and joint action

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| Total permanent staff | 13 |
| Years in operation | 14 years |
| Source of funds | French Embassy, Rights and Voices Initiative |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Mining, Agric, Fisheries |
| Active regions | Western, Central, Greater Accra & Volta |
| Major target groups | Coastal and Forest Dependant including Poor Peri-urban Communities |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination, Technical advice, Fund administration, Event organization, Networking |

On-going projects

1. Establishment of Sustainable Livelihood and Environmental Resource Centre
2. Community Rights & Voices for Sustainable Fisheries Management
3. Takoradi Monkey Hill Eco-tourism Development

Achievements

- Facilitated the conservation and development of Domama Rock Shrine Eco-tourism Site
- Facilitated the conservation of the Akim Takyimang Sacred Grove and promotion of black Pepper cultivation
- Facilitated the conservation of Wuratrem Royal Mausoleum

1.41 FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ZOOS (FONZ)

Vision / Mission

A future Ghana where the youth are motivated and involved, and care for the environment. Our mission is to create a learning environment where the youth can learn and imbibe environmental and conservation issues, thus creating an “inherent awareness” of the importance of the environment among our future leaders.

Objectives

Our desire to improve conditions at the Zoos and turn them into world class zoological gardens where our youth, and indeed all Ghanaians can be trained and encouraged to see and understand the linkages between man and his environment, and therefore the need to adopt more efficient and sustainable environmental and conservation practices.

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| Office location | old wildlife division of forestry commission offices, (near ceps offices, temporary offices until new zoo completed |
| Total permanent staff | Two (2) |
| Years in operation | 15 years |
| Source of funds | Corporate Bodies; Embassies and Funding Agencies; interested individuals |
| Current focus | Wildlife, Zoo exhibits, Wildlife habitats (forests), Water bodies; Environmental advocacy Youth environmental education |
| Active regions | Greater Accra; Western Region |
| Major target groups | inner city youth; youth in general; fringe communities |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, information Dissemination, Technical advice, Environmental education |

On-going projects

1. Fund raising for construction of a New Accra Zoo; continued educational field trips for our membership;

Achievements

- Training of Zoo keepers – several Zoo keepers as well as management staff funded to European Zoos for training;
- Construction of a Zoo Clinic for the animals and provision of zoo implements; improvement of exhibits and enclosures;

Collaboration

Open to collaborate with other like minded NGOs and Civil Bodies

1.42 GHANA ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE (GACON)

Vision

GACON envisions a balanced environment where humans live in harmony with nature and wealth is created from the natural resources to alleviate poverty without compromising their integrity and endangering the right of posterity to these resources as natural heritage.

Mission

GACON works with marginalized local communities using participatory approach to conserve biodiversity and links technology in natural resources and leadership development with the needs of the communities to improve livelihoods and reduce poverty in Ghana.

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| Office location | Top-High Junction, Ayigya, Kumasi |
| Total permanent staff | Three |
| Years in operation | 19 (1988-2007) |
| Source of funds | UNDP/Gef Small Grant, IUCN-The Netherlands Committee |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | Western region, Brong Ahafo and Ashanti Region |
| Major target groups | Local communities, Tourists and School children |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Information dissemination, Event organization |

Objectives

- To protect and conserve threatened, rare and endangered species in Ghana by protecting their natural habitats.
- To raise awareness of environmental problems and carry out public education campaigns.
- To collaborate with local communities to rehabilitate and maintain local reserves of remnant forest.
- To build local conservation leadership to enhance involvement in conservation
- To strengthen the capacity of local communities in sustainable livelihood options and promotes micro-businesses to alleviate rural poverty.

- To enhance the capacity and educate communities on agro-forestry and improved farming systems to increase farm yields to ensure food security and nutrition at household level.
- To strengthen the capacity of women and youth to actively participate in local and national development.
- To establish and maintain links with local and international agencies concerned with nature conservation and poverty alleviation.
- To promote good forest governance and environmental advocacy at the local level

On-going projects

1. Enchi Sacred Grove Conservation Project

Achievements

- Forest Voices Project
- Buoyem Sacred Grove Conservation and Ecotourism Project
- Wildfire Management Project
- Jachie-Pramso Sacred Grove Project
- Tano Boase Sacred Grove Conservation Project
- Kagyasi Sacred Grove Conservation Project

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in Micro-financing and enterprise development, Sanitation and water management and Food security and nutrition

1.43 GHANA ORGANIC AGRICULTURE NETWORK (GOAN)

Mission

GOAN promotes organic/ecological agricultural practices among the resource poor rural and peri-urban farmers in Ghana, to ensure environmental sustainability, conservation of biological diversity, maintenance of soil fertility and improvement of the quality and quantity of food produced as well as the income levels of the small scale farmers.

GOAN is a national agricultural network, currently boasting of 144 full memberships comprising Local NGOs, Farmer Based Organisations (FBO), Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), Interested Farmers, Farmer Associations and Farmer Groups that has been organised by GOAN. The 144 memberships are total about 8,640 individual members, with 48 associate members across the 10 regions of Ghana.

Objectives

- To bring together interested NGO's, farmer groups, institutions and individuals who have been working in the ecological and environmental sectors, but in isolation, to share information, knowledge, ideas and experiences
- To ensure sustainable food production, improve household incomes, food self-sufficiency, healthy environment and enhancing biological diversity in the farming systems to safeguard the natural heritage for long-term food security.
- To set up a resource / documentation centre to collate, process and disseminate global information, agricultural enterprise building, indigenous knowledge and experiences
- To look at other concerns such as the development of local markets for organic produce and establishment of a local inspection and certification body to enhance export of organic produce thereby providing income generation for organic farmers.
- Establishing research programs in collaboration with institutional bodies to look into organic methods and indigenous knowledge of pest and disease control, and soil fertility building methods suitable for promotion under the different Ghanaian agro-ecological conditions.

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| Total permanent staff | Eight |
| Years in operation | 13 years (1995) |
| Source of funds | Depends on charitable organisations. |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | GOAN operates in all the ten regions of Ghana |
| Major target groups | farmers, small , medium, large scale and commercial farmers, Community Based Organization (CBO), NGOs, Farmer Based Organization (FBO), Schools and Colleges |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

Succeeded as partners in creating national awareness on the benefit of organic and sustainable agriculture.

Future plans

Improve collaboration with stakeholders in development.

1.44 GHANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY (GWS)

Mission

The Society is a non-governmental, non-political, non-profit making and membership based organization, which seeks to conserve wildlife in all its forms to ensure a better environment and improved quality of life for all people. Specifically, our mission is to promote the conservation (protection, management, and wise use) of wildlife in all its forms (plants, animals and their habitats).

Objectives

The society aims to promote the Conservation (protection, management & wise use) of Wildlife in all its forms (plants, animals & their habitat).

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| Website | www.ghanawildlifesociety.org |
| Office location | Efua Sutherland Children's Park, Ridge, Accra, Ghana |
| Total permanent staff | 64 |
| Years in operation | 17 yrs |
| Source of funds | The Royal Netherlands Embassy, World Bank, WWF, |
| Current focus | Forest, Mining, Ecotourism and Biodiversity Research |
| Active regions | Greater Accra, Western, Central, Ashanti, Eastern and Brong-Ahafo |
| Major target groups | Every Individual of sound mind In terms of Conservation Education the target groups are school children and local community members |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Environmental Education and Awareness Creation, Protected Areas Management Planning, Community -based Natural Resource Management, Environmental Assessment (Baseline studies) |

On-going projects

1. Afadjato-Agumatsa Forest Conservation Project
2. Amanzuri Integrated Conservation and Development Project (Amanzuri Wetlands).
3. Community Integrated Natural Resource Management Project, Okyeman.
4. Conservation of Barn swallows Project.
5. Conservation of nesting sites of the White-necked Picathartes (Rockfowl)

Achievements

- Coastal Wetland Ecology
- Save the Sea Shore Birds Project.
- The Marine Turtle Conservation Project

Collaboration

Educational Programs

1.45 GREEN EARTH ORGANIZATION (GEO)

Vision

To create environmentally conscious society where natural resources is sustainably managed

Mission

The mission of GEO is to assist, encourage and advocate conserving the integrity and diversity of nature to support lives on earth.

