

FOGWEM TIKSEEM

CHIANA LEADERSHIP AND TECHNICAL CENTER (CLETEC)

Get Involved

Donation Drive

We are currently accepting donations to:

- Purchase technology for the center to facilitate learning
- Support construction projects to expand the center
- Ensure that the center has reliable access to Internet, water and power

Technology For Change

We are collecting new and used technology to be used by students at CLETEC

Volunteer

Use your skills to make a difference by volunteering with us! We are looking for volunteers to assist with various projects

To learn more about our opportunities to get involved, please visit: fogwem.org/support-our-work



Introduction

Fogwem's mission is to enhance the well-being of communities in and around Chiana through various social, technical, and infrastructural initiatives. Our primary focus areas include poverty alleviation, education, and capacity building for young individuals. We are also committed to environmental conservation, promoting social and cultural values to drive growth and peaceful co-existence, and fostering collaboration and networking among different stakeholders.





Training youth on traditional dome construction



Training youth on brick making



Sports are used to reach youth in the area



Activities

Infrastructure

Office Building

A three-room building, comprising an office and two stores, has been successfully finished. Additionally, a 924-gallon water tank has been installed to ensure a reliable water supply for the center. The borehole, which was drilled in November 2021, is now being powered by solar panels and batteries, ensuring sustainable access to water.



Classrooms

Construction of a four-classroom building commenced in early March and is currently at approximately 30% completion. Additionally, a summer hut, which is about 60% complete, will serve as a meeting venue. Furthermore, two dome-type buildings have been successfully finished at the south entrance of the property, serving as security checkpoints. As part of ongoing efforts, two small vault structures are being constructed to accommodate small ruminants for training purposes.

Plans for Second Quarter

- Completion of the three-class room block-roofing, plastering, flooring, furnishing and fittings.
- Acquisition of the FM station.
- Supply of learning materials to needy students
- Second quarter training of 8 persons in beekeeping, and interlocking bricklaying
- Completion of two vault buildings for rearing of animals
- Fence one-acre of the 19-71 acre of land
- Recruit more volunteers
- Supporting three soccer teams with footballs and football boots
- Acquire traditional sound and wind instruments for cultural performances
- Organize tree planting activities for 15 young people
- Organize get-together sessions for children, volunteers, sport teams and women groups.

Land Demarcation

The 19.71-acre land has been successfully demarcated, with pillars installed to mark its boundaries. The administrative authorities are currently preparing the lease documents, and they are expected to be ready soon.

Solar Lighting

The center is located about three miles from the outskirts of Chiana, and is disconnected from the national power grid. During our first quarter, we have expanded upon our solar facility installed in February 2022, by adding two additional batteries and solar panels, totaling 6 solar panels. There are plans to establish a solar farm to provide adequate power to CLETEC

Website

We have created a website for Fogwem and CLETEC to raise awareness and provide a platform to collect donations. The website is now available at fogwem.org

Training and Demonstrations

CLETEC has already started training youth in various areas of their interests. During our first quarter, eight young people were trained in beekeeping and environmental care, two of which, received two beehives each to enable them start their own apiaries. The rest will receive theirs when resources become available.

Three people were trained on vegetable gardening, and tree/vegetable nursing. Eight persons were trained on stabilized and compress brick making, and four have been trained on dome and vault building construction.

Four people have also been trained on stone bonding to control areas prone to soil erosion.

Partnerships

Fogwem/CLETEC are in partnerships with Story and Skills Inc. and the Charlotte Group in the USA. These two groups are supporting the activities of Fogwem through fund raising and technical support. They are also recruiting volunteers to work in various areas in support of our programs here in Ghana.

In the reporting period, four volunteers have joined our team, bringing the number of volunteers, to ten. Fogwem/CLETEC is in partnership with three soccer teams, and has assisted them with four soccer balls and soccer boots. A new year party was also organized in January for our volunteers and 35 members of the sport teams.

Fogwem/CLETEC has established partnerships with three women groups, one farmer association, three local assembly members, and the overlord of Chiana traditional area. Such partnerships have enabled Fogwem to collect over twenty signatures in support of its application for the FM radio license.

Radio Programs Development

Radio is a very powerful tool for community mobilization and education. Fogwem and CLETEC are preparing for the establishment of a community radio station for education and community development. An application to the Ghana National Communication Authority (NCA) for a license to broadcast has been completed and submitted. A follow-up visit was made to the NCA in Accra, and Fogwem will soon be granted the license to operate an FM radio station for facilitating communication between communities in telling their stories and sharing values.

Support for Students in Need

Fogwem/CLETEC has provided some notebooks, pencils and crayons and other learning materials like reading books to twelve needy students. Thanks to the efforts of the Palumbo family who made this possible by shipping the materials for distribution. In the period under review, the Glaser family also supported one university student with cash donation for some learning materials.