



PROPOSAL IN SUPPORT OF A PROJECT VEHICLE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK IN UPPER WEST REGION OF GHANA

Introduction

This proposal seeks assistance for a project vehicle in order to increase HAYTAFORD's outreach support to improve the community and education lives of poor people in Wa East district and other inaccessible communities in the Upper West Region of Ghana.

Focus of HAYTAFORD

HAYTAFORD is a youth led local NGO which has been working closely with local based structures at the community level. HAYTAFORD complements the efforts of government in the provision of quality basic education for all children especially those at the basic level. HAYTAFORD's work is based on the conviction that providing school infrastructure, recruiting teachers and sending children to school alone will not ensure quality basic education for all. There is the need to empower and involve all stakeholders particularly Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), School Management Committees (SMCs), Chiefs and Assembly persons at the grassroots in school planning, decision making local education policy formulation, implementation and monitoring of the benefits.

The intervention of HAYTAFORD as a civil society organization is progressively increasing particularly in the Upper West Region. From a humble beginning of one district (Nadowli) we now reach out to four districts namely Nadowli/Kaleo, Daffiamah /Bussie /Issah, Wa municipal and Wa East). HAYTAFORD has a broad based constituents who are mostly very committed and people interested in their development though they are poor. We represent some of the most vulnerable groups notably over 1,000 Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) in Nadowli District alone, children and poor girls. The organization has also built the capacity of PTA/SMCs to monitor the work of

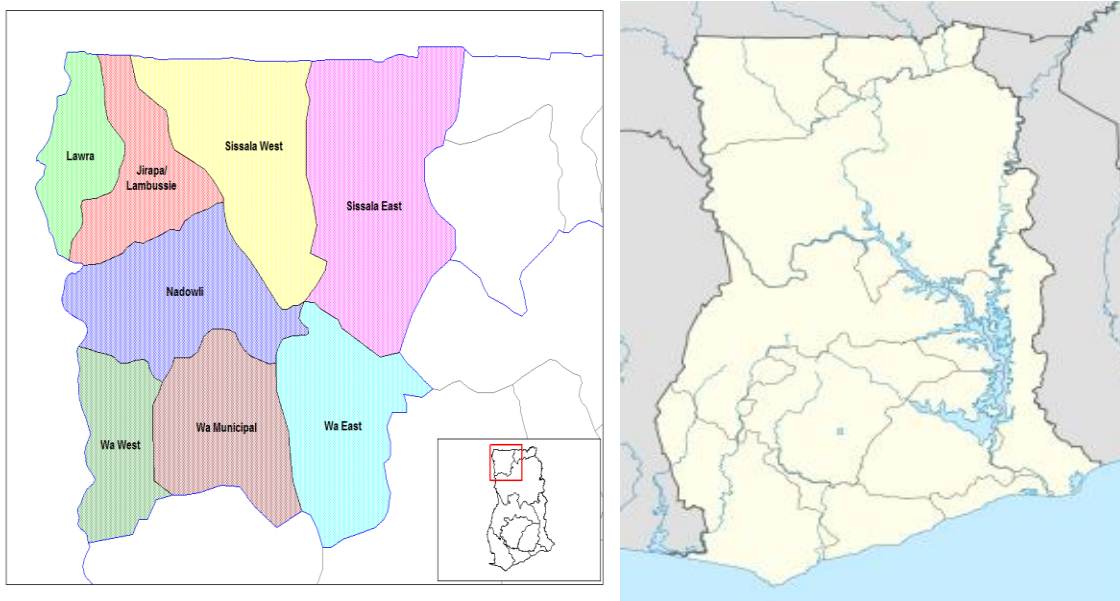
community Teaching Assistants under the then National Youth Employment Programme. There is an already increased appreciation of the organization's support by the project districts and region level stakeholders and so the legitimacy is secured to facilitate implementation of more interventions.

Current HAYTAFORD contribution to development in very rural areas

HAYTAFOROD is currently supported by the Northern Network for Education Development (NNED) and United Nations International Children Fund (UNICEF) to implement a project titled, *Improving Learning Outcomes of Children through Accountable School Report Cards (ILOCARD)* in the Wa East district of the Upper West Region of Ghana. The project seeks to improve the quality of education and learning outcomes among some 20,160 children in the project district by the end of August 2015 through increased involvement of parents and SMCs in performance analysis, review meetings and action planning. It also includes promoting transparency, openness and accountability around school decisions, plans and performance of pupils through school report cards. To do this, HAYTAFORD is mobilizing and building the capacity of SMC/PTAs and their district coalitions and District Education Oversight Committee (DOEC) members to engage with schools to implement School Report Card to meet the desired standards. HAYTAFORD would also ensure that all parents in 31 communities are aware and involved in education delivery. All 31 schools will have active School management committees and 416 members of the SMCs will be active in managing education.

Justification for a vehicle

HAYTAFORD's ability to effectively do community work has been constrained by the lack of a project vehicle. Most rural communities in the Upper West Region are generally dispersed and far from one another. Wa East for instance is one of the newly created districts. With 72,014 people (2010 Census) virtually all the people live in rural areas dispersed and so are educational institutions. As can be seen in the maps below a number of rivers take their source and flow over this district and the nature of the terrain discourages many organizations from intervening in this district on a sustainable basis.



Most of the communities are better reached by a 4x4 vehicle especially during the raining season. In a significant number of instances our work involves carrying training materials and also help cart school materials to the communities and these are best carried in vehicles during rainy season. More communities can be reached when we have a vehicle and there will be improvement in HAYTAFORD monitoring activities.

Furthermore, Wa East generally lacks vehicles and a project vehicle is not only helpful in carrying materials and our teams to the sites but other needy people notably pregnant women, sick elderly people and their care-takers among others are supported when one meets them on the way struggling to access the nearest health center which might be over 30km away. Currently, HAYTAFORD has 2 DT motorbikes which are serviceable though old based in Upper West region and one in Northern Region. These have been acquired through the contribution of the youth who formed HAYTAFORD. Fueling and servicing has always come from other supporting organizations. It is on the basis of this that HAYTAFORD is soliciting support to acquire a vehicle.

Type and most preferred vehicle

A new vehicle would be most preferred. However, if this is unlikely given rising cost a slightly used vehicle is possible that would be of great help. HAYTAFORD anticipates that physical donation or provision of funds for the procurement of a 4x 4 vehicle. Nissan Navara, Toyota Hilux, Nissan Hard body, Mitsubishi 4x4 pick-up, Ford Pick Up, GreatWall, Isuzu or any of the strong pick-up vehicles

would be helpful. It is anticipated that registration and initial cost related to delivery will be included in the support. The total cost of a new pick up of the above categories together with initial registration is between \$29,300 and \$32,500. Below are the cost of 3 samples;

| Type | Estimated cost of vehicle¹ | Other cost | Total |
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| Nissan Navara manual | 30,424.76 | \$2,000 | \$32,424.76 |
| Nissan Hardbody | 27,272.73 | \$2,000 | \$29,272.73 |
| Mitsubishi L200 | \$28,130 | \$2,000 | \$30,130.00 |

Management and sustainability of vehicle

HAYTAFORD would include running and maintenance cost in subsequent plans to other donors. In addition to these, efforts would be made to ensure maximum care and vehicle would be used only for the intended purposes as a means of prolonging its lifespan. HAYTAFORD would also rely on expert advice in maintenance and usage. Conditions for use of official vehicles will be finalized and adhered to.

Recognition of donor

HAYTAFORD will commit to any conditions that would be attached to the vehicle by the donor as long as these are suitable for both the foundation and HAYTAFORD. HAYTAFORD will also emboss the name of the donor on the vehicle unless otherwise advised and acknowledge it in most of our programmes and publicity work.

¹ As at 5th December 2014. The exchange rate was \$1= Ghc3.19

APPENDIX

Profile of HAYTAFORD

Introduction

HAYTAFORD is a youth-led NGO incorporated in 2006 and it works at securing a future of hope for the youth and poor rural people and to ensure full utilization of their efforts and their right to full participation in development policy planning, implementation and accrued benefits. The thematic areas of HAYTAFORD are quality education and responsive environment, with cross-cutting issues such as rights, gender, disability and HIV/AIDs.

Vision

An established, self-sustaining society that recognizes its youth as central to the acquisition of its development needs.

Broad Development Objectives

1. To harmonise the talents and expertise of youth in addressing basic development needs of rural people
2. To enhance the understanding and involvement of young men and women and the rural poor and underprivileged in development decision-making
3. To cultivate habits of early planning and secure a future of hope for poor people

Strategic Focus

Current strategies are modelled around advocacy on quality basic education in rural communities within a sound environment.

Key activities

1. Awareness creation on and demystification of current educational and environmental development policies to rural people.
2. Using participatory approaches/tools to analyse community resources and act on challenges

3. Advocacy and networking on cross-cutting issues notably the rights of children, women and girls to basic services, voice and participation.
4. Facilitate Organization of Annual Homecoming of Upper Westerners in the Diaspora

Key achievements 2006- 2013

1. Improved teacher capacity for development (ITCD) Project; 2012 to date: A 3year project aimed at supporting local education district offices to develop longterm strategies on in-service training for teachers and lobbying local government to support the implementation of the in-service plans. Nadowli, Wa Municipality and Daffiama/Issah/Bussie) have developed and launched 3year in-service plans while HAYTAFORD has conducted documentation of all ongoing in-service practices.
2. Community Education Teaching Assistants Project of the National Youth Employment Programme April 2011 to 2012: Engaging in advocacy to improve the management and delivery of the Community Education Teaching Assistants'' programme of National Youth Employment Programme (NYEP). About 298 community teachers in the Nadowli District were recruited, provided in-service and these helped to teach in rural schools
3. Combating Hiv/Aids Through Active Involvement Of Religious Leaders (COHITIRL): A one year HIV and Aids project in Nadowli District. We engaged religious leaders from churches and mosques on the need for local community members to voluntarily access VCT services and also to fight stigma and discrimination of persons affected by HIV. HAYTAFORD has sensitized over 5,000 community members on HIV/AIDs, conducted voluntary counseling and testing for 712 persons in 12 communities
4. **Disability rights promotion 2007-2010:** HAYTAFORD has mobilized over 1000 persons with disability (PWDs), assembled and analysed key policies and strategies on PWDs including the Disability Act, presented position papers on rights of PWDs to Assembly Common fund which led to the allocation of funds for PWDs in the 2008 Assembly supplementary budget.

5. Education budget tracking 2006-2007: The organization, being part and as lead for NNED tracked education budgets in 13 communities in Nadowli District. This was part of NNED broad tracking in a number of districts.

Potentials and opportunities for partnership/support

HAYTAFORD is a young but promising local NGO. Staff and volunteers of HAYTAFORD have appreciable academic and practical exposure centred on development and specifically project management. There is great potential for pulling expertise to benefit the Nadowli and Wa East Districts in particular and Northern Ghana in general. There is a pool of information around education, disability issues, local governance and environment which supports HAYTAFORD and other organizations.

Organizational Structure

The Structure comprises a General Assembly, Advisory Committee, Facilitating Team, secretariat and communities with focal volunteers. The G.A has beneficiary communities, implementing organizations, Volunteers, other partners, Ghana Education Service, Radio Progress, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a growing organization, the General Assembly is yet to fully function. A seven (7)-member committee advises facilitating team and implementing officers from the secretariat on the direction of HAYTAFORD. A Secretariat is made up of an Acting Coordinator and 3 officers with 3 facilitating Volunteers. Focal Volunteers are in each beneficiary Community. These are mainly teachers in these communities. Community Management team: A 5 member working team is proposed in each of the communities that HAYTAFORD supports.

Partners/Collaborators

Nadowli District Assembly, Nadowli District Education office, Wa East Education Office, SWAA Ghana, Radio Upper West, Radio Progress, Department of Social Welfare, Nadowli Cross-Disability Movement

Funding partners: Ibis West Africa, Rights And Voice Initiative (RAVI)/NNED, STAR-Ghana, Ghana Aids Commission/Christian Council of Ghana, UNICEF/NNED

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