Objectives

To ensure that natural resources are managed sustainably by all persons to support lives

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| Website | |
| Office location | Accra north-Ghana |
| Total permanent staff | 19 |
| Years in operation | |
| Source of funds | ICCO, IUCN |
| Current focus | Water, Forest |
| Active regions | Eastern, Western, Central, Volta, Greater Accra, Ashanti and Brong Ahafo Regions |
| Major target groups | Policy makers, research institutions, community members |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination, Technical advice |

Achievements

- Advocacy and policy issues have become a major focus activity area of GEO especially on forest, biodiversity and water issues. The “Green Dove” is the first environmental newsletter to be published in Ghana and carries articles on forests, biodiversity, water, climate change, bushfire, energy and land degradation etc. Green Dove is widely circulated to policy makers, universities, research institutions, law makers, government departments, civil society groups, libraries, embassies, development partners and traditional

authorities. GEO has 38 Green Dove publications to its credit and reaches 175 out to second cycle institutions with conservation messages.

- The organization engages in lobby and advocacy for sustainable forest management and has provided information and training to the media to effectively disseminate information effectively to the public. It maintains networks with the Forest Watch Ghana, Coalition of NGOs and CBOs for capacity building, information sharing and human resource exchange. One hundred seventy-five (175) Green Clubs have been formed in the country to disseminate further, conservation messages among peers both within and outside schools. GEO has five awards in environmental protection and agro forestry to its credit.

1.46 HATOF FOUNDATION (HF)

Mission

Our mission is appropriate education in schools, communities and by everybody on the human inter-relationship with and responsibility for the environment especially forest ecosystem. We believe a key to sustaining livelihoods, reducing poverty is by conserving the environment (biodiversity).

Objectives

- Promote sustainable use of forest resources to enhance the conservation of forest biodiversity.
- Enhance and improve the technical capacity of management staff in handling biodiversity projects and programmes locally.
- To promote capacity-building for members at national and international levels.
- To establish 200 acre agro-forestry plantation

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| Website | |
| Office location | Community 18 Junction on Spintex Road, near Texpo |
| Total permanent staff | Five |
| Years in operation | Nine years (1999) |
| Source of funds | CIVA - UK |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta and Western Regions |
| Major target groups | Women and youth, students and children |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Participated in the workshop on the theme 'underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation in Ghana'. Organisers: CSIR, Ghana Institute of Biology, Institute of Cultural Affairs
- Sixth meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CAP – 6)
- 3rd Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (The Netherlands)
- Global youth forum on Environment and Nature (Denmark)
- Established 7 acres of teak, 7 acres of mango (Hohoe District)

- 1st Annual International Youth Activists Conference

Future plans

- To increase our present agro-forestry plantation from 21 to 63 acres by 2004
- To launch a project on the theme “PLANT GHANA” by September 2003
- To provide 100 beehives to five hundred unemployed young adults in Kledjo, village the Volta Region

1.47 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR (HEM)

Vision / Mission

To assist government to achieve major programmes of ecosystem restoration and conservation

Objectives

- Mobilizing farmers to undertake reforestation to improve forest cover
- Improving upon food security
- Reducing poverty

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| Office location | Sakumono Estates – Tema / Begoro – E/R |
| Total permanent staff | Five (5) |
| Years in operation | Six (6) |
| Source of funds | Bank loans (ADB) |
| Current focus | Forest |
| Active regions | Eastern Region |
| Major target groups | Farmers |
| Specialized areas | Community mobilization |

On-going projects

1. Reforestation of Southern Scrap Forest Reserve
2. Malaria Control Project

Achievements

- Reforested about 200 acres of degraded forest reserve
- Mobilization of Pimpimso Community farmers in cassava and maize farms to alleviate poverty

Collaboration

Funding, Logistics/Inputs

1.48 HEALTH ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (HEDN)

Mission

To incur human and environmental health for sustainable development

Objectives

- Conduct research work on health and environmental health issues in the district
- Educate the populace on health issues i.e. acquisition and prevention of malaria, diabetes, TB, HIV/AIDS and STDs
- Promote activities that enhance environmental protection

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| Website | |
| Office location | Afiencya in the Dangbe West District |
| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Greater Accra Region |
| Major target groups | |
| Specialized areas | |

1.49 HUMANITARIAN CARE AND RELIEF ORGANISATION (HUMANCARE)

Mission

HUMANCARE's mission is to support, facilitate and build the capacity of marginalised and vulnerable groups in the rural areas, by engaging them in sustainable development projects in the areas of agro-forestry, conservation, agriculture, health and education. Our aim is to help the rural people grow wealth and at same time address the global depletion of the Tropical High Forest (THF).

Objectives

- To reforest the degraded Bandai Hills Forest Reserve.
- To address the problem of unsustainable management and rapid decimation of the country's forest resources and promote public awareness on the need for environmental protection.
- To increase the forest sector's contribution to the speedy alleviation of poverty in the rural areas by improving the productive capacity of farmers and women through training and technical assistance.
- Create avenues for and facilitate access to health, education and information in the rural communities.
- To create advocacy for HIV/AIDS prevention and support for people living with the disease (PLWHA).
- Conservation of *Talbotiella gentii* (a highly important tree species occurring only in Ghana).
- Train the rural unemployed in sustainable income-earning enterprises

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| Total permanent staff | 13 |
| Years in operation | 23 years (1985) |
| Source of funds | Contributions from Directors, Ghana AIDS Commission, incomes from sales of tree seedlings |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Ashanti and Greater Accra regions |
| Major target groups | Rural poor, farmers, the unemployed youth women and children and People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Replanted 64 hectares of degraded lands of Bandai Hills Forest Reserve with Teak and Cedrilla (2000 - 2001)
- Conducted environmental protection and tree planting campaigns in schools and communities in the Ashanti-Akim North District of the Ashanti Region (1999)
- Distributed relief items to Sahelian and Liberian refugees in conjunction with Department of Social Welfare. Items were supplied by the Catholic Relief Service (CRS) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (1988/1994).
- Created two women co-operatives in Agogo for the cultivation of plantain and tomatoes (1986/1987).
- Organised HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention campaign, and undertook hospital visitation programmes to provide care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS at Agogo (2002). Funds provided by the Ghana AIDS Commission.

Future plans

- To expand our reforestation project to cover 650 hectares of the degraded Bandai Hills Forest Reserve, which was acquired from the Forestry Commission, within 10 years
- To integrate into the project alternative livelihood and income-generating enterprises such as snail and grasscutter rearing, bee-keeping, and mushroom cultivation.
- Provide care and support for PLWHA's and AIDS orphans.
- To establish Community Schools and Health Posts in deprived areas

1.50 INTEGRATED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (ISODEC)

Objectives

Promotion of economic and social justice through policy intervention and advocacy

To contribute to sustainable development

To provide training and consultancy services as part of the central building programmes for Ghana's decentralization process

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| Total permanent staff | 50 |
| Years in operation | 20 |
| Source of funds | Internally generated funds, international donors |
| Current focus | Advocacy and sanitation |
| Active regions | The three northern regions, Ashanti and B/A |
| Major target groups | CBOs, policy implementers |
| Specialized areas | Gender, population and health, water, and sanitation, financial service, participatory methodologies and trade. |

Recent projects

1. Capacity building of CBOs and NGOs
2. Training in participatory processes
3. Information technology including GIS
4. Policy advocacy on water, education, health.



