



# Ancora of Hope Organization

## Organization's Profile

### Introduction

**Ancora of Hope Organization (ANCHOR)** is a local NGO which thinks globally. It was established by an Italian and a Ghanaian representatives with the aim of working to improve the life of beneficiaries in very poor communities through accessible education, hygiene and health care seminars, economic orientation, teaching of civic practices in the selected villages in Nkawkaw, Eastern Region, Ghana.



### Background

The idea of founding an organization focused on the protection of less privileged children, youth and women in Nkawkaw address the willing of an Italian volunteer (Laura Pasqualini, co-founder and project manager) to continue the work done in one of the slum community school in the capital city of Accra during the voluntary service.

During a field trip inside the country and after visiting the town of Nkawkaw, some needs were observed, like:

- Lack of basic quality education;
- High number of child labour and street children;
- High number of single mothers;
- High prevalence of HIV-positive status.

With the cooperation of two Ghanaian volunteers, believing from the beginning in this solidarity project, we started a process of legalization and registration of Ancora of Hope Organization in Ghana (CG094142014), together with the drafting of the constitution and the code of conduct.

At this moment the Ghanaian volunteers are working on street corner education for street children in some slum communities in Accra, to move forward in Nkawkaw once the project is going to start.

The Italian co-founder of Ancora of Hope, back temporarily in Italy, is working on daily basis in fundraising activities like selling of small Ghanaian products in events and markets, photos exhibition and fundraising events to support the project. Moreover, a partnership together with the association Oltreconfini (Quarto d'Altino – VE) focused on support to immigrants, international cooperation projects and cultural activities, has been set up to help Ancora of Hope projects both financially and by giving the means to develop the fundraising activities, due to its experience on the field over the past ten years.



Random meeting with the children in Nkawkaw, Eastern Region, Ghana

## VISION

- Creating new positive mindset by tearing down all stereotypes;
- Giving opportunities to all generation to improve their knowledge through better education;
- Help virtuous people to exhibit their talents;
- To reduce any kind of discriminations among individuals;
- To eradicate all negative conservatism among societies.

## **MISSION**

- To give formal and informal education to all;
- To guarantee fundamental rights;
- To operate in the needy communities, both rural and urban (health care, education and skill training);
- To fight against domestic violence of any kind.



With Nkawkaw children, Eastern Region, Ghana

## **GOALS**

- Care for aged and people with disabilities;
- To provide advanced education to the maximum reachable beneficiaries;
- Education on teenage pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs);
- To get all the disadvantage people socially involved;
- To give support to widows and orphans.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To build a rehabilitation centre for the disadvantage communities;
- To educate at least 700 children by the end of 2017;
- To organize monthly health screening and seminars to create awareness of STDs.

## **AREA OF OPERATION**

Ancora of Hope Organization (ANCHOR) operates in very poor communities (where people lives with less

than two dollars per day), both rural and urban, where lack of quality education, health care, accessible roads, good food and clean water make the life of the inhabitants difficult to live.

## **ACTIVITIES OF ANCORA OF HOPE (ANCHOR):**

### **1. COMMUNITY SOCIAL CENTRE:**

A drop-in house where everybody can visit irrespective of their physical background for support and care. Also, as a centre where special attention is given to the aged as well as to children and women for after school and trainings educational activities in the community.

### **2. SCHOOL OF HOPE:**

- Full-time classes for out of school children;
- Part-time classes for working children;
- Rehabilitation for children with disabilities;
- Financial orientation for single parents;
- Part-time classes for adults (adult education);
- Basic to advance computer studies (IT learning).

### **3. SKILL TRAINING SESSION:**

ANCHOR runs different skill training sessions to give self-employment opportunities to both women and young girls to take destiny to their own hands and acquire skills. The skill training sessions variate from hairstyling, dressmaking, bead making, catering and events decoration.

### **4. OUTREACH SESSION:**

ANCHOR operates an outreach session to provide socio-economical, psychological and physical assistance to less privilege people in the society. ANCHOR organizes financial orientation, seminars and house to house counseling to poor families. Also, single parents are reached to discuss social issues and rehabilitation is given for all kind of disabled, aged and rejected people. Further health education and safe environmental practices are given to the selected poor villages.

## SOURCE OF FUNDING

Ancora of Hope is a self-helped project. At the moment largely depends on free contribution from the person of the organization as well as relatives, friends and the partnership with Oltreiconfini. Fundraising events to support the project and participation at market with the Ghanaian products are planned.



Street children, Nkawkaw, Eastern Region, Ghana

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## SUPPORT/DONATIONS

**Bank:** Standard Chartered Bank

**Address:** Dansoman Market Branch

**Account number:** 0100138070200

**Account name:** Ancora of Hope Organization

**SWIFT Code:** SCBLGHAC