

IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION DETAILS

1. THE GLOBAL YOUTH ACTION NETWORK

The Global Youth Action Network (GYAN) is a growing collaboration among youth and youth organizations that are committed to uniting their efforts to improve the world.

It works to facilitate intergenerational partnership in global decision-making, to promote collaboration, and to provide tools, resources, and recognition for positive youth action to change the world.

With hundreds of organizational members in almost 200 countries and tens of thousands of contacts, the Network is rapidly expanding, supporting collaboration to improve youth engagement and participation in decision-making.

It provides support to young people who take positive action to improve their communities and provides recognition for the amazing contributions young people are making to the world every day

2. THE STUDENT WORLD ASSEMBLY

The Student World Assembly (SWA) is a Non-Governmental Organization created to represent people in much the same manner as the United Nations represents governments.

It provides a Deliberative Assembly through which students around the world can express their views, hear and understand the opinions of others, and deliberate and vote on world issues.

It provides a vehicle for its members to participate in democratic processes of issue and candidate selection, deliberation, campaigning, representation, and voting through on-line Assembly sessions, regional and local meetings, and an annual in-person Convention.

The Student World Assembly encourages students to act as global citizens concerned with the well being of the global community and the global environment.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

IDENTIFICATION (S)

- Low level of youth volunteerism in national development
- Lack of patriotic attitudes among the Ghanaian youth, which impedes their involvement in voluntary activities meant for national development
- The neglect of the youth in championing the course of the MDGs
- Lack of specific role plays for the youth in actually achieving the MDGs, where the youth cannot actually get on grounds to deliver their part.

- Lack of a running youth programme meant to achieve the MDGs and PRSPs
- Lack of entrepreneurial, programmes and skills training and other basic necessities to educate the youth.
- Lack of entrepreneurial skills among the youth and lack of micro-financing schemes to support local youth business
- Inadequate educational infrastructure in the rural areas

Purpose of the “Save the Rural Dweller Project”

From gathered information and feasibility reports a lot needs to be done to achieve the very vital areas of concern.

Promote Youth (in-school youth, out-of- school youth, working youth and youth with special needs) participation in community development

To champion the course of the MDGs in Ghana:

- Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
- Achieve Universal Primary Education
- Promote Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
- Reduce Child Mortality
- Improve Maternal Health
- Combat HIV/AIDS ,Malaria and other Diseases
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- Promote a Global Partnership for development

To use volunteerism as a powerful tool in achieving the MDGs and the PRSPs

To measure the achievement of Ghana in achieving the MDGs.

Data collection, Advocacy, Research and Campaign on the MDGs.

To stop the influx of women, youth and children to the urban areas to engage in dangerous activities

To stop the use of children on the farms as cheap labour

To create the needed learning environment and atmosphere for the children in the rural areas

Sensitise the rural folks on the dangers of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and other hazardous diseases

To bring an end to child trafficking

Empower women in the rural areas

Enhance local community involvement in environmental protection

Offer Micro-entrepreneurial skill training to the local Youth

To offer micro-finance facility support for the beneficiaries of the entrepreneurial training.

Search for a market for the products of the local youth entrepreneur through networking

To assist Government create youth development indexes and trend monitoring schemes that are aligned to the MDGs and PRSPs/CAS.

To make Ghana an MDGs fast track Country to attract rapid scale up of ODA from donor Countries

HOW THE PROJECT CAN BE USED TO ACHIEVE THE MDGs

The project has been designed to achieve the MDGs using a holistic approach.

Save the Rural Dweller Adopts:

- Data collection - e.g. data on child mortality, since most births about (50%) are not registered to the birth registry but here the volunteers will be taking up-to-date records within the communities compiled quarterly and annually.
- Advocacy - Giving voice to the voiceless in other words bringing the plights of the rural dweller to the notice of the stake holders and other partners, and lobbying for action
- Campaign – Awareness creation on thorny issues affecting the communities
- Networking – Harmonizing the projects on different agencies and development partners already on grounds
- Direct ground implementation – Volunteers will be directly involve in putting up of structures, e.g. school buildings, health facilities and other social amenities
- Cost reduction – The use of volunteer expertise and services which would otherwise have been hired at a high cost
- Full participation of youth (In-School Youth, Out-Of School Youth, Working-Youth, Youth-With-Special Needs) - Volunteers with professional backgrounds like masons, carpenters, etc will be working together with other volunteers

- Special strategies have been designed to tackle the specific problems. (Ref: Implementation & Specification on page 20 of the concept document)
- Quarterly and annual Assessment of Progress
- All the areas of the MDGs are in the purpose of the "Save the Rural Dweller" Project.