Plate 8: Training and capacity building is an important aspect of ISODEC's work

1.51 INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR BAMBOO AND RATTAN (INBAR)

The International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to improving the social, economic, and environmental benefits of bamboo and rattan. INBAR connects a global network of partners from the government, private, and not-for-profit sectors in over 50 countries to define and implement a global agenda for sustainable development through bamboo and rattan.

Vision

"Sustainable use of bamboo and rattan makes a major contribution to many people's livelihoods, their environment, and their businesses to help create a better world." Bamboo and rattan are integral to the lives of up to 1.5 billion people, roughly a quarter of the present world population. For many of them life is a constant struggle against poverty and deprivation. Bamboo and rattan can provide them with a sustainable way out of poverty, a stable source of income for a growing range of micro, small and medium sized enterprises.

There are an increasing number of ways bamboo can be used and an increasing number of products that can be made from it, in particular to complement high value timber-wood products. Bamboo is also more and more important in environmental conservation and for rehabilitating degraded land. Rattan is already a valuable resource and its value continues to rise. Opportunities to use bamboo and rattan to improve people's lives while conserving their environments are still underdeveloped, but they have enormous potential in this role which deserves increased attention and support.

Mission

"To improve the well-being of the producers and users of bamboo and rattan within the context of a sustainable bamboo and rattan resource base" by:

Consolidating, coordinating and supporting strategic and adaptive research and development;

Disseminating essential knowledge on the increasing number of ways in which bamboo and rattan can be applied to poverty reduction and sustainable natural resource management;

Assisting in bringing about successful development interventions through trade policy, statistical compilation, standard setting and direct community-based interventions.”

Our priority is giving people at all levels the knowledge and skills they need for long-term development involving bamboo and rattan. Our people-first perspective, with bottom-up and participatory approaches in all our field-based activities, ensures ownership and decision making rest with those who benefit from our work. This helps empower people and ensures activities have a sustainable future and maximum impact.

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| Office location | At the premises of Forestry Research Institute of Ghana in Fumesua, some 15 kilometres from Kumasi on the Accra Road |
| Total permanent staff | One in Ghana |
| Years in operation | six years (2002) |
| Source of funds | The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), China State Forestry Administration, (SFA) EU -China Biodiversity Programme (ECBP), The Blue Moon Fund (BMF) & Government of Netherlands |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Nationwide (theoretically), for now: Central, Eastern, Ashanti and Western region |
| Major target groups | Everybody who is interested in bamboo |
| Specialized areas | |

Objectives

- Environmental Sustainability (ES) Programme. "Increased and more effective protection of the environment and biodiversity". The ES programme 1. Demonstrates the benefits of bamboo and rattan for environmental conservation in its projects, and illustrates how they can contribute to implementing global environmental agreements; 2. Facilitates germplasm and biodiversity conservation, and 3. Demonstrates bamboo and rattan in plantations and sustainably managed forests for providing economically viable environmental services.

- Livelihoods and Economic Development (LED) Programme. "Better ways and means of livelihood development, particularly in rural areas". The LED programme 1. Develops self-sustaining model action research development sites in producer countries; 2. Develops pilot global-to-local and local-to-global institutional support systems and partnerships, and 3. Stimulates the development of new innovative technologies and products, and their marketing

- Trade Development (TD) Programme. A better and more innovative market environment, providing fair global-to-local and local-to-global trading systems for income generation. The TD programme 1. Helps member countries undertake projects on better and more innovative supply chains; 2. Improves global, regional and local trade and marketing support systems, including standards and statistics, and 3. Creates a more favourable business environment and market development policies.

Strategic goals and strategy

- An expanded, highly effective network of committed stakeholders
- Better ways and means of livelihood development, in particular in rural areas
- Increased and more effective conservation of the environment and of biodiversity
- A better and more innovative market environment, providing fair global-to-local and local-to-global trading systems for income generation

Major on-going INBAR Programmes

1. Action Research Projects-Ghana, Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Philippines, Tanzania
2. Bamboo Forest Ecosystem Biodiversity Projects: China
3. Global Marketing Initiative programme: Global
4. Non-Timber Forest products, Global Partnership Programme: Global
5. Global Bamboo Housing programme: Global

Future Plans

- Expand Action Research Projects-Chile, Nigeria, Peru, Sierra Leone
- Global Rattan programme-Global
- Bamboo to mitigate climate change project: Global

Achievements

- Construction of Bamboo School at Fumesua-Kumasi, Ghana
- Bamboo Livelihoods and Economic Development Project (INBAR Action Research Site ARS) at Akyawkrom, Ejisu, Ashanti-Region
- Workshop on Rattan Processing and Marketing for Sustainable Income Generation in West-Africa

1.52 KUMASI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT (KITE)

Mission

To influence policy formulation and implementation in favour of sustainable development through research, training, project development and implementation in energy, technology and environmental issues, in partnership with other leading local and international organisations.

Objectives

- Promote decentralised energy systems for productive uses in rural and peri-urban areas;
- Promote an enterprise-centred approach as a viable option for the delivery of energy services;
- Enable local and regional institutions to access climate change-related resources for socio-economic developments;
- Support integration of the public benefits imperative into power sector decisions;
- Facilitate the targeted diffusion of information and communication technologies in the national economy for accelerated development; and
- Develop local and international knowledge-based partnerships for sustainable energy and technological development.

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| Total permanent staff | Thirteen |
| Years in operation | years (2001) |
| Source of funds | World Bank, UNEP, CFO |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Ashanti, Greater Accra, Brong Ahafo |
| Major target groups | the poor |
| Specialized areas | Energy, Environment and Technology |

Achievements

KITE has successfully run many projects aimed at reducing poverty. Through research KITE has come out with many publications and books that have contributed to the reduction of poverty in Ghana.

Future plans

We aim to develop as many projects as possible in the following programme areas:

- Energy, gender and poverty
- Multi functional platforms
- Clean energy enterprise development – AREED
- New and emerging technologies – ICTs
- Knowledge absorption and diffusion.

All aimed at becoming a best-practice organization committed to the achievement of poverty-free Ghana and Africa.

1.53 LIFE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (LIDEFO)

Vision

To eradicate poverty and encourage self-employment

Mission

To formulate and execute programmes that could challenge and change people's lives for a better future especially youths in and out of school

Objectives

- Promotion of environmentally sound sustainable agricultural production
- Creation of opportunities for socio-economic development of the youths.
- Promotion of education especially for marginalized in the society to attain their full potentials.
- Health promotion- including adolescent reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, Malaria, T B etc

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| Total permanent staff | 5 |
| Years in operation | 9 |
| Source of funds | S. D. O. P U S A / Life Development Foundation |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | VOLTA region |
| Major target groups | Farmers |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination |

On-going projects

1. HIV/AIDS education for Youths in apprenticeship in Ho.
2. The Life and Hope for Vulnerable children (Keeping children in school) IN Ho
3. KVIP Toilet project Abutia Kissiflui

Achievements

- Two hand-dug wells provided to Wudese Community in Adaklu nyigbe District 2001 hand.
- Environmental education and training for Kissiflui Community 2003.
- Central tree nursery project with capacity of 20,000 tree seedlings established between 2003 and 2006

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in the following areas: Environment, Education and training, central tree nursery projects with capacity of 50,000 tree seedlings and Afforestation

1.54 NATURE CONSERVATION RESEARCH CENTRE (NCRC)

Vision/Mission

Nature Conservation Research Centre (NCRC) is a Ghanaian non-profit, private voluntary organisation implementing conservation initiatives in order to promote a greater awareness of and protection for the natural, historical and cultural diversity of Ghana and ultimately the West African sub-region.

Objectives

NCRC has four strategic goals for the next five years (2004-2008). The goals are as follows:

- Expand our network of community-based destinations that link tourism development with positive environmental, historic and cultural conservation and the growth of economic opportunities to 30 poor communities;
- Support the development of seven (7) locally controlled protected areas in select locations, which build upon NCRC's tourism activities and demonstrate local leadership in conservation. The locations will include Wechiau, Red Volta & Sissili, Asamura, Boabeng-Fiema, Avu Lagoon, Afram – Volta Lake and Bochiye;
- Support targeted research efforts, which compliment NCRC's on going or pending tourism and protected areas activities.
- Support efforts, which build links between local cultures, conservation, Ecotourism and research. Focus on efforts that raise the international profile of Ghana and NCRC.

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| Total permanent staff | 25 |
| Years in operation | 11 |
| Source of funds | USAID |
| Current focus | Water, Forest |
| Active regions | All Except Central Region |
| Major target groups | Poor Communities |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization |

On-going projects

1. Community based ecotourism
2. Rural environment empowerment project
3. Earth watches capacity building & research
4. Communities sanctuaries

Achievements

- Community conservation activities
- Ecotourism activities
- Environmental education and awareness activities
- Natural sciences research activities

1.55 NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (NCPD)

Vision

NECPAD's vision is to develop partnerships and networks between governmental and non governmental organizations, external support agencies and poor communities with the view to developing strategies that promote the use of simple and operational-oriented approaches in planning, implementation and management of community services and infrastructure in a sustainable manner

Mission

The Organization's mission is “Promoting Sustainable Development through Networking, Empowerment and Advocacy to bring about a variety of health, environmental and livelihood benefits to the poor”

Objectives

The organization's establishment objective is to identify good practices of appropriate and affordable technologies, techniques and approaches for cost-effective, sustainable and improved planning, provision and management of services and physical infrastructure for development in poor communities”

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| Office location | |
| Total permanent staff | five |
| Years in operation | (since 2002) |
| Source of funds | Self financing |
| Current focus | Community Development and Research, resource management & environmental development |
| Active regions | Greater Accra, Eastern Region & Western Region |
| Major target groups | Children (5 -18), parents and guidance, youth, traditional authorities, tenant farmers, migrant farmers, district assemblies |
| Specialized areas | Land administration and management, environmental mgt, natural resource management, tobacco control |

Achievements

- Awareness creation sensitization and community mobilization programme for the land administration project customary land secretariat (Akimabuakwa)
- Impact of small scale and multi-national mining on affected communities in Wassawest

1.56 ODA-KOTOAMSO COMMUNITY AGRO FORESTRY PROJECT (OCAP)

Mission

Development of degraded off reserves through Agro-forestry, reduction in shifting cultivation, improvement of livelihood needs of farmers, building capacity of small and medium scale farmers.

Objectives

- Promoting sustainable natural resource management within a forest environment
- Facilitate forest and biodiversity conservation
- Facilitate the development of alternative sources of income for the rural population

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| Total permanent staff | Five |
| Years in operation | 13 |
| Source of funds | Solely sponsored and financed by SAMARTEX Timber and Plywood Company Ltd. |
| Current focus | Women empowerment |
| Active regions | Western Region, Wassa -Amenfi District |
| Major target groups | Small and medium scale farmers |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Rehabilitation of 350Ha of degraded land through Agro-forestry and afforestation
- Reduction of shifting cultivation
- Capacity building of farmers through workshops
- Research into NTFPs, example thulimatococus danielli

Ongoing projects

1. Processing and cultivation of essential oils
2. Cultivation of medicinal plants
3. Cultivation of non-timber forest products
4. Incorporation of HIV-AIDS education into schools, churches
5. Collaboration activities among others

1.57 PARTICIPATORY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (PACODEV)

Mission

To bring hope and productive social and economic support to women, children, the marginalized and excluded rural and town poor through participatory planning and implementation for sustainability

Objectives

- To promote the benefit of the inhabitant of Ghana without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organizations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- To promote the relief of poverty and sickness, advance education and protect and preserve health, particularly, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, of refugees who are in condition of need, hardship, sickness isolation or distress by reason of their social and economic circumstance or as a result of local, national or international disaster and problems.
- Promote the protection of the natural environment and such other charitable projects that will promote poverty reduction through viable and sustainable micro-enterprise/finance development and any other development issues as may from time to time be determined.

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| Total permanent staff | Three, five-member board (Chaired by a woman) |
| Years in operation | years (1999) |
| Source of funds | Directors contributions, Fundraising activities & Donor support |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Upper East Region, Builsa District |
| Major target groups | Women, the youth, physically challenged, children & female entrepreneurs |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Has mobilized some communities in Builsa and Kassena Nankana Districts
- Has initiated contacts with the Kassena Nankana District Assembly for two boreholes in Naga Community to establish an Integrated Natural Resources Use and management Centre for Sustainable Youth Employment based on Ecological Agriculture and Tree growing.
- A CBO has been formed and a Bank Account opened at Navrongo Rural Bank.
- Has undertaken HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns in Builsa District in preparation towards a 1-year HIV/AIDS project to be undertaken soon. A 200 million Cedis contract has been signed with the Ghana AIDS Commission.
- Has carried out 'Women in Governance' workshops in collaboration with CODAC International, a UK based NGO.
- Fundraising in 2002: 34 million Cedis
- Funding from GAC in 2003: 200 million Cedis

Future plans

- Management of HIV/AIDS projects
- Consultative Meetings with District Assemblies
- Sensitisation visits to Communities

1.58 PROJECTS PLANNING & MANAGEMENT (PROMAG) NETWORK

Vision / Mission

To assist the Government of efforts towards building the human resource capacity of the rural under-served and disadvantaged folks through awareness creation, education and training so as to improve upon their standard of living.

Objectives

- To improve the well being of the under-served and disadvantaged, especially women and the youth through sensitization, education and training
- To facilitate co-operation and interaction between various actors in rural development
- To facilitate the establishment of platforms for networking, co-operation and policy advocacy on natural resource management and local governance

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| Total permanent staff | Eleven (11) |
| Years in operation | Eight (8) |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Water, Forest |
| Active regions | Western & Brong Ahafo |
| Major target groups | Women & the Youth |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination, Technical advice |

On-going projects

1. Alliance for Reproductive Health Rights Project
2. "Yen Daakye Project" (Community Action for the Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour in Cocoa)

The under-listed projects are about to take off:

3. Ghana /Ivory Transboundary Community Water Management Project
4. Community sensitization on VPA process

Achievements

- Community Ownership and Management of Community owned water and Sanitation facilities in 43 communities in Sefwi Wiawso District.
- Youth Employment and Skills Project (Education to Combat Abusive Child labour in Cocoa)
- Families Reproductive Health Project

1.59 RICERCA E COOPERAZIONE (RC)

Vision / Mission

To ensure sustainable development through biodiversity conservation, preservation and valorisation of indigenous knowledge and cultural heritage, and to promote the fundamental human rights of people

Objectives

- Promote and implement initiatives aimed at achieving sustainable development in less developed countries
- Research, document and diffuse analyses on the causes of lack of development and of the imbalance between the north and the south
- Initiate studies and analyse the environmental impact of actions in LDCs with particular attention to ecological issues and create awareness and understanding about environmental, social, cultural and economic issues.
- Build the capacity of individuals, institutions and CBOs to sustain development initiatives
- Promote and facilitate dialogue between relevant institution and deprived communities as well as improve international relation between the north and the south

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| Total permanent staff | 30 |
| Years in operation | 20 |
| Source of funds | Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CARITAS –Italy, Italian Ministry of Environment |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Agric, rural development, rural and cultural resources management, sustainable tourism |
| Active regions | Eastern, Western, Central, Greater Accra |
| Major target groups | Farmers, forest fringe, rural and coastal communities, governmental departments, women, vulnerable groups, and children |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization Advocacy Information dissemination, Technical advice, Project Cycle Management; research |

On-going projects

1. Enhancement of living conditions of street children and street mothers in Accra- Italian ministry of Foreign affairs.
2. Institutional support and activation pilot valorisation activities in the sector of cultural heritage.- Italian Ministry of Foreign affairs.
3. Environmental protection and rural development project in the Afram Plains of Ghana –Italian ministry of Foreign Affairs
4. Development of sustainable community based eco-cultural tourism in the Ahanta West of Ghana – UNWTO

