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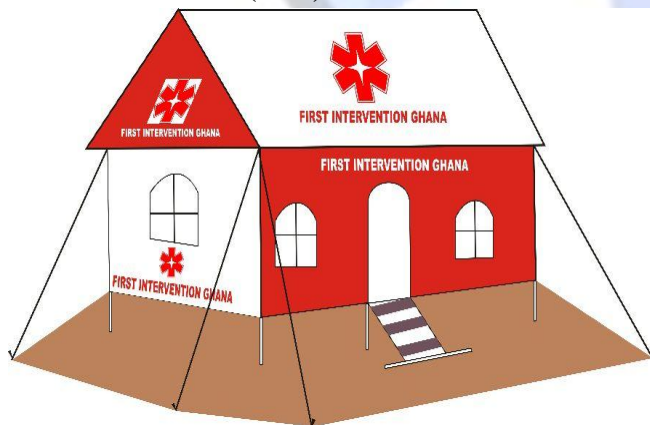
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TENT OF HOPE PROJECT {MOBILE-CLINIC}

(ToH)



PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: TENT OF HOPE (ToH PROJECT) REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP

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FACTS ABOUT GHANA

Ghana is a Sub-Saharan African country (island) of English speaking in the ocean of Francophone nations (Burkina Faso in the north, Togo in the east, Cote D'Ivoire in the west and the Atlantic Ocean in the south) with a population of 24 million people and population growth of 2.4 and total land area of 92456 square meters/ 239460 square kilometers. Ghana attained her independent on 1957 from Britain.

The country has ten (10) administrative regions and one hundred and seventy (170) Districts (Political Authorities) and 230 electoral constituencies and for election 2012 there are plans to increase 20 more electoral constituencies. The country considered to be peaceful has had five (5) successful elections since 1992.

The country gross domestic product (GDP) is 26.2 billion USD (US Dollars) and GDP per capita is around 1,098 USD. The annual GDP growth is 4.7 USD with life expectancy total per year is 63.4 at birth and infant mortality rate is (per 1000 births) 51.3

Ghana has literacy rate of youth (female age 15-24, 78.9% and HIV/AIDS ages 15-49, 5.4% (2007)

The country has four (4) teaching hospitals and ten (10) hospitals across the Administrative Regions, also all the District Authorities and in addition to private hospitals and clinics.

BACKGROUND OF FIRST INTERVENTION GHANA

First Intervention Ghana (FIG) is a volunteer based emergency response, social and healthcare non-profit organization registered in Ghana and working to assist in the improvement of the lot of the vulnerable and deprived in society through volunteer programs and other integrated rural development projects.

Established in 2009, First Intervention Ghana also host and place volunteer from abroad in various area of their interest with a facilities and hospitable host families in Cape Coast, Ghana.

It is also being set up to complement the efforts in achieving the eight (8) millennium development goals and to host medical mission volunteers and organizations on sponsored medical mission in Ghana.

Instituted by Jonathan Hope with its headquarters in Cape Coast, Ghana, it registered as Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) under the Companies Code 1963. (Act 179) with Registrar General's Department Ghana and Social Welfare Department in Ghana

Aims/Objectives

- To host Medical Mission Volunteers & Organizations on sponsored medical mission trips to Ghana
- To reduce ill-health and administer quality healthcare to the rural poor children through a program of intervention in health and education.
- To provide basic life support ambulance services for the needy in the society for any emergency to promote easy recovery and save life
- To make available ambulance services for pregnant women in labour to reduce maternal and child mortality.
- To provide health education to prevent prevalent diseases
- To reach out to a number of members in the communities in basic first aid training to respond to any emergency appropriately
- To build the capacity of youth groups for community development
- To link victims separated by emergencies(road crashes) to their families
- To bridge the inter-cultural gap worldwide

Mission Statement

To be a key component of our rural healthcare system and to provide quality rapid response emergency medical care and transportation services in addition to community development for sustainable human development.

Vision Statement

To improve emergency basic life support services in addition to community development programs in Ghana through constant professionalism and high volume of innovative and useful delivery methods.

Main Strategies to Achieve the above Objectives

In striving to achieve the above objective, FIG is pursuing a number of strategies some of which are;

- Working in close partnership with other voluntary paramedic organization, universities, colleges, high schools, churches, voluntary groups, associations, societies and NGOs to improve the emergency ambulance response and basic life support delivery.
- Promoting to concept of self-help among target communities in order for those to contribute towards the sustainability of individual victim's life as a whole.
- Seek innovative ways to raise funds both locally and internationally including partnership with foreign donors and foreign developments organization in support of FIG programs and projects.
- Working in partnership with relevant governmental institutions and agencies, local administrative bodies (District Assemblies) and development partners to initiate implement programs and projects at the village level.
- Promotion of vocational and entrepreneurial training targeted at rural youth toward their acquisition of self-employed skills for income generating activities.
- Incorporating HIV/AIDS prevention and related issues in all of First Intervention Ghana developmental programs and projects at the community level.
- Developments and maintaining First Intervention Ghana as a professional quality organization.

Activities/Programs

1. HEALTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

The vision and mission of FIG's health intervention program is to complement the effort in achieving the eight (8) millennium development goals. Among the Health Program are:

- Mobile-Clinics (Tent of Hope Medical Services)
- Emergency Ambulance Response(Basic Life Support)
- Malaria Prevention Education
- HIV/AIDS Prevention Education
- Homecare Services
- Non-emergency transportation

2. COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

First Intervention Ghana comprising a team of highly skilled voluntary, delivers with a modified plan covering.

- Clean Up The Community Campaign
- Tree Planting Exercise
- Poverty Relief Programs
- Search and Rescue Services
- Youth Development and Training
- Accident Victim Tracing and Family Reunion
- Youth Camps and Exchange Programs
- Road Safety Education
- Street Children Programs
- Children Games

ACHIEVEMENTS

Between 2009 up to 2013, the Organization in the Ghana with financial assistance from benevolent philanthropists, volunteers and organizations has organized community medical screening programs on "Basic Health Care for Rural children and Women in Rural Areas in Central Region of Ghana and able to reach out to a significant number of children and adult in thirteen (13) rural communities and seven (7) different political district in Central Region of Ghana. The medical mission combined wound dressing for children, blood pressure screening and provision of medication.

Again with frequent road accident on our road highway, First Intervention Ghana in collaborations with local Ghana Red Cross and Road safety Commission in Central Region of

Ghana organized basic first aid and road safety education for commercial drivers along the highway to equip them with basic first aid knowledge and skills to handle accident victims with care when the need arise. First aid box later donated to the local drivers union to help them manage any minor injuries at the station.

First Intervention Ghana can boast of nurses, teachers, students and EMTs as dedicated volunteers who have been over the period offered voluntary services in areas of community medical outreach and other social interventions programs in rural areas of Central region.

Also in 2012, First Intervention Ghana in collaborations with Hospice and Vocation Ghana and Life Career Guide all local NGOs to engaged about 120 youth people including Orphans and school children in career and life mentoring program in Efutu in Central Region, Ghana.

Furthermore, an EMT volunteer from USA in collaborations with First Intervention Ghana organized basic first aid training for the orphans and managers of New Life Orphanage International.

In 2013, FIG hosted 19 students from Taylor University from USA to undertake remote area medical mission for rural areas in Ghana. Furthermore, we have engaged significant number firefighters at Cape Coast Metro Station on incident management training and trauma life support simulation exercise Cape Coast, Ghana with instructor Mr. Buck Taylor (Assistant Fire Chief & EMT) from USA.

50 school children and 10 teachers at Queen Elisabeth Pre-School had an end of vacation feast organized by First Intervention Ghana's child-for-child program team to usher the kids into Christmas festivities. A Peer Mediation workshop was also organized for teachers and headmistress of Aboom Zion School in Cape Coast, Ghana and facilitated by Mrs. Kristin Taylor (Human Right Lawyer-USA).

The school again, benefited from our social intervention project by receiving 5 bags of cements, 2 pairs of football boots, jerseys and 2 footballs donated by First Intervention Ghana and Taylor Family-USA.

In 2014, a partnership with Vision for All-Sweden yielded the needed result of which free eye-care screening and distribution of spectacles to 9 community beneficiaries. This project was made success with the support from Unik Optical Center- Cape Coast.

Executive Members

Staff	Position	Background
Jonathan Hope	Chief Executive Officer	ICM-UK, (Occupational Health & Safety Management) First Aid Instructor-MDA-Israel and GRCS, HND-(Tourism) HIV/AIDS Counselor, Member, Ghana Red Cross National Disaster Respond Team ,Cert- Chemical Hazards; Methamphetamine Labs- UNCCPHP-North Carolina, USA, Cert-Public Health Emergency, UNCCPHP-North Carolina ,USA, Cert-Emergency Respond Team Coordinator, Michigan State University, USA
Seth Owusu Kwadwo	Emergency Unit Coordinator	M.Ed.(IT) B.Ed. (TVET) HND-(BT) Dip (Youth Work) First Aid Instructor, HIV/AIDS Counselor, NEBOSH IGC (OHS), City and Guilds trainer and Assessor –ongoing , Health and Safety trainer. Ghana Red Cross national disaster respond team member.
Andrew Rosa-Thompson	Social & Care Coordinator	HND. Graphic Design, Cert, First Aid-Ghana Red Cross Society
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Statement of Need

Ghana has made rapid strides in the health sector since independence. However, the access to healthcare still remains a challenge.

While the health statistics of rural Ghana continue to be poor, the health status and access to health services of rural dwellers on the other has also surfaced to be equally deplorable. Despite accounting for 1/4th of the country's poor population, rural areas have less government primary health care facilities.

Rural dweller suffer from adverse health conditions owing to mainly two reasons –first the lack of education and thus lack of awareness; and second the unwillingness to lose a day's wage in order to reach the nearest medical facility. Again, other factors include poor road network to the health facilities, rural settlement and poverty in area of standard of living.

The neglect in even the simplest preventive medical treatment usually leads to a more serious ailment and eventually into deaths. The need of the hour is thus a two pronged approach – first to bring quality health care services to doorsteps of the needy and second to promote healthcare awareness and contemporary health care services seeking behavior change among the underprivileged.

In such a scenario a mobile medical services delivery system is the most practical mechanism. And in subscription to this view, First Intervention Ghana has initiated the Healthcare on Wheel dubbed Tent of Hope (ToH) program. This is a unique mobile hospital program that seeks to address problems of mobility, accessibility and availability of primary health care with a special focus on children, aged, women and general public, in urban slums and remote rural areas

Even after decades of freedom, Ghana is struggling to provide basic health services to its people. According to government sources, in Ghana 45 children die every hour due to respiratory infections. 1 child dies every 2 minutes due to malaria. And annually, about 2 million children under 5 years of age die due to preventable diseases.

The situation calls for timely care and diagnosis which can reduce the incidence of morbidity and mortality especially among children and women.

The one unique thing that this project to benefit is the, the patronage of the students from various University Medical Schools both home and abroad for their internships/practical on rural healthcare procedure to enhance their capacity.

The ToH program comes in folds: notable among the folds is the Health Intervention Camps/Outreaches:

Health Intervention Camps

Health Intervention Camps is one such special initiative on ToH program to provide health care services to meet the immediate health care needs of the marginalized community in remote rural areas and slums through standalone camps. First Intervention Ghana organizes customized health camps extensively across the country offering comprehensive health services – curative, preventive, promotive and referral, to a large number of people in selected intervention areas.

Health Intervention Camps aims at reaching out to at least 15 districts in 2months period and expects to improve the health seeking behavioral change among the community. The uniqueness of the model lies in its comprehensive approach where health promotion and prevention are given equal importance while curative care is administered. Health Intervention Camps function through two models:

1. Multidisciplinary Mega Healthcare Tent

These are specialized care under tent, in rural areas that offer integrated multi-disciplinary health care services including investigative and surgical interventions, done in make shift hospital environs by a dedicated team of medical experts. The mega health tent provides free diagnosis, medicines, eye-care and surgical care. These are instrumental in offering a wide range of medical services to communities residing in remote rural and tribal areas. This tent usually provides Team of specialists which perform special surgical care to the beneficiaries.

2. General Healthcare Tent

These are small duration care organized in different parts of the country on the basis of health needs of a specific location. These health camps aim at promoting health seeking behavioral change among the dwellers in the long term and thus, unlike a general curative health camp, these camps also majorly work on building awareness regarding common ailments, family planning methods, nutrition and hygiene and sanitation. These camps provide comprehensive healthcare education free of any cost.

PROPOSED INTERVENTION

The First Intervention Ghana in collaboration with Global Giving donors proposes an innovative 2months pilot project dubbed ‘Tent of Hope {ToH} in Central Region of Ghana. This project combines curative and preventive approach of Healthcare system. The project will target vulnerable and deprived communities and equip them with knowledge and prevention attitude toward healthy lifestyle living.

THE BUDGET

First Intervention Ghana's Tent of Hope medical mission project is estimated at **\$17,000(US Dollars)** to send medical free medical services to inhabitants in remote areas of Ghana.

The Breakdown of \$17,000.00

4rooms Bigger size Enclose tent - \$2,000.00

Slightly used big Van - \$8,000.00

Drugs and Other medical Equipments - \$ 6,000.00

Meddical Team/Volunteers Welfare - \$ 1,000.00

\$17,000.00

OBJECTIVE

The project has two main objectives;

1. To first to bring quality health care services to doorsteps of the needy
2. To second to promote healthcare awareness and contemporary health care services seeking behavior among the underprivileged

Additionally the will be two cross-cutting themes:

- a. Equip the local people with the knowledge and skills in community based first aid.
- b. To equip the beneficiaries with knowledge to protect themselves from Sexually Transmitted Infections, and unwanted pregnancies.

In concluding, this project will be effective if these equipments are supported:

- Vehicle/Ambulance(Mobile-clinic Van)
- Large Tent
- Cargo Car
- Camp Tents
- Dummies for first aid lessons
- BMI Machine
- Blood Pressure monitors
- Thermometers
- Glucometers/Sugar Analyzers
- Wound dressings materials
- Eyecare test kit

- Vision board
- Overcoat for medical personnels and etc.

This project can pave way various international volunteers who want to acquire experience in rural medicine, nursing, first aid and healthcare to access it cultural experience in area of healthcare in developing countries.

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