

Aflao Orphanage Project Plan

Background:

Students Travel And Exposure South Africa (STAESA) has initiated and sponsored the construction of an orphanage in a community called Adafienu (nearby the border of Togo, three hours east from Accra, the capital of Ghana), encompassing the Aflao/Denu area. We chose Adafienu because of the following reasons - poverty rate, hub of social problems, unemployment, HIV/AIDS pandemics, child abuse, child labour and high rate of school drop outs. We truly felt the need to provide a service which would help alleviate the strains on the local social services, as well as on the victims and their families. After doing much research, we discovered the best solution would be to primarily build an orphanage, which would be expanded to also serve as a community centre. This is truly one of STAESA's biggest projects, where we have been focusing much of our time and energy on. The entire communities Adafienu, Denu and Aflao are giving us tremendous support.

Construction:

This orphanage has been designated to serve a great purpose for the supporting community of Aflao-Denu. By providing food, clothing, and basic education, this orphanage will be the home for 60-70 children (mainly orphans, but also significantly needy and disabled children) from the ages of 0 to 17. Our main focal area is the provision of superior care to those children who have been orphaned or require alternative care due to abuse, neglect, abandonment and children that are affected or infected by HIV and AIDS or other ill circumstances. By providing such an environment where these children can be developed as healthy, well-balanced individuals, educated, these children will be capable of contributing back to the communities, not hurting the communities around them and being a responsible citizen.

Since this orphanage intends to provide free basic education for the children in the orphanage, the project is to also include a public library and youth/women training centre (job creation center). Furthermore, since the orphanage will also have a community centre, the project is to include a recreational centre as well as a centre for abused women (due to the issues with teenage pregnancy, HIV/AIDS pandemics, and other illnesses within the area). We aim to provide free basic education,

reduce unemployment, create jobs, reduce child abuse/neglect, and teenage pregnancies within our surrounding communities to the best of our abilities.

The Directorship has appointed a steering committee, which is responsible for the governance of the Construction. They will ensure that the criteria set by the Department of Social Services (governmental organization) and Welfare is strictly adhered to. They are responsible of the attainment of sponsorship, fundraising and marketing activities. And that is exactly what STAESA is doing. They have been supervising the construction from the beginning till now. So STAESA have been adhering to their instruction regarding the building.

Here are the steering committee:

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The Structure:

This entire site consists of four components: the main three story building including classrooms, ten homes to house the orphans and their mothers, a recreational complex, and a library/kitchen/storehouse/small farm.

The main building has two floors of classrooms which will be used to provide free education to all orphans and any children in the community who are denied schooling due to insufficient funds. The third floor will consist of a computer lab, music lab, business lab, technical skill, art and craft which will be used to train the orphans and all in the community with technical skills to help them be economically productive. The terrace will be used for community meetings.

The homes can hold approximately five children and one mother. The library/kitchen/storehouse will be built on the opposite side of the plot from the main building.

Current status:

Since there is a dire need for the orphan children to be taken care of in Adafienu, Denu/Aflao and Ghana in general, the wish of Dept of Social Services and the communities in general we get the project completed on time to accommodate a minimum of 60 to 70 children.

Through the fundraising, volunteers of STAESA, Ocio and WACV of America, some parts of the orphanage have already been completed. Bricks have been molded and laid for the 10 homes of the orphanage. The foundation for the main building has been laid. Thousands more bricks have been molded and packed to start laying the first floor of the main building. Multiple wells have been created, and initial roofing for some of the classrooms have been laid.

While the construction project has already made some progress, it truly lacks enough financial support to get the next essential steps completed. The main building still needs to be constructed, as only the foundation has been built. The homes only have their basic structure laid in bricks; roofing, flooring, furnishing, plumbing, and electrical work still needs to be completed. The library structure has yet been started yet.

Future Plan & Sustainability:

Through the partnerships that STAESA have, STAESA has been fortunate to receive support from other non profit organizations such as West Africa Community Vision (US), Ocio Solidario (Spain). These non profit organizations have already committed themselves towards this project by fundraising, publicizing, and bringing volunteers in conjunction with STAESA annually to the construction site in Adafienu. From the non-profit organizations listed above, there exists at least one officer from each organization who has personally seen the project and helped us plan for its completion.