Achievements

- Coconut Sector Development Program – French Government
- Forest Resources Creation Program – European Commission
- Institutional Support program in favour of the Department of Community Development – Italian Ministry of foreign affairs

1.60 RURAL ACTION FOR THE POOR (RAFTEP)

Mission

To provide humanitarian services to the people so as to uplift their standard of living in order for them to maximize their contributions to national developmental efforts

Objectives

- Galvanise the energies of the rural communities towards the development of rural agro-forestry programmes and projects
- Developing the capacities of rural groupings to execute effectively and efficiently agro-forestry and environmental activities
- Improve the income-generating efforts of the rural poor

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| Total permanent staff | Ten |
| Years in operation | 12 years (1996) |
| Source of funds | member contributions, sale of harvested agricultural products, support from forestry commission/forum, and donations from local/foreign funding agencies |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta and Greater Accra Regions |
| Major target groups | Rural communities, women farming groups, landowners in rural settings, rural youth |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Developed farm groups to cultivate black pepper and cashew - 20 acres
- Cultivated tree plantation (50 acres) with teak cedrela and acacia
- Assisting women farming groups to cultivate cash crops like rice, sugar cane, okro and garden eggs

Future plans

- To expand the tree plantation in terms of acres cultivated
- To obtain concession for the purpose of developing agro forestry plantations in degraded forest reserve areas
- To extend women farming groups to other areas

1.61 RURAL DEVELOPMENT YOUTH ASSOCIATION (RUDEYA)

Mission

To improve the standard of living of men, women and the youth of its target communities, through programmes designed to sustainably manage natural resources and enhance reproductive health.

Objectives

- To improve and support community based forestry programmes.
- To promote primary health care programmes.
- To support HIV/AIDS and reproductive health education and services.

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| Total permanent staff | Twenty |
| Years in operation | years (1990) |
| Source of funds | ICCO, Netherlands, CORDAID, Netherlands, VIP, District Assemblies |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Ashanti and Brong Ahafo region |
| Major target groups | Forest fringe communities, school and out-of-school youth |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Establishment of over 100 community forest committees in the Atwima
- District in the Ashanti Region and Asunafo District in Brong Ahafo.
- Establishment of over 500 acres of small holder timber plantations.
- Three hundred farmers assisted to develop NTFPs in snail farming,
- Mushroom cultivation, beekeeping and grasscutter rearing

Future plans

To develop pilot projects in timber off-cuts and eco-tourism

1.62 RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL CARE ASSOCIATION (RECA)

Vision / Mission

Our Vision is to seek a world where RURAL dwellers would have adequate knowledge and confidence to advocate for and have access to the necessary resources that would sustainably improve their livelihood.

This will be accomplished through Capacity Building, Advocacy, Creating linkages, Mainstreaming of Best practices at all levels with views to influencing Policies decisions and creating partnership for sustaining the process.

Objectives

Our Objective is to assist the poor realize their potential and that of their environment and to harness this potential towards a sustainable livelihood.

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| Office location | Opposite Tarkwa Ghana Post, Lawyer Ababio residence |
| Total permanent staff | Eleven (11) |
| Years in operation | Eight (8) |
| Source of funds | CARE International, CDP (World Bank) |
| Current focus | Forest, Agric, Land |
| Active regions | Western and Eastern Region |
| Major target groups | Traditional Authorities, District Assemblies, MOFA, Farmers, Stool Land Secretariat, CBO's |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination, Technical advice |

On-going projects

1. Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM)
2. Security of Land Tenure (SLATE)

Achievements

- Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) RECA has empowered over 500 community members to go into farm-forest-farming system in 3 communities in Wassa west District. This

was achieved through education and sensitization, capacity building and mobilization.

- Sustainable and Participatory Community Base Ecotourism development. Two communities and their traditional council have been empowered through capacity building to identify and plan four community tourist sites. 50 farmers in these communities are now engaged in other livelihood activities.

Challenges

Sustainable and Participatory Community Base Ecotourism development could not be realized because of litigation on land among community members. And also inadequate funding

1.63 SAVANNAH ECO-TOURISM FOUNDATION (SETF)

Mission

- To protect the wild animals in our forest zone
- To encourage the rural fold to do grasscutter and rabbit farming
- To preserve the wild animals in our forest through educational programmes
- To engage the rural folk in the renewal of the depleted forest zone

Objectives

- To engage the rural folk in the renewal of the depleted forest zone in the savannah areas
- To protect the wild animals in our forest zone
- To encourage the rural folk to undertake grass cutter and rabbit farming
- To protect wild animals in our forest zone through educational programmes

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| E-mail | |
| Website | |
| Office location | Obuasi |
| Total permanent staff | Twenty |
| Years in operation | Since 2003 |
| Source of funds | Contribution of Director at Obuasi and friends of the NGO in America |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Ashanti and Northern Region |
| Major target groups | Farming groups, You th groups, Women groups |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

Because it is a new NGO we have not achieved any goals so far but we are yet to achieve and hope that we will achieve our goals.

Future plans

- To conserve our forests and animals for future uses.
- Checking illegal ways of cutting trees and bush burning.
- Rearing of animals for future uses



Plate 9: works with the rural folks to renew depleted forests

1.64 SAVE MANKIND FOUNDATION (SMF)

Mission

To organize, educate and sensitise the populace on good health and environmental practices for the benefit of mankind now and in the future.

Objectives

- To engage in income-generating activities
- To encourage agro-forestry
- To engage in HIV/AIDS campaign
- To encourage in campaign in gender related issues.

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| Website | |
| Office location | Akropong – Akuapem, near Akuapem North District Assembly |
| Total permanent staff | Five |
| Years in operation | years (1990) |
| Source of funds | Member contributions and support from the district assembly |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Eastern, Brong Ahafo, and Northern region |
| Major target groups | Farming groups, youth groups, women groups |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Establishment of woodlots at Mangoase, Konko and selected schools in the Akuapem North District.
- Undertaken numerous HIV/AIDS campaign in communities, schools and institutions

Future plans

- To engage in community sensitisation on maintaining healthy environmental practices.
- To undertake agro-forestry in the Northern Region
- To continue HIV/AIDS education



Plate 10: save mankind foundation considers farming groups, youth groups & women's groups in their work

1.65 SAVE THE FUTURE FOUNDATION (SFF)

Mission

To empower the general public on environmental and health related issues

Objectives

Promote environmentally friendly society and health development in Ghana

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| Office location | Nsawam Central |
| Total permanent staff | Four |
| Years in operation | years (2000) |
| Source of funds | Contribution from members of the organization which is inadequate |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Eastern Region |
| Major target groups | women, youth, security personnel schools |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

Through our efforts we have been able to cultivate teak tree plantation and educate the masses of Nsawam to the pollution of the Densu River

Future plans

We have planned going into agro-forestry and animal domestication



Plate 11: children, the youth and women are major targets of Save the Future Foundation's activities

1.66 SNV NETHERLANDS DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (SNV)

Mission

Within the objective of structural poverty reduction in Ghana, SNV supports capacity building of local organisations in their institutional environment. It does so through the provision of technical assistance and by entering into partnership relations with these organisations.

Objectives

- SNV combines the need for technical assistance in the areas of Natural Resources Management and Local Governance with support to institutional and organisational development.
- Within the Natural Resources Management Policy framework of the Government of Ghana, SNV provides assistance to the introduction of Community Based Natural Resources Management and to capacity building of organisations in this field.

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| Website | www.snvworld.org |
| Office location | 6 Mankata Close, Airport Res. Area, Accra |
| Total permanent staff | International advisors (14), national advisors (16), support staff (18) |
| Years in operation | |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Western region and Volta region |
| Major target groups | Local organisations in the area of community based natural resource management, local governance and economic development |
| Specialized areas | |

An example of SNV's assistance in this field:

- Several Technical advisors of SNV are working with the Wildlife Division to support the introduction of Community Based Wildlife Management in Ghana. Services delivered by the advisors are among others:
- Capacity building support to the Collaborative Management Unit

- The training of Wildlife Division staff on community participation and management
- Advising communities on their role in community wildlife management

Achievements

Some of the highlights of 2002

- Successfully phasing out of externally financed project activities;
- New Support to the Local Governance team has been established in the Volta region, while the other teams strengthened their team structure and enhanced their team performance;
- SNV Ghana's relationship with partner organizations has changed a lot. Informal feedback from partners show that they do appreciate this more advisory type of relationship and the support they receive in analysing their own organization as well as in the change process they are going through, even though (or maybe even because) it is not linked to direct funding. 4. The number of partner organizations/platforms SNV Ghana works with increased from 24 to 33 while the quality of the relationship improved considerably.

1.67 THE INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS – GHANA (ICA)

Vision / Mission

Help people to achieve a better future, through building their skills and strengthening their confidence. We focus our work in rural, marginalized communities.

We believe that sustainable change: Results from the active participation of individuals, groups and communities. Requires support over time. Begins with individuals having a voice

Objectives

- To provide Training to communities, groups, local government bodies, educators, and other non-governmental organizations (NGO's) in ICA's Participatory Facilitation techniques.
- To strengthen existing community groups using ICA's structured participation methods, skills-building workshops, leadership training and consistent, long-term follow-up
- To work in the areas of: improved agricultural methods, forestry conservation, access to education and health care, HIV/AIDS prevention, empowering women and girls, micro credit and other income-producing initiatives

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| Website | www.ica-international.org/ghana |
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| Total permanent staff | 20 |
| Years in operation | 10 years |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Mining, Agric, Livelihood improvement |
| Active regions | Volta, Western and Northern Regions |
| Major target groups | Women, Children and Farmers in Rural and less -deprived Areas of the Country |
| Specialized areas | |

On-going projects

1. Allanblackia- Standard Setting and Sustainable Supply Chain Management – Western Region
2. Social Mobilization for Rural Development – Zabzugu/Tatale District – Northern
3. Training and Supporting Self-Help Groups – Kpando and Hohoe, Volta Region

Achievements

- Integrated Land Management for Sustainable Rural Development,
- Establishment of a demonstration farm where farmers can access sustainable methods of farming.
- Beekeeping and grasscutter rearing activities established in two communities
- Integrated Rural Development Project-West Gonja District – 20 women group trained in: Leadership skills, Technology of participation, Business management. All 20 groups have income generating activities on going made possible through a Micro-Credit

Facility put in place after training.

- Enhancing Rural Development Project, 36 groups received training in: Leadership skills, Technology of participation, Business management. All 36 groups are engaged in income generating activities.
- A revolving micro-credit facility has been established

Challenges

- Inability to generate sufficient own-funds to cover core budget.
- Inability to compete favourably in the labour market.
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Collaboration

Open to collaboration in Micro-credit and Knowledge sharing

1.68 THIRD WORLD NETWORK-AFRICA (TWN-AF)

Objective

To conduct policy research and advocacy on development, gender, environment, north-south issues

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| Office location | East Legon, near Miklin hotel |
| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | Seven (7) |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Policy advocacy |
| Active regions | Tarkwa, Accra |
| Major target groups | Policy makers, civil society organization |
| Specialized areas | Advocacy, Technical advice, environment, media |

Recent projects

Research publication

Policy advocacy

1.69 TOGETHER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOLIDARITY (TRDS)

Mission

To facilitate socio economic development and empowerment of the rural and deprived communities in Ghana and to promote quality life for the benefit of present and future generations

Objectives

- Facilitate sustainable ecological restoration activities of sensitive ecosystem among the catchment communities to enhance biological diversity.
- Promote conservation, education and public awareness programmes in the communities to influence the attitudes of the public to admire and conserve nature
- Promote health and educational programmes in the country.
- Promote biomass energy efficiency improvement technologies among the local communities so as to reduce carbon emission into the atmosphere and mitigate impacts of climate change
- Facilitate local capacity development in economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally friendly alternative livelihood to enhance natural resources conservation

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| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | |
| Source of funds | UNDP, IUCN |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Central Region |
| Major target groups | |
| Specialized areas | |

On-going projects

1. Settle conservation using the communities in the conservation
2. Integrated coastal zone management for livelihood security

Achievements

- Community participation in the management of Asona abusua sacred groove
- Mangrove conservation

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in sanitation and environmental management, development and Micro financing

1.70 TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION CLUB INTERNATIONAL (TEPCI)

Objectives

- To protect the environment in areas of biodiversity
- To develop and promote tourism sites in Brong Ahafo and the whole of Ghana

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| E-mail | |
| Website | |
| Office location | ABS printing press on Techiman -Kumasi road |
| Total permanent staff | Seven (7) |
| Years in operation | Seven (7) |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Protection of the environment |
| Active regions | Brong Ahafo region |
| Major target groups | Children, youth and grassroots |
| Specialized areas | Agro forestry, social issues, reproductive health |

Achievements

- Growing of trees and afforestation project in Techiman

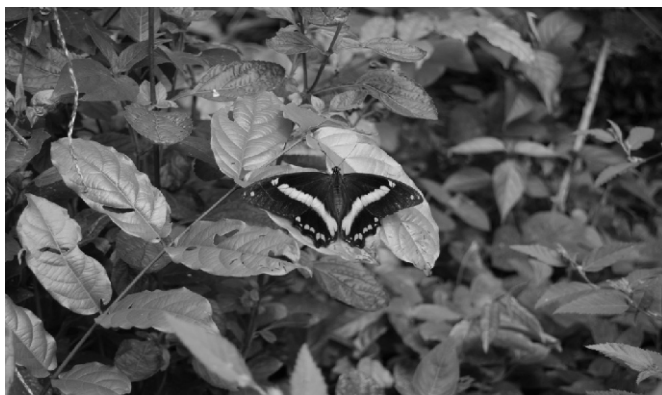


Plate 12: TEPCI focuses on biodiversity conservation and tourism promotion

1.71 TREES FOR THE FUTURE, GHANA (TF_gh)

Mission

To help curtail the rate of deforestation and improve the livelihood of the people dependent directly on forest and forest products through reforestation programmes and transfer of technologies by introduction of 'alternative uses concept'. Trees are the 'lungs' of the earth hence their multiplication, sustainable use and their existence for posterity.

Objectives

- To help undertake massive reforestation programmes to restore Ghana's vegetative cover at a faster rate than the current deforestation activities
- To improve the livelihood of rural and forest fringed communities by transfer of technologies.
- To inculcate the habit of tree planting and growing in school children, students and the youth.
- To find alternative source of income for the rural women folk

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| Office location | Opposite Rural Housing, Food Research Institute Road |
| Total permanent staff | Eight |
| Years in operation | Eleven years (1997) |
| Source of funds | BAT – Ghana |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Accra, Central and Eastern Region |
| Major target groups | Farmers, school children, youth and women |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- 127 hectare plantation development along the Weija dam
- 15 hectare plantation in the Eastern Region
- Establishment of Nursery at Asamankesi, Central Region
- Education and talks to students and school children in Greater Accra Region, Eastern Region and Central Region.
- Construction of KVIP in the Central Region

Future plans

- Plantation development along the Weija Dam at a rate of 100 hectares per year
- Form Clubs in four secondary schools in each of the three regions every year
- Introduction of grass cutter, snail, goat and sheep rearing as well as bee-keeping in communities in the three regions for the next three years.

1.72 TROPENBOS INTERNATIONAL-GHANA (TBI-Ghana)

Vision/Mission

Improving tropical forest management for people, conservation and sustainable development

Overall Objectives

- Poverty in rural communities alleviated
- Forest-dependent livelihoods improved
- Forested areas sustained and used sustainably
- Effective mechanisms in place to support, evaluate, revise, harmonize and enforce existing & regulations through research

Specific Objective

Forestry actors in Ghana apply sound & adequate information for poverty reduction policies that improve forest dependent livelihoods and increase forest cover and services in rural areas

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| Office location | Fumesua (on FORIG compound) |
| Total permanent staff | 12 |
| Years in operation | Eight (8) |
| Source of funds | Dutch government |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Ashanti, Brong Ahafo, Eastern, Central |
| Major target groups | Policy makers, Forestry Commission, MLFM, Forest Managers, Research and Academic Institutions, Civil society organizations and Forest Fringe Communities |
| Specialized areas | Forestry Research, Capacity building, Forestry Dialogue, |

On-going projects

1. Equity and management of timber revenue from off-reserve areas
2. Developing alternatives for chainsaw milling through multi-stakeholder dialogue (EU Chainsaw project)
3. Governance for sustainable forest-related livelihoods in Ghana's high forest zones

4. Options for managing on-farm trees for timber production
5. Potential of on-farm timber revenue in reducing rural poverty
6. Forest rights administration and impact
7. Scenario analysis for sustainable management of Ghana's forests

Achievements

Training and capacity

- Trained four PhD level researchers for institutions in the forestry sector
- Facilitated the introduction of the Integrated natural resource management approach into the curriculum of KNUST through the NPT project
- Supported the training of 16 students to the MSc level through various projects and initiatives
- Facilitated the introduction of a new MSc programme, NATUREM into the curriculum of KNUST
- Together with IUFRO organized a three-week intensive course on communication for forestry related organizations in Ghana

Research projects

- Silvicultural interventions in Ghana's tropical moist forest: an assessment of forest response
- Managing natural resource conflicts: the role of actor-empowerment. A case study of forest conflicts in Ghana.
- Geo information applications for off-reserve tree management in Goaso district, Ghana (GORTMAN)
- Modelling composition and performance of timber tree regeneration after selective logging

Other projects

- Bridging science and society to conserve Ghana's forests project
- Regional Forestry Fora in the Eastern, Greater Accra and the Volta region as part of the National Forestry Forum project (led by the Forestry Commission and funded by FAO)
- Student platform project
- Small grants for student research projects
- Forest voices project
- Biodiversity project

Dialogue

- National focus group discussion on 'Natural resource management: challenges to professionalism' (Published proceedings available)
- National focus group discussion on 'chainsaw lumber production: a necessary evil?' (Published proceedings available)
- National focus group discussion on 'equity in forest benefits sharing: stakeholders' views' (Published proceedings available)
- National focus group discussion on 'alternative livelihoods and sustainable resource management' (Published proceedings available)
- National focus group discussion on 'reconciling forest policy with legislation' (Published proceedings available)
- International conference on 'restoration and sustainable management of forests in Ghana' (Published proceedings available)



Plate 13: *The Tropenbos building is located in the compound of FORIG in Fumesua*

1.73 TUMKABSONG DEVELOPMENT UNION (TUDU)

Vision / Mission

Reduced poverty, ignorance in the District

TUDU's mission is to improve the living standards of the people through empowerment using right based approaches to demand their rights

Objectives

- Increasing the level of education especially of girls and women
- Improving upon food security, health and sanitation
- Reducing migration of women and children down south
- Increasing levels of income of the people especially women

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| Total permanent staff | Five (5) |
| Years in operation | 11 |
| Source of funds | |
| Current focus | Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | Northern Region |
| Major target groups | Women, Children and Rural Communities |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, community mobilization, advocacy, Information dissemination, Fund administration, event organization |

On-going projects

1. GAC-MShap – HIV/AIDS Education
2. Good governance and Human rights
3. Micro-credit
4. Support to aid livelihood programme

Achievements

- Good governance and Human rights Project – 2005/2006: Trained PTAs and SMCs on Roles and Responsibilities, Child rights
- Education on HIV/AIDS and Prevention – 2006/2007: Over 30,000 people reached in the District
- Support to Aid Livelihood project – 2006/2007: donated bicycles to school children and women groups

Challenges

- Political interferences
- High illiteracy rate and ignorance
- Mobility and funding inadequacy

1.74 VOLTA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (VORAFMAC)

Mission/vision

To achieve sustainability of the forest resources in the Volta Region through the collaborative forest management concept, where all stakeholders play a defined part, sharing responsibilities and benefits equitably.

Also, to improve the living standards of communities living close to or within the forest reserves, through encouraging and supporting them to undertake small-scale individual and community agro-based enterprises and tree plantation establishment. Finally to save the environment for posterity through skilfully designed strategies.

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| Website | |
| Office location | District Office, Forest Services Division, Ho |
| Total permanent staff | |
| Years in operation | 8 |
| Source of funds | FORUM Project, Ho |
| Current focus | |
| Active regions | Volta Region |
| Major target groups | |
| Specialized areas | Forest fringe communities (both on and off reserve) |

Objectives

- To serve as an umbrella organisation and lobby for community forest management committees (CFMCs) which are CBOs in the Volta Region.
- Foster unity, exchange of ideas, resource and a free flow of information among member CFMCs.
- Coordinate and monitor silvicultural and other activities of CFMCs agreed with Forestry Commission within forest reserves in the Volta Region
- Promote public awareness on issues related to environmental degradation and its effects on human survival' particularly large scale depletion and destruction of forests, biodiversity, water bodies etc.

- Encourage and support tree planting as a means of improving livelihood among rural communities

Achievements

- Wild fires have been successfully kept out of five forest reserve in the Volta Region for the past three successive years (1999 – 2003)
- More than 10,000 hectares of degraded forest areas have been successfully replanted with canopy in the Ho-Kpando and Jasikan Forest districts.

Future plans

- To source funding for the purpose of intensifying capacity building activities among our member CFMCs i.e. Community Forest Management Committees
- To encourage and support actively communities in the off-reserves, particularly the buffer-zones, to undertake small scale establishment of tree plantations as a means of earning additional income as well as generating forest cover.

1.75 WEST AFRICAN PRIMATE CONSERVATION ACTION (WAPCA)

Mission

The West African Primate Conservation Action was formed in the year 2000 by several European Zoos and two conservation organizations as an initiative to strengthen primate conservation in the Upper Guinean Forest of Ghana, an acknowledged "hotspot" of biodiversity. The primate species endemic to this forest are of main interest because most of them are highly threatened by extinction and thus reflect the poor overall conditions of this habitat. It is feared that the Miss Waldron's Red colobus (*Procolobus badius waldroni*) has already gone extinct. The Roloway monkey (*Cercopithecus diana roloway*) and the White-naped mangabey (*Cercocebus atys lunulatus*) will face the same fate unless action is taken. WAPCA has therefore decided to focus its efforts on these two beautiful monkey species and to choose them as "flagship species" for the protection of the entire ecosystem.

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| Office location | Accra zoo, Accra |
| Total permanent staff | one in Ghana |
| Years in operation | 11 |
| Source of funds | Annual membership fee for European Zoos, active fundraising and grants from international organizations |
| Current focus | Women empowerment |
| Active regions | Western Region, Greater Accra |
| Major target groups | |
| Specialized areas | |

Achievements

- Set up of a bush meat exhibition and the "Centre for Endangered Primates" (to educate people and to raise awareness.
- Established Ghana's first sanctuary for endangered primates as a centre for education, rescue and scientific studies)
- At Ankasa Resource Reserve: Enhanced ecotourism activities, carried out workshops on bush meat rearing, further training and equipping staff, work with fringing communities, education and awareness training, improvement of tourist facilities and activities in the park

- Accra Zoo: improvement of housing conditions of endangered primates; renovation and behavioural enrichment of cages; training of staff and improvement of equipment; education campaigns in schools, the media and the zoo's education hall to raise awareness about conservation issues; development of education material; acquisition of sponsors and introduction of an adoption program for school classes.
- At Ankasa Resource Reserve: Extensive education campaign in fringing communities and police stations, at road check points and amongst Wildlife Division staff; development of eco-tourism projects to create alternative income; intensive scientific studies on remaining populations; development of a quarterly distributed newsletter on conservation issues for the Western Region

1.76 WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY SOCIETY

Vision / Mission

To promote partnership in cultivation of citrus plantation

To facilitate sharing of ideas, technology and relevant information to promote wildlife conservation, environmental protection and citrus plantation establishment.

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| Office location | Opposite Salvation Army Church |
| Total permanent staff | Seven (7) |
| Years in operation | Seven (7) |
| Source of funds | Donations, funds from own sources |
| Current focus | Forest |
| Active regions | Ashanti and Brong-Ahafo Regions |
| Major target groups | Youth |
| Specialized areas | Advocacy, Technical advice |

Objectives

- Empowering youth to take part in the protection of wildlife and environment
- Establishing of citrus plantations

On-going projects

1. Planting of trees along river banks
2. Citrus plantation establishment

Achievements

- Reforestation
- Information Dissemination



Plate 14: citrus plantations are one of the many initiatives of the wildlife and forestry society

1.77 WOFABENG AGROFORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Vision / Mission

To promote integrated sustainable development focusing on agriculture while addressing issues of biodiversity conservation, environmental degradation, food security thereby reducing poverty.

Objectives

Woodlot cultivation, Tree planting, Fruit and tree crop cultivation, Protection of medicinal plants, Food production, Protection of water bodies, Protection of forest and combating bush fires, Domestic and non-traditional animal husbandry, Capacity building programmes for farmers and awareness creation on proper utilization of forest and environment.

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| Office location | Guaman-Buem |
| Total permanent staff | 4 |
| Years in operation | 8 |
| Source of funds | Peace crops grant |
| Current focus | Water, Forest, Agric |
| Active regions | Volta Region |
| Major target groups | Grassroots Communities, men, women, schools |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination, Technical advice |

On-going projects

1. Tree Nursery project
2. Moringa Cultivation
3. Milling complex operations
4. Tree planting activities in schools and communities

Achievements

- Nursery establishment
- Twenty acre Track tree plating established
- Alternative livelihood projects such as poultry, rabbit rearing and beekeeping initiated among local farmers.

Challenges

Combating annual threats of bush fire

Colonization of apiaries not very successful

Collaboration

Open to collaboration in tree planting programmes, Nursery Activities

1.78 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

Vision

Our vision is to positively impact youth and the family in the rural communities for the Kingdom of God through the demonstration of His Love of works and faith.

Mission

We are committed to improving the lot of under served and un-served rural communities, contributing towards poverty reduction, empowering the vulnerable poorest women, provision of quality education, assisting poorer communities to access safe water, Hygiene and Sanitation services, Information on HIV/AIDS prevention and Sustainable use of natural resources.

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| Website | |
| Office location | Starlets 91 Street Near Sic Block, Ho Gail Area |
| Total permanent staff | Five (5) |
| Years in operation | Six (6) |
| Source of funds | Women of ELCA in the USA, Internally Generated funds |
| Current focus | Water, Forest |
| Active regions | Volta Region |
| Major target groups | Youth & Women |
| Specialized areas | Capacity building, Community mobilization, Advocacy, Information dissemination |

On-going projects

1. Community Moringa Project in Okaniase in Krachi East District
2. Advocacy for the rescuing young girls forced into marriage and abolition of child betrothal in the two Krachi Districts
3. Assisting South Tongu Fish Farmers Association to advocate for the removal of Aquatic weeds that are destroying their fish farms on the lower Volta around Sogakorfe
4. Replanting of destroyed vegetation at banks of River Oti at Kpatchu in Krachi West District

Achievements

- Community Moringa Project in Okaniase in Krachi East District. We have succeeded in spreading the good news about Moringa and how it can help in reducing malnutrition in these rural communities. These communities in the catchments area are also receiving some training sustainable forest resource management.

Challenges

Destruction of farms and nurseries by wild bushfires and our inability to attract funding to go into grasscutter farming for the Moringa and re afforestation programmes.

Collaboration

Capacity building of young people in the Communities modern trends in forest resource management, Fund raising and Grant seeking

1.79 YOUTH WATCH-GHANA

Vision

Our vision is to empower the Ghanaian youth to achieve excellence in all fields of endeavour in a healthy environment.

Mission

Our mission is to inform, inspire and empower the youth to be their best—personally and professionally; and promote healthy environmental practices among Ghanaians that will enhance the opportunities for national development.

Objectives

- To promote environmental concerns through education and awareness creation in schools and communities.
- Undertake research and field work into environmental and youth related issues for healthy development.
- Promote social integration, cultural appreciation, intellectual development through tourism and drama.
- Promote skills training and career development towards achieving professional and intellectual development.

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| Office location | Heritage House, Chapel Square, Cape Coast |
| Total permanent staff | Five (5) |
| Years in operation | Two years |
| Source of funds | German Development Service (DED), Cape Coast Metropolitan Assembly (CCMA) |
| Current focus | General Environmental Education |
| Active regions | Central Region |
| Major target groups | The Youth / Communities |
| Specialized areas | Advocacy, Event organization |

On-going projects

1. Education for Improved Sanitation in Anafo Community in Cape Coast Metropolis
2. Youth in environment through fanfare and drama presentations.
3. Changing attitudes and Behaviours of People towards Reducing

Plastic Waste Littering and Disposal problems in the Cape Coast Metropolitan Area.

Achievements

- Environmental Education programme for selected second cycle schools in Cape Coast.
- Youth Watch - Coastal TV collaboration in Community environmental sensitization in the Cape Coast Metropolitan area.
- Radio Programme on Environmental Education for Schools and Communities.

Collaboration

- Environmental Education/Sensitization in areas of: - sanitation and waste management; community afforestation and woodlot plantation; forest conservation; and Alternative livelihoods.
- Environmental Rights and Human Rights in Mining and Degraded areas
- Skills Training and Career Development for the Youth
- Youth in Environment

APPENDIX I A GUIDE TO NGO REGISTRATION IN GHANA

NGOs in Ghana are required to register with the Department of Social Welfare and submit an annual report and statement of accounts to the Department, to be officially recognized as an organization in good standing. Such registration, apart from providing the necessary information to the department to enable them co-ordinate NGO activities effectively, is also beneficial to the registered NGO in many ways. Raising funds from local and international sources, for instance, is made easy because donors will be confident they are dealing with credible organizations. Below is the NGO registration requirement provided by the Department of Social Welfare

THE NGO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

1. Registrar General's
Certificate of Incorporation
Certificate to Commence Business
Regulation
2. Application letter (on letter head) addressed to
The Director
Dept. Of Social Welfare
P. O. Box M.230
Accra
3. Constitution
4. N.G.O. Profile (Form)
5. Social Investigation Report
6. District Assembly Recommendation
7. Any Brochure/Publication

The registration process as per the requirement above involves seven steps:
Step one: involves the acquisition of a certificate of Incorporation, Certificate to Commence Business and the Regulation. All these could be

obtained at the Registrar Generals Department.

Step two: involves a formal application for registration, using your organization's letter head and addressed to the Director of the Department of Social Welfare in Accra.

Step three: involves the submission of your organization's constitution to the Department of social welfare. Step two and three can be done simultaneously

Step four: having fulfilled all the requirements to this point, the Department will provide an NGO profile form to be completed by the applicant

Step five: involves the preparation of a Social Investigation Report by the Department of Social Welfare using a special format. The report, among other basic information, contains a recommendation to register an organization, delay the registration or refuse the registration altogether with justification. This recommendation will be made to the relevant authority (District Assemble)

Step six: any organization that seeks to operate in a particular district must seek clearance from the relevant Metropolitan/Municipal/District Assembly.

Step seven: finally, organizations are advised to provide the Department with publications such as Brochures and Annual Reports

Note: The registration is valid for one year after which it must be renewed