

PROJECT PROPOSAL

CHILD RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTER PROJECT (YPF)

(CHILD WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)



Name of Organization

Dream Africa Volunteer Service (DAVS)

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Legal Registration/Credentials

Registrar General Department of Ghana Registration (RGD) **No. CG121102014**

Department of Social Welfare of Ghana Registration (SWD) **No. D.S.W 3992**

Facebook Group Platform

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Affiliations/Membership

Child Rights International Network (CRIN), UN Global Compact, Coalition of NGOs in Health (Ghana), Ghana HIV/Aids Network of Ghana (GHANET), West Africa Civil Society Forum (WACSO), Social Welfare Department of Ghana, Ghana National Coalition of NGOs in Child Rights (GNCRC).

I. BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Dream Africa Volunteer Service, a non-government organization that was established to promote the welfare of the vulnerable in society especially women and children; and to encourage them to participate in processes which enhance their equality, self-reliance and long term sustainable development. The organization was founded by young graduates of various fields of development studies who have passion for community development; and are committed to contributing their skills and experience to projects that enrich the lives of people in deprived communities. They are locals born and raised in the various regions who understand the culture as well as structures in the region. They know which projects will have maximum positive impact, respecting the dignity and long-term needs of everyone involved. It was established with a mandate to sustain livelihoods and human rights for the most vulnerable members of the community.

The organization identifies needy projects in deprived communities of Ghana and sends in the support received from volunteers, donors and well-wishers. The current projects run by the organization include **Youth Entrepreneurship and skills development, Computer Literacy, Child Rights Advocacy, Youth Sexual Reproductive Health, Women Rights and Empowerment**. Our work promotes international cooperation, friendship, cultural exchange and breaks new grounds for socio-economic development through voluntary work placement. The organization engages the services of both local and international volunteers around the world who have passion development and humanitarian projects.

II. VISION STATEMENT

DAVS vision is based on the believe that every Ghanaian is entitled to safety, good health, and nurturing environment that will lead to uplifting of the community. In order to achieve this, our value is integrity, compassion and efficiency.

III. MISSION

To bring about change for good on behalf of the youth, women and children, and encourage them to participate in processes which enhance their equality, self-reliance and long term sustainable development.

IV. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage international and local volunteers towards volunteerism to contribute in community development.
2. Advocate for Child and Family policies, programmes, services, practices and structures designed to promote the welfare-being of children by ensuring safety and protection from harm; and strengthening families to take care of their children successfully.
3. To fight poverty and exclusion; strengthen the capacity of disadvantaged communities; support initiative for peace, human rights and equity and mobilize resources.
4. Promote children and women empowerment policies by guaranteeing the availability of basic necessities of life as well as minimizing the levels of violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect.
5. Train young people to acquire more efficient entrepreneurial, practical and management skills in agricultural production, harvesting, storage, processing and marketing.

V. KEY ACTIVITIES TO ACHIEVE ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

Development

DAVS works within communities and across the country areas to help individuals and groups improve the well-being of women and children to overcome poverty. We do this through long-term projects aimed at allowing communities to manage and sustain their own development. DAVS works to identify each community's assets and needs; along with the underlying causes of children's poverty and vulnerability, by building partnerships with families, community groups, faith-based organizations and government bodies.

Advocacy

It is an essential element of DAVS work. It is about challenging and changing the policies, systems, structures, practices and attitudes that make it difficult for vulnerable children, women and their families to escape living in poverty. DAVS advocates at the local, national, regional and global levels, informed by our experience working with communities.

Accountability to Children and Communities

Our primary accountability is to the children, donors and communities we serve. To help provide focus on specific practices which enhance accountability to children and communities, a Programme Accountability Framework (PAF) was developed in 2009 which includes four key principles:

1. Providing Information
2. Consulting with communities
3. Participation
4. Collecting and acting upon feedback and complaints

VI. DAVS MANAGEMENT TEAM

Name	Educational Qualification	Position	Years
Mr. Prince A. Clayman	Business Management ,CMI	Executive Director	6
Miss Dorcas Ahiable	Bachelor in Political Science, UG	International Relation	4
Miss Precious Dagadu	Bachelor in Sociology, UG	Project Coordinator	4
Mr. Norbert Quarshiegah	HND Marketing, Ho Poly	Marketing Officer	4
Miss Matilda Kodjo	BSC Nursing, CUC	Healthcare/Coordinator	2
Miss Millicent Agunor	Bachelor in Accounting, UDS	Finance Officer	4
Mr. Obed Ensior	Bachelor in Accounting, EPUC	Auditor	5
Mr. Raphael Kumah	HND B. Technology, Ho Poly	Technical Officer	5
Miss Mavis Nyatepeh	Bsc Banking and Finance, UPS	Volunteer Welfare	3
Mr. William Tenu	Certificate in Computer Studies	ICT Officer	2
Miss Doris Kaledzi	Bachelor of Education, UEW	Child Education	5
Miss Bernice Mensah	Diploma in Education, ATC	Child Development	5

ORGANIZATIONAL TYPE
Non-government

mental / Non-religious / Non-profit making / Non-political / Social and Civil society

CORE VALUES

Accountability and Transparency / Human rights / Responsibility / Confidentiality

Commitment and Dedication / Networking / Performance and team working
Serving the people in equal approach in line with our Organizational slogans.
Mutual respect and partnership with the development humanitarian actors' include human rights and media groups (Agencies).

DAVS GOVERNANCE

DAVS has defined structure including Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The structure determines chain of command and hierarchy of responsibility within DAVS. The Board of Directors are the highest decision making organ approving policies and reviewing achievement and plans. The Executive Committee is the planning and policy making body of the organization which involves in controlling and approving all the activities. The Executive Director is the head of executive committee that is responsible for the implementation of the programs and daily management activities.

DAVS MANAGEMENT STAFF

It has access for all skilled and experienced professionals who have capacity and competent to involve in all the desired activities that promotes the Goal and Objectives of the organization. The professional Management teams periodically review their activities to appraise and provide themselves human resource development trainings on the job and technical assistance to systematically undertake their duties and responsibilities. It also has technical consultants of Engineering, Designing, and Planning etc.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Donations, Program Fees, Fundraising, Gifts from friends and Well-wishers of the organization.

BANKERS

Name of Bank:	Stanbic Bank Ghana Limited
Branch Office:	Ho, Volta Region
Name of Account:	Dream Africa Volunteer Service
Account Number:	9040003359756
Swift Code:	SBICGHXXX
Country:	Ghana

PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORKING

We believe in networking and teamwork. DAVS therefore has been working in partnership with different like-minded local and international Non-Governmental organizations. They include the following; Children of All Nations (USA), Students Go Abroad (Germany), Child Right International Network (CRIN, UK), Plataforma De Voluntariado Naimeya (Spain) Department of Social Welfare of Ghana and Ghana National Coalition of NGOs in Child Rights (GNCRC).

LOCAL CONTROL

DAVS work with community organizations, in-country agencies, local officials and host families to select volunteer placement opportunities. They know which projects will have maximum positive impact, respecting the dignity and long-term needs of everyone involved.

2. PROJECT

CHILD RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTRE

I. Executive Summary

Our Child Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre project seek to rescue children from the clutches of traffickers and early marriage, to expose the organized networks of human trafficking, to rehabilitate and reintegrate the rescued children, to create awareness, to provide training programs for self-help groups and to influence policy making related to anti-trafficking. The project will provide a temporary shelter for rescued children whiles they wait to be placed with foster families or be integrated back into their families or community. We believe that children are best nurtured in natural homes than an institution. There have been many reported cases of maltreatment and abuse meted out to children in our society which are retarding the development of these children and growth of society. Even though there have been a lot of interventions by both government and civil society groups, more attention is needed to solve this menace which is gradually eating into our social fiber. The recent media reportage on child trafficking and child labour on the Volta Lake, and other coastal areas of the country calls for immediate action to curb the menace. Our mission is to ensure the Survival and Welfare, Quality Education, Quality Health of children and the underprivileged in society.

Ghana as a country has no rehabilitation centre for rescued victims of child trafficking and child labour. The only facility in the country for orphaned children is the Osu Children's Home which is owned by the Government of Ghana and run under the management of the department of Social Department (Formerly Social Welfare). In this regard, DAVS has resolved to contribute its quota to solve the situation and challenges facing these children through a number of activities including building a rehabilitation centre (Shelter), an awareness-raising campaign to prevent trafficking of children, and the rescue of children trapped in worst forms of child labor and other forms of abuses. The organization is spearheading the path to create a safe haven for vulnerable children, and to create awareness on the numerous problems that children face in the society.

To realize our goals, we need financial assistance to complete the construction of a rescue and rehabilitation centre and for future rescue operations. In addition, we also require funds to provide food, education, vocational training, health care, transportation (Vehicle) and entertainment for the children and to pay the salaries of the staff.

Our Child Foundation was established to promote the welfare of children living in deprived communities of Ghana. The foundation provides food, shelter, healthcare, and education to children in need. We are able to provide these services to children through a unique and fun way that gets the global community involved with our organization. It aims to help disabled, orphaned, poor and exploited and trafficked children, in particular those living in small towns and villages in Ghana. The foundation works for the rescue, rehabilitation and empowerment of sexually exploited women and children.

This is achieved through providing, promoting and advancing children's rights to basic necessities, including education and health care, aimed at sustaining their long term development. The foundation is to ensure orphaned and abandoned children enjoy a healthy, caring environment while helping them find a loving family. We work with government agencies, adoption and other humanitarian organizations to provide the best possible resources to these children.

II. PROJECT BACKGROUND

A large proportion of deprived children have acquired psychopathological behavior, increasingly becoming involved in crime, drug abuse and violence. The recent participatory poverty assessment by Save the Children UK studies on child poverty confirmed that children are a vulnerable category of the population, and that policy and institutional frameworks are taking longer to cope with changing sources of crisis and adversity. A link between large/polygamous families with poverty, and the high level of household population (six to eight members), increases the difficulty of providing adequate coverage and quality of public services such as education, health and housing for families, especially for children. Poor health reduces the productive capacity of households and limits children's access to their basic needs. The result is that many innocent kids run away from home and land up on the streets every day. These children suffer without shelter by sleeping on the corridors of shops and offices at night in the cities and towns of this country. There are lot of vulnerability abusers on the streets who engage the children in prostitution, child trafficking and child labour. Many children enter into antisocial activities either willingly or unwillingly for the survival on the streets. Most of these children get in to the hands of exploiters and end their future. The children are abandoned by their parents due to the breakdown of the family welfare system. To save this vulnerable population, there is an urgency of intervention with well-defined and established systems resulting in professionalism and quality in the services meted out to children thereby securing the rights of every child.

III. JUSTIFICATION

Children are subsumed within the most referred to poverty categories: households, communities and people; yet among these they always occupy a position of least power and influence, and focus tends to concentrate on adult-related poverty. Children are vulnerable to shocks and adversities and, consequently, are hardest hit by poverty. Given that childhood is the most crucial developmental period in an individual's lifetime, any damage at this stage can lead to a perpetuation of the cycles of poverty, resulting in intergenerational and/or chronic poverty. Interventions such as universal primary education, and maternal and childcare mitigate against the monumental odds.

IV. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION:

This program is to run a Child Rescue and Rehabilitation Center to promote the welfare of vulnerable children living in Ghana. The focus of DAVS is to acquire land and establish a rehabilitation center for these children, a home as well as a primary school. In this program, DAVS seeks funds to provide services required to achieve the objectives, mission and the goal in its mandate. The goals of this project are to rescue children from the clutches of traffickers, to expose the organized networks of human trafficking, to rehabilitate and reintegrate the rescued girls and children, to create awareness, to provide training programs for self-help groups and to influence policy making related to anti-trafficking.

When we have funding opportunities or funds available, we sometimes find that building a new children home will best facilitate the platform to provide welfare services to vulnerable children and also integrate them into families. Our goal is to provide optimal care for children in the center as we work at getting them quality basic education, healthcare, shelter and nurture them to become useful citizens in the society. DAVS works to rescue, rehabilitate and re-integrate children who have been affected by worst forms of child labour, including trafficking. The organization which recently launched its new 5-year strategic plan, is also involved with the provision of livelihoods training and support for several hundreds of women who are affected by trafficking.

The facility will provide counseling to the children from the feeling of trauma that the environment has brought upon them and a protective custody for children from perpetrators of child abuse such as parents,

guardian, non-parents, and from hazardous living conditions endangering their security and dignity as human beings worthy of love and respect. “Child Rescue and Rehabilitation Center” is based on the innovative concept through which DAVS personnel maintain clock wise vigilance to meet each and every child whose rights are violated on the streets of Ghana. The preventive aspects of street presence ensures immediate rescue of the children who needs care and protection with the support of caring communities and send him/her to a safer environment. The children rescued will be reunified with the family after eradicating deep rooted negative impact of street life through the intensive psychological interventions at the rehabilitation center. DAVS staff will accompany the child to a safer environment and very often it is the child’s own home and a social support system will be created for them with support of significant persons.

V. REHABILITATION COUNSELING STRATEGY

After a rescue operation, the children need a healthy environment to stay (a trauma care center or a rescue home). They are given the choice to stay for any period of time till they fully recovers from the accident. Within that span of time, our staff who are involved in the developmental process have to evolve a scientific and realistic mode of rehabilitation to reintegrate them with their family. DAVS staff will engage the rescued children in counseling in order to assure them of their safety. Based on our experience, during the counseling sessions the rescued children show no hesitation to share their experiences, psychological and health problems and desires. Once they are mentally prepared, they start giving preliminary information about their painful experiences, the persons who trafficked them, why they left home, the various strategies of trafficking and how they landed up in brothels. They reveal most of the facts when competitively discussing with each other. The counselors listen to the children and direct them during the session. Individual counseling is another important session where each child will have privacy and intimacy with the counselor to share their life stories, problems, needs and desires. The counselor encourages each child to be firm, to remember their capabilities and recognize their strengths and helps them to think in a positive direction.

3. Project objectives

The aim of this project is to reach out every child who stumbles on the streets and guide him/her to mainstream.

I. Short term

1. Ensure the presence of street educators and rescue team round the clock in all the strategic locations of the country including the coastal areas or fishing communities.
2. Form a rescue team with required personnel
3. Procure rescue vehicle to transport the children from the street or rescue point to the centre.
4. Community competence building through awareness programmes and interactive sessions.
5. Involvement of volunteers and motivating them to partner DAVS in the entire rescue and rehabilitation process.
6. Execute appropriate rehabilitation measures to the rescued children.

II. Long term

- Multi level discussion and sharing on the strategy of “child safety programme” to meet the needs of each and every child who is in need of care and protection.
- Share this knowledge with other parts of our country.

III. Action plan (Logical framework)

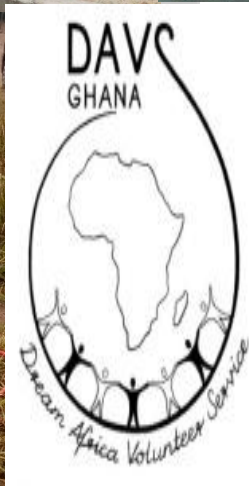
Objectives	Measurable indicators	Means Of Verification	Important Assumptions
GOAL To reach out every child who stumbles on the streets and the coastal fishing areas to guide him/her to mainstream.	Increase the number of children contacted	Data on the number of children rescued and rehabilitated	It will draw the attentions of likeminded people and philanthropists to extend their support, Collaboration to involve in this social cause.
PURPOSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a system to reach out the children on the streets or fishing areas or beaches Make sure every vulnerable or rescued child gets a helping hand to come up in life Ensure appropriate rehabilitation to all the children. To increase the awareness on the issues related to the children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An effective system to reach out all the children is created A clear cut Tools and strategies will be at place Monitoring mechanism is in place to follow up the repatriation 	Regular assessments of the project Monthly reports Annual Reports, Total number of children benefited from the project at every year	The success of the project will draw the attention of many to work towards the issue Government and Public collaboration to work for the common goal
OUTPUT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of personnel well trained Evolution of a scientific system to reach out every child Speed of process Network system with all the Stake holders Increased Awareness with regard to the issue and methods of solution Children at Risk given new life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of work delivered by each individual The system is made known to the general public and all stakeholders Fast repatriation and rehabilitation measures The collaboration from the general public and stakeholders Increase in the number of parents and guardians to the centre to take back their children 	Quantitative outcome of the project Format /Records Annual Reports Counselling service provided at the centres Parents/ guardians counselling Number of awareness programmes organized	Well trained staff in place Good collaboration from general public and other stakeholders

ACTIVITY			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a comprehensive system in place Enhance the rehabilitation processes Appoint suitable staffs Form rescue teams Procure rescue vehicles Networking with stakeholder at all levels of operation Competence building of community through awareness creation Staff training Develop appropriate reporting system Resource Mobilization Developing a sustainability plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child safety net with systematic approach is established Staff are appointed and oriented about their responsibilities A network of stake holders progressively strengthened Regular Training schedule for the staff created Updating of data of the children A meticulous budget for the programme is ready Funding partners are identified, communicated of the collaboration in the implementation of the project Awareness in increasingly being created, Financial sustainability plan is made 	Monitoring and evaluation report	<p>Evolution of best system for the children at risk in Ghana</p> <p>Drawn the attention of the public at large</p> <p>towards this social cause</p> <p>Got the supports from well-wishers, donors and philanthropists</p>

IV. Strategic work plan

	Who will carry out?	What dates will this start and finish	Where will this take place?
Establishing the child safety net with system and processes as per the project proposal	Child protection officer (CPO)	One month from the commencement of the project	In all the strategic locations of DAVS
Appointment of required personnel	Executive director in consultation with his management team and CPO	One month from the commencement of the project	Head office – DAVS
Procure rescue vehicle	DAVS Administrator in consultation with the Executive Director and donor	One month from the commencement of the project	Head office – DAVS
Bring out the results as per the project proposal	CPO with the support of his director and the team of staff	Three years from the commencement of the project	In all the strategic locations of DAVS
Project monitoring, evaluation and reporting	CPO	At every six months	Head office – DAVS

V. (First Stage Construction Photos-2015/2016)
Project Activities of some past Volunteers and Local Volunteers/Workers



Making A Real Difference

VI. CURRENT STATE OF PROJECT



Below is the current state of the project. The facility has five (5) bedroom accommodation (3 rooms for Children and two (2) Rooms for House Manager and staff), study/computer room, library room, store room, security post and kitchen.



5. DREAM AFRICA VOLUNTEERS CHILD SUPPORT ACTIVITY PHOTOS



I. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL OR MATERIAL SUPPORT TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHILD REHABILITATION CENTRE

Our mission is to ensure the Survival and Welfare, Quality Education, Quality Health of children and the underprivileged in society. The project got generous support from our volunteer programs and donations from friends, present and past volunteers of the organization. The funds we received were used to purchase the land and to start the initial construction of the building. However, the funds we receive are not enough to continue our activities and carry out the project completely. The shelter when completed will accommodate children and staff including a security posts. The accommodation will be a temporary shelter for rescued children whiles they wait to be placed with foster families or be integrated back into their families or community. This will be in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and security agencies. We believe that children are best nurtured in natural homes than an institution. The organization will provide food, shelter, good medical care, and quality education during the temporal stay of the children.

Facilities (To be provided at the rehabilitation centre)

- i. Well-furnished hall and bedrooms for children
- ii. Staff Bedrooms and lavatory
- iii. Kitchen, Dining hall and lavatory for children
- iv. Library and Study room for children
- v. Children entertainment room (Computer Games, TV, Toys etc..)
- vi. First Aid and Counseling Room
- vii. Security post and Water Tank (Storage of Water)

BUDGET FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

SECURITY GADGETS	5.000.00
COST OF ROOFING	16.800.00
PLASTER BOARD/P.O.P/T & J (ANY)	8000.00
150 BAGS OF CEMENT FOR FENCING WALL /PLASTERING AND CONCRETE WORKS	4.500.00
15 TRIPS OF SAND	9.000.00
10 TRIPS OF STONE	5.000.00
BURGLAR PROOF DOORS/WINDOWS	15.000.00
LABOUR (PLASTERING AND CONCRETE, FENCING WORKS	16.000.00
TOTAL	GHC 79,300.00

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Incorporation Date

03/04/2008

Certificate of Incorporation

I hereby certify that

DREAM AFRICA VOLUNTEER SERVICE

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act, 1963 (Act 179) and that the liability of its members is limited by guarantee.

Given under my hand and official seal at Victoriaborg, Accra,
this 26th day of August 2014

For: Registrar of Companies