

Sustainable Development Application Form

Please email this form in MS Word format along with detailed financials of proposed projects

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Project: Hope for Teen Girls Partner: Christian Council of Ghana Location: Accra, Ghana			
Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:			
<p>The Christian Council of Ghana (CCG) is the unifying body of Christians in the country. Representing 26 member churches and three Christian organizations, the Council unites a common purpose among churches to work for achieving justice, unity, reconciliation, and the integrity of creation in all aspects of Ghanaian society. The Council is dedicated to work for an increased realization of social and economic rights of disadvantaged women, men and children in Ghana. The CCG has been an ecumenical partner of Global Ministries for many years. The Council is requested frequently to work with international and ecumenical advocacy organizations and research organizations on poverty alleviation work. One example of this would be the Millennium Development Goal Civil Society Secretariat on all platforms for health, education, and networks were hosted by the Council. In relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ms. Joyce Larko Steiner, the Director of Programs and Advocacy of the Christian Council of Ghana, has contributed to the work of Global Ministries as an international board member.</p> <p>Over the years, the Programs department of the CCG has advocated and championed gender and human rights related issues, contributed in fighting against child trafficking, sex trafficking, and issues of sexuality and gender-based violence in the church. With support from the United Nations Population Fund, the CCG developed a manual addressing human rights violations against women in the church and addressing the spread of biblical misinterpretations on the role of women in the church. Through the support of Global Ministries, the CCG has projects to focusing on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #5, to achieve gender equality and the empowering of women and girls. These projects include the Smoked Fish Microcredit project, the education of girls, reproductive health, and advocacy programs for gender justice.</p> <p>After becoming one of the first countries to ratify the Convention on the Rights of a Child adopted by the United Nations Assembly, Ghana is fighting still for the rights of children and young people today. In 2008, the country passed a policy to support actions reducing the occurrence of child labor and human trafficking in Ghana. The Christian Council of Ghana began several projects to provide women and families with the opportunity to earn a sustainable income. Many families in this region must make the difficult decision between sending their children to school and sending their child to work. The Hope for Teen Girls project is one way the CCG is supporting the government's decision to end child labor.</p>			
Description of Project			
Name of Project and Purpose:			

<p>The name of this project is Hope for Teen Girls. This is the second year of the project, led by CCG member church, the Methodist Church. The project provides vocational skill training and self-empowerment training for teenage mothers identified in Kaneshie, a community near Accra. The program began with a small number of women; however, it has grown as teenage mothers continuously request the church for this program. Through skills training workshops and mentorship, the program has helped teenage mothers in the Accra area find space for self-expression and wholeness.</p> <p>The project aims to teach teenage girls with children in the vocational skills of dress making, hairdressing, and catering services. By giving young mothers the opportunity to earn a fair wage, they can support their children and immediate families. The project would assess the specific priorities and interests of the women to support them with startup funds, tools, and equipment to begin generating an income. The project also includes significant attention to the topics of sexual and gender-based violence perpetuated against them. As is the case in many countries, often acts of sexual and gender-based violence occur without being reported. Through group conversations and through a mentorship program, the program seeks to empower and inspire girls and to ensure their success will continue.</p>
<p>Target Population (<i>children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.- priority will be given to projects that enable the empowerment of women and children</i>):</p>
<p>The target population of this project is to support teenage mothers and teenage girls without children from urban settings.</p>
<p>How many persons are/will be served? (<i>please give as specific a figure as possible</i>)?</p>
<p>For the second year of the project, the CCG will train and mentor 40 teenage girls who are pregnant or living in vulnerable housing. Additionally, the CCG will continue to work with ten mentors, who are older and active with the CCG, as they provide mentorship for the young women in the project.</p>
<p>Key Objectives:</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train existing and new teenage girls on on selected vocational skills 2. Improve the incomes of this group of participating teenage girls 3. Emotionally and mentally empower and inspire girls through mentorship
<p>Key Activities:</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide new training instruction and materials for the vocational skills of dress making, hairdressing, and catering services for 40 selected teenage mothers. In year one, the focus of skills training sessions transitioned to the creation of making soap and household cleaners to meet the demands of the community and to generate an income for participants. The vocational skills training sessions on dress making, hairdressing, and catering will be offered to provide the girls with long-term income generation opportunities. 2. Continue assisting in the training and development of the mentorship training program. 3. Provide start-up materials and initial funding for 10 new teenage mothers
<p>Duration of Project: twelve months, beginning in May 2021</p>
<p>Project Budget</p>
<p>Total Budget: \$12,000.00</p>

Amount Requested: \$7,000.00
Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? Due to the success of the first year of the Hope for Teen Girls project and the recently announced priority of Week of Compassion to support Women's Empowerment projects, this is a request for year two implementation of this project.
Please provide a cost breakdown for the requested funds (A detailed, itemized budget is required. May be provided on a separate sheet, if easier):
A cost breakdown for requested funds is attached.
If this project has been funded previously or is in the same geographical area, please specifically state when and how much was granted:
This project was supported by a \$10,000 grant by Week of Compassion in Spring 2020.
Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project?
This project has been supported by member churches (Methodist) of the Christian Council of Ghana and will continue to receive support through these member churches. Additionally, Bread for the World (German) has supported women's empowerment projects of the Christian Council of Ghana.
Please list partners who are funding this project:
The Council of Churches in Ghana has received support from multiple international, ecumenical projects for their sustainable development work. For this project specifically, Bread for the World in Germany has supported projects such as this of the Christian Council of Ghana.
Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much?
This project is not being funded by OGHS of the UCC.
What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead?
0% of the funds listed are for general overhead expenses. The funds necessary for program staff salary will be provided through member churches.
How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting, and that reports should be made between 6 months- 12 months after funding. In addition to reporting, please provide at least one story of transformation and photos.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly monitoring will be done through focus group discussions with direct and selected indirect beneficiaries to assess the change and progress of work. • Narrative and financial report will be provided after one year of receiving the grant.
If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?
As soon as funds are available