



**Management Activity Report**

**Month Ending May 2016**

## 1.0 Overview

This report covers activities following the last report March 2016. The apparent gap is borne out by the fact that Senior High Schools resumed from recess on \*\*.04.16 while JHS resumed on 10.05.16.

## 2. What Happened in May 2016?

### Rural Education Support (RES)

1. On 20.05.16 RHF team engaged the teachers and pupils of Darumpong Catholic Primary and JHS in a three-phased project. Phase 1 was dedicated to feting the KG stream and introducing them to a new educational experience. Please see video report (link on p.4). Phase 2 focused on a coaching session for the JHS stream on how to build basic competencies. The goal was to inspire and contribute to the development of a new mindset that would influence economic outcomes. The phase was implemented by 3 volunteers. Phase 3 was the central project focus - an open dialogue/seminar for the teaching staff targeted at exploring key policy and administrative issues that contribute to low B.E.C.E performance in Gomoa West district. Lessons learnt and actionable plans were deliverables realized from the seminar.
2. Social entrepreneurship workshop was scheduled for Winneba Senior High on 30.04.16, but due to delays in approval from school authorities, it has been rescheduled.

### Social Policy Advocacy

1. The Foundation continues to engage in the weekly 20-minute issue discussion digital radio portal [www.xliveafrica.com](http://www.xliveafrica.com). It is our expectation that overtime, this would contribute to our strategy of building brand credibility through media engagement.
2. The 80/20 Corporate Seminar is also undergoing review to make it more relevant and strategically beneficial for RHF. Consequently, this platform is in abeyance until further notice.
3. The Foundation continue to utilize our column in the Business & Financial Times (B&FT) newspaper to advocate educational policy reform. A total of 5 articles were published in April and May 2016.

## Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE)

No activity occurred in this area. In May 2016, we received a GH2000 donation, part of which (70%) has been earmarked for the WiRE project, while 30% committed to Rural Education Support. We expect to commence microenterprise management and financing for 2 out of 25 women selected in Gomoa Pinanko.

## Funding

1. The Foundation received a USD 400 donation from the United States in April 2016. This was arranged and coordinated by one of our own MAB members. USD 200 went into financing the Darumpong Catholic Project, whilst USD 200 has been committed to our Rural Scholarship Scheme. Detailed expense report has been submitted to the donors.
2. In 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, the Foundation received yet another generous donation (GHS 2000) from a philanthropist. 70% has been earmarked for the Women in Rural Enterprise Project (WiRE) and 30% for Rural Education Support.

## Volunteers

As of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the Foundation has on its books 20 volunteers. Management is satisfied so far with repeat interest of volunteers who have participated in our projects so far. More effort would be required to sustain volunteer interest as a means of addressing the HR risk that all nonprofits face.

## 3. What Would Happen in June 2016

### Rural Education Support

Entrepreneurship and career coaching workshop to be held on 26.06.16 (proposed date). The workshop would focus on exposing students to business opportunities in agriculture. It would be facilitated an agriculture extension officer from Gomoa Pinanko.

## Fund-Raising

1. Except for Fidelity Bank, we still haven't received positive response for all proposals submitted. Management suspects the impact of economic depression on corporate fortunes may be the cause. Management shall continue to

explore that channel however. Fidelity's response is related to acknowledgement and consideration and not disbursement.

#### 4. Decision Support

Management has commenced a campaign to gather feedback from stakeholders in order streamline our activities. Management would appreciate if board members take some time to complete a very simple online feedback form. You can follow this link to do so.

Links:

Feedback - [Ctrl+Click to complete feedback form \(ensure your Internet is connected\)](#)

Darumpong Catholic School Project - [Ctrl+Click to view video on Vimeo \(ensure your Internet is connected\)](#)

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