In addition to the foreign support, the local community support and the churches support are even greater. Everyone in the community has been awaiting for the completion of this project (or even the furnishing of the basic structures), so that the orphans who truly need a home can move in as soon as possible. Based upon the time spent on this project, the vast majority of the workers on this project have been from local volunteers in the community. Hence, there are no intentions of offering regular salaries once the project is finished; rather, the majority of it will be based on volunteers. For the few locals who we choose to work on-site full time (after the project is

complete), they will receive allowances or stipends to reward them for their significant time commitment. We are currently estimating in total 5000 to 7000 USD for all full-time workers. Some of this allowance has been hinted to possibly be subsidized or covered by the local community, at least initially.

Note: STAESA is very sure that this will happen because we couldn't have actually be able to acquire the land without the help of the local community and the support of the churches. When they heard of the proposed sale of the land and we shown interest and the purpose why we wanted to buy the land fund were raised to support us. Also the initial cement for the construction came from the community and the churches.

We also made a partnership to another UK based non-profit organization of retired teachers who are willing to funnel teachers and help educate the children year-round. We also have locals trained waiting to teach the kids.

For food, as mentioned above this project intends to raise its own vegetables. Furthermore, we expect to receive donations from local companies and the community in general. With this all being done, we expect to budget about 4000 USD a year for food, in case.

The local companies such us:

- Damax Electricals
- Fo Vincent Mechants
- Assemply of God - Aflao Branch
- Light house - Aflao Branch
- Akim Supermarket
- The fisihing association of Aflao
- The fisihing assosiciaition of Denu
- Market women association
- Drivers association of Aflao
- Drivers association of Denu
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Note: We've not yet have a written commitment with them. As soon as the project is completed, they are ready to come on board.

For books and educational materials, the government has agreed to provide many books for the library. Furthermore, our partners are willing to bring additional books as necessary. As of right now, STAESA holds a stock of books that have already been donated by previous STAESA volunteers from the United Kingdom. Therefore, we do not initially expect to budget for books. For clothes, most of the clothes for the children will be manufactured by the community members. Therefore, this should not be a concern. Finally, for maintenance, scholarship, and miscellaneous costs, we have budgeted about 5000 USD.

Note: This budget come from STAESA's fund raising activities.

All in all, we also have an organizational body that is ready to oversee the orphanage once it is complete, which currently includes the President, the Vice President, Project Director/Field Manager, Project Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary, and Fundraising Director (Jocelyn A, Cathren, Simon A. Kudzo, Shareen Toorn, Elizabeth Ade, Koku Jelu)

Since this is non-profit, non-governmental and non-partisan project. We don't accept any monetary support from the government. We operate independently.

Note: In Ghana the Most of NGO who try to seek assistance from the government gets into trouble when there is a change of government. In Ghana government will be glad to assist in laudable project like this so that at the end of the project and during the election time they can use the project as a campaign tools for power. The project become political thing. And when that happens we will be in a big trouble with the opposition party. When there is a change of government and the opposition comes to power be rest assured that the project will be closed down. That happens so many organization in Ghana. That is why we stay away from government.

How You Can Make a Difference:

Donations & Sponsorships – (Any and Everything....Every little bit helps)

- Referrals – (Tell your friends, colleagues, your college & family about us)

- Fund Raising Project/s – (Please contact Simon 0027 73 729 2944 or simon.staesa@gmail.com)

STAESA already has the kids in the community awaiting the construction to be completed so that they can move into the accommodation.

Funding Phases:

The project is in three phases.

PHASE ONE: CONSTRUCT NEW TOILETS, BATHROOM, KITCHEN INCLUDING FURNITURE AND FITTINGS.

PHASE TWO: ROOFING OF LARGE HOMES, WINDOW, DOORS, CEILING, PLASTERING, ELECTRICAL WORKS AND PLUMBING WORKS, CARPENTARY WORK.

PHASE THREE: BUILDING THREE STORY FOR CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY CENTRE:
TOTAL COST INCLUDES FURINTURE AND FITTINGS. –

You can choose to help support phase one or phase two or phase three.

Site plan set for the orphanage/community centre. The land to be purchased is currently farmland, and we plan to use that for our own farm and development.

PLAN OF LAND

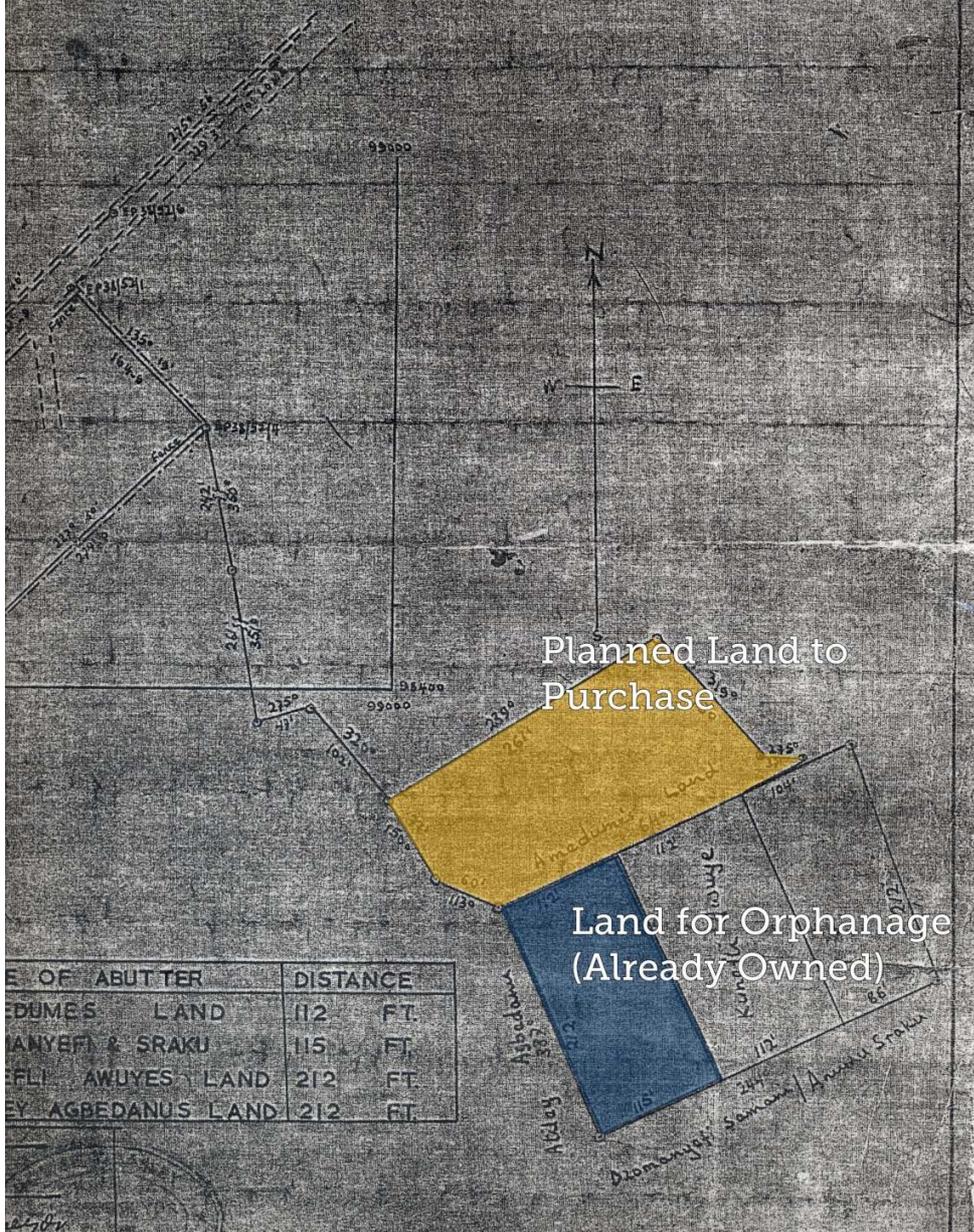
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NU DENU, KETU DISTRICT, V.R.

MR. FEKBE AWUYE OF BLEKUSU

NEW EDGED PINK

AREA 55 ACRE (APPROX)



List of some of children to be put into the orphanage

	Name	FOSTER PARENTS
1	Dorla-lormnawa Joycelin	Mr. Kweku lormnawo
2	Dorla-lormnawa Edinam	
3	Dorla-lormnawa Agness	
4	Dorla-lormnawa Godwin	
5	Anikpui Perfect Komla	Elias Anikpui
6	Anikpui Richmond Kosi	
7	Anikpui Edward Yao	
8	Anikpui Rock Koku	
9	Anikpui Clear Afi	
10	Budu Dora Esi	Mr. Harrison K. Budu
11	Budu Prosper	
12	Budu Christian Cobena	
13	Budu Nicholas Yao	
14	Budu Prince Kaleb	
15	Godwin Kwaku Kodonu	
16	Pearl Dzedzom	Mr. Sosu
17	Seyram Tsatsu Sