



**Freeworld International**  
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## Reflection on Seven Years in Development

Wherever there is a human in need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference. (Kevin Heath)

### MISSION

To serve individuals and families in vulnerable communities in Ghana through public health education, child development, poverty alleviation and Advocacy.

### IMPACT OVER SEVEN (7) YEARS (2012-2019)

- **10500 people reached** with HIV Prevention Interventions (Safer Sexual Practices, Voluntary HIV Testing and Counselling, and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmissions) across **20 communities**.
- **22 Junior and Senior School Students** trained as Peer Educators on HIV related topics.
- **80 District Assembly Staff and Members of their sub-structures** trained in data collection and management.
- **25 communities** educated on malaria, rubella and measles.
- **100 District Assembly Staff and Members of their sub-structures** trained in participatory revenue mobilisation, monitoring and evaluation of the revenue mobilisation process.
- **40 District Assembly Staff and Members of their sub-structures** trained in effective communication.
- **58 vulnerable caregivers** educated on healthy lifestyles.
- **5 VSLA Groups** formed in **5 communities** to help caregivers mobilise resources to cater for their families.



**Partners:** Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai Municipal Assembly, SOS CV Ghana, Ejisu Municipal Assembly, and The Rockstar Waste Services Limited.

## Key Messages from the Team

This is our seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) year of operation, and we thank God for giving us ideas for furthering the mission of Freeworld International and we are growing as an organisation.

We started at Ejisu Municipal where we voluntarily organised public education programs in communities and later relocated to West Akim Municipal to jointly implement the National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan Project (2013-2015) with Theatre for Social Change, West Akim Municipal Assembly and West Akim Municipal Health Directorate.

During the period 2016-2019, we worked with Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai Municipal Assembly to implement an European Union Funded Project geared towards increasing the Internally Generated Fund (IGF) of the Assembly.

We are currently working in partnership with SOS CV Ghana to implement a five year family strengthening project. (2019-2024).

Throughout our journey, we have been blessed with many significant milestones along the way as indicated above.

Freeworld International continues to grow, we pray with expectation that God will bring us more opportunities to assist vulnerable communities, especially, in Ashanti Region, where we are seeking to deepen our impact.

To our partners, I say a big thank you for all the support you gave to us. Freeworld International would not have been able to embark on this seven year journey without you.

We look to the future filled with excitement and awe of where God will take us next.

Warm Regards,



Benjamin Kwadwo Appiah

Executive Director/Co-Foundation

During the year we worked on interesting projects and we have learned so much from it. We are very excited to be involved in the course to transform the living conditions of vulnerable communities in our target regions: a course we will never relent in embarking on. The results of our work indeed compels us to give more for the sake of the vulnerable and socially marginalised people living in impoverished communities.

However, there are challenges; the lack logistics such as a vehicle, laptops and adequate funds to reach more underprivileged communities in Ghana is indeed worrying sometimes. Thanks to our partners: SOS CV Ghana, European Union, and Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai Municipal Assembly. We have indeed worked during the year and there is more to be done. With your help, we were able mobilise many poor families to form Village Savings and Loans Associations and train them. We were also able educate caregivers on healthy lifestyles and supported many actors along the agricultural value chain.

We hope for more strength, knowledge and faith as we enter another year to implement many innovative programs to serve our target communities.

From Field and Administrative Staff

Freeworld International

## Highlights of 2019 Activities

This year was a wonderful year. It marked the end of our three year project in Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai Municipal and the beginning of our five year project with SOS CV Ghana. Highlights of the key activities undertaken during the year were as follows:

### November-2018

Our first staff meeting for the year was held to discuss, plan and budget for the activities for the year. Over a period of five days, the team developed 2019 Work Plan and a corresponding Budget.

Meetings were also held with potential partners regarding a possible partnership with us.

### December-2018

Project staff meetings were held at Bibiani to discuss, plan and budget for the activities of the year for the EU-Funded project. Over a period of five days, the project partners developed a 2019 Work Plan and Budget. The plan was submitted to the Steering Committee for review and approval. It was approved at the end of December.

## January-2019

Trained 40 Bibiani Anhwiaso Bekwai Municipal Assembly staff and other Departmental staff in communication. Trainees were supported to develop draft communication plans for their various departments and offices.

## February-2019

Carried out an assessment of the various actors along the agricultural value chain in the Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai (BAB) Municipal for Financial Support from EU Grant Support Project. The **key actors assessed were:** Rice Farmers, Poultry Farmers, Pig Farmers, Market Women, Rice Millers, Fish Farmers, Palm Oil Processors and Input dealers. A total of **176 people** from these groups were assessed. As a result this assessment, the project provided grants to **100 people** to expand their businesses out of the 176 people assessed.

## March-2019

Participated in a kick-off meeting organised by SOS CV Ghana to discuss the activities of the Family Strengthening Project for the year 2019.

## April-2019

Participated in durbars in 5 project communities to introduce the family strengthening project to the community stakeholders in Ejisu Municipal.

## May-2019

Development and review of a waste education program in partnership of the Rockstar Waste Services Limited.

## June-2019

Participated in a workshop organised by SOS CV Ghana covering the following areas: Corporate Governance, Organisational Management, Labour Laws & Other Legal Issues, Financial Planning & Sustainability, Procurement & Auditing, Strategic and Operational Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation, Organisational Needs Assessment, Lessons Learnt from Previous Projects. This workshop helped the organisation to understand the key issues in these areas and they have been incorporated in the operations of Freeworld International.

## July-2019

**SOS CV Ghana provided** technical support Freeworld to develop and fine-tune its vision mission, values, objectives, organogram, HR manual (condition of service), succession plan, board charter, constitution, financial & administrative guidelines, sustainability plan, strategic plan, and communication plan. As a result of this workshop, Freeworld has developed its policy manuals.

## August-2019

Participated in a workshop organised by **SOS CV Ghana** covering the following areas: Capacity building training in Community involvement, Project cycle management, Result based management, Proposal writing and grant management, Child safeguarding and ICT for effective administration.

## September-2019

**Educated 58** caregivers on healthy lifestyles across three communities in collaboration with Ejisu Government Hospital.

Facilitated the formation of **5 VSLA groups** across three communities in Ejisu Municipal.

## October-2019

Monitored project activities in Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai Municipal Assembly and Ejisu Municipal and collected data for annual reporting.

## Challenges

Freeworld's challenges includes but not limited to capacity and logistics:

**Capacity:** With the exception of the Administrative Assistant, the rest of the staff are volunteers and receive honorarium for their services. This is due to the fact that FI does not have enough funds to keep full time staff.

**Logistics:** We need a vehicle, Projector and additional Laptops.

## Forward plans

In the coming year we would like to do more fund raising activities and develop a sustainability plan for the organisation.

## Project Images



