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MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



Despite the economic downturn and the fragility of our industry which is based on raw materials, we have seen another record year in terms of programs.

We achieved the best results in 11 years. This is why I can say without hesitation that our results are perfectly in line with our mission, and that we will continue to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities that present themselves to us.

I would like to thank the members of the board of directors for their trust and highlight their great dedication and active participation which made ICDP Ghana the thriving organisation that it is today. Their commitment and support continuously push us to pursue our goals and are invaluable for our growth. My heartfelt thanks go to my colleagues who all bring different skills and ideas to the team thus creating a very positive and challenging work atmosphere. Together we push our limits to promote progress and continuous improvement.

I feel honoured to be able to spur development programs and to support the visionary ideas of innovative business people. It is my source of inspiration and positive energy that I would like to share with you! Thank you for your continuous support on our way to developing strategies that promote the general well-being of children.

Signed
JDL

ABOUT US

We strive to provide human care through the activation of Empathy and building caregiver's competences in order to achieve quality relationships that enhance psychosocial development for all persons.

Mission:

To provide human care that enhances the total development of the child.

Vision:

A society where children's wellbeing is achieved through the release of Empathy by caregivers.

Core Values:

- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Empathy
- ✓ Participation
- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Responsiveness.

PROGRAMS AND IMPACT

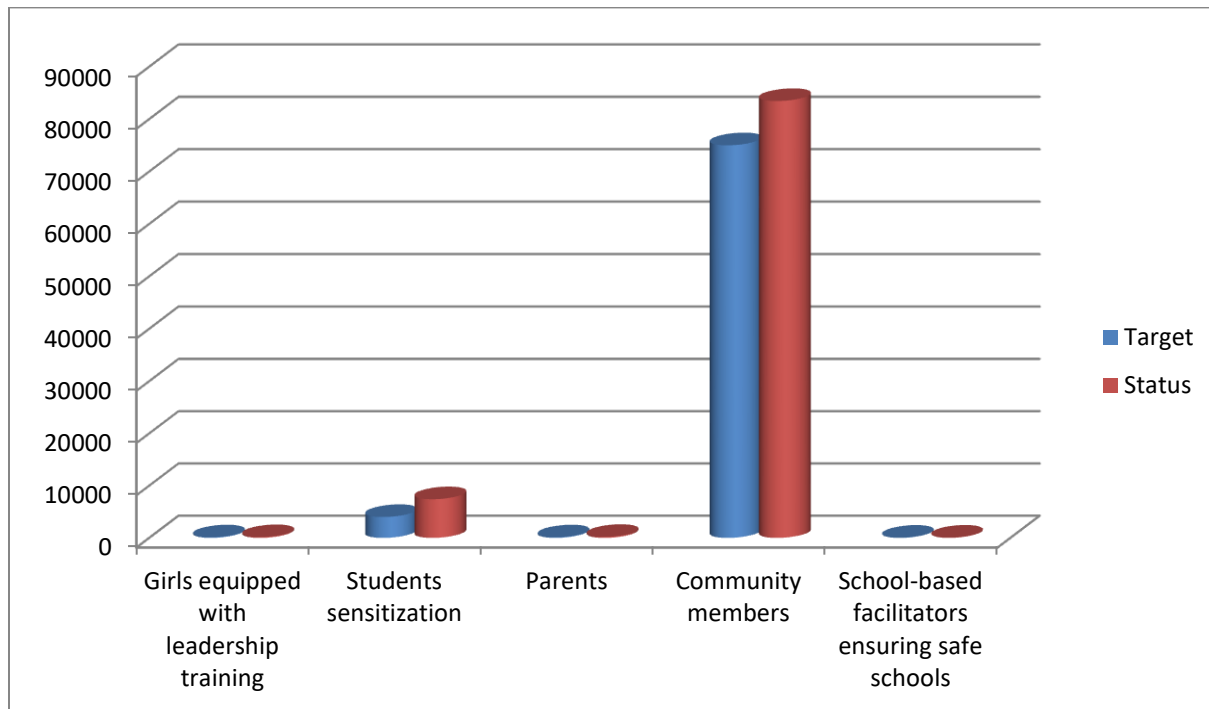
1. G-REP Project Funded by STAR Ghana Foundation



- ❖ Direct reach
- ❖ Males: 1,049
- ❖ Females: 978
- ❖ PWDs: 14
- ❖ Children below age 18-35: 760
- ❖ Parent-Teacher Association participants during durbar: 363
- ❖ Radio listenership: 5,500

2. PRADA Girls Enabled Technology – UNESCO Ghana, UNAIDS, SIDA.

	Target	Status
Girls equipped with leadership training	100	146
Students sensitization	4,000	7,400
Parents	100	188
Community Members	75,000	83,447
School Based facilitators ensuring safe schools	30	48



3. Women's Livelihood Programme

ICDP, through the Village Savings and Loans Scheme, has trained women in the Otwetiri Community on the ICDP Principles. This initiative used the VSLA initiative as a mobilizing tool to train the leadership of the group as to how to interact with the children.

This has improved their relationship with their children and also given them easy access to small loans to enable them to support their children with their educational needs and easily attend to their health needs.



TESTIMONY FROM A BENEFICIARY:

"My business has expanded big time through this VSLA group. I am able to take loan from the group to buy goods into my provision shop and I am very happy this intervention came"

4. HIV/Reproductive Health Education



Sensitization in schools	5,347(Boys)	7,286(Girls)
Community level Sensitization	13,719	
Radio discussion coverage in the Eastern and Greater Accra	97,474	
Social Media	17,747	
Total Number of People Sensitized		141,573

5. Read Along Project

The Early Childhood Centre of Grace Early Childhood School benefited from the ICDP Program on The Empathy-based approach to Caregiving. Twenty (20) teachers were trained on the ICDP Principles in order to interact well with children. Through the collaboration with OCC USA, the children received gift boxes from OCC USA. This was to support their literacy skills.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

The following partners, collaborators and donors have been of tremendous support to ICDP Ghana. They always welcome us with open arms and ready to offer a listening ear or helping hand. We are grateful they chose to be part of us and proud to be affiliated with them.



FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS

In 2022, we rolled out the following initiatives we believed and still believe will go a long way to empower, transform, and impact lives positively. This calendar year, we continued with these projects as they are ongoing projects we hope to handle for some more years as they are brilliant initiatives giving us great results. Our future goals remain the following:

- **GENDER RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (G-REP) PROJECT**

Every child has the right to a safe, formal, quality education and access to lifelong learning. However, due to a combination of factors, many girls who start school are unable to complete school, while others never have the opportunity to access education in the first place. Factors contributing to this phenomenon are cultural beliefs and patriarchal values against women's empowerment which are deeply rooted in Ghanaian society. Being out of school doesn't have devastating consequences for girls' life opportunities – it places them at risk of teen pregnancy, child marriage, female genital mutilation and other forms of gender-based violence. Even though Ghana has made some strides in gender parity in school enrolment especially, there's still a lot to do in the area of empowering the girl learner to know and appreciate her rights, question systems that fights against her rights and also become a voice and participate in the society in which she leaves. Education creates the needed platform for girls to exercise their agency, make their voices heard, and access their first leadership opportunities. Education plays a critical role in tackling harmful gender norms and empowering girls to drive change. It gives girls the skills to become leaders, Innovators and change makers and to tackle future crises. The GEEP aims to empower girls by equipping them with the correct information and skills to have a voice in matters that affect their lives. In achieving this, School-based Girl-Peer Educators in intervention Schools will be established.

The project will also sensitise the boy-learner and increase the capacity of School-based facilitators (i.e. Girl Child (GC) Facilitators, Guidance and Counselling Facilitators (G&C) and School Health Education Program (SHEP) Coordinators) in the intervention schools since they play critical roles in the school ecosystem in terms of hanging perceptions and attitudinal shifts from Beliefs that fight against girls' education and women's empowerment. Pregnant learners in the intervention schools will be encouraged to continue and complete their education. An educated girl will be a mother in the future. There is ample evidence to suggest that an intellectual mother ensures that her children will get an education regardless of gender, brings up healthier babies, has better family planning, and participates in income-generating and community social activities. Hence, this is a more reliable and sustainable approach to poverty reduction and the well-being of the community members in the two municipalities. The project is rolled out in three (3) cohorts. Each cohort per year. Last year's target was 12, this year and next year's target is 20 schools each respectively.



- **CAREGIVERS TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR ICDP KEY PROJECT STAFF WITH SUPPORT FROM GLOBAL FUND FOR CHILDREN PROJECT**

The Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes and urges respect for the human rights of children. In particular, Article 19 calls for legislative, administrative, social and educational actions to protect children from all forms of violence, including abuse and neglect. In Ghana, neglect, physical, emotional and sexual abuse and exploitation of children are widespread problems (National Child Protection Study, 2013). All members of society are vulnerable to this crime, regardless of race, age, gender, ability, or social standing. However, children, in particular, are most susceptible to abuse. Similarly, recent research in Ghana characterizes Ghanaian families' parenting practice as the authoritarian parenting style, characterized by a high degree of control and low levels of warmth, neglect and abuse (Thorburn African Families in Global Context; Uppsala 2006). When abuse and sexual assault occur, victims deserve competent and compassionate care. Every failure to protect children has adverse effects that continue into adulthood and also hold back a country's national development (Save the Children, 2013)

• SAFESTART PROJECT

In April 2024, ICDP Ghana, in collaboration with Ultrasound Consultants International LLC, USA, inaugurated the Safestart Project at Kitase in the Akuapem South Municipality of the Eastern region.



Safestart aims to help reduce the maternal mortality rate among pregnant women in Ghana and beyond. The project, which has kicked off, is expected to include education and sensitization of best maternal health practices, expand community-based maternal health programs, and implement community outreach programs that will educate women on pregnancy-related issues.

The leadership and natives of Kitase at the inaugural ceremony upheld and appreciated the tremendous mission of the Safestart Project as it will be beneficial to them and adjoining communities.



ICDP GHANA SDG GOALS

1 NO POVERTY



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



GOAL 5

GENDER EQUALITY



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



HOW YOU CAN HELP

To help drive our passion geared towards transforming lives and creating a lasting impression in our communities and extending it to the whole society even for generations unborn, we entreat you to support us in the following ways by becoming our:

❖ **Volunteer:**

Devote your time and resources and embark on our various journeys, making a difference in the lives of others who are vulnerable in deprived communities.

❖ **Partner:**

We are open to work with other NGOs, CSOs, individuals, etc. to champion and activate our joint non-profit missions. Together, we will raise awareness, sensitize, educate and create real change for our joint causes.

❖ **Patron:**

We welcome any well-wisher willing to give financial, logistical, or both to support our cause as our patron.

❖ **Sponsor:**

We extend a welcoming hand to corporate Ghana, organizations, and individuals, and we urge them to sponsor some of our outreaches as part of fulfilling their corporate social responsibility and projecting their brand visibility when we brand our activities with their paraphernalia and souvenirs.

❖ **Donor:**

Our doors are open to individuals and institutions who are ready, willing and able to provide us with funding, logistics, or support us with capacity building.

Your Generosity with Time, Resources, Finances, and Logistics is Welcome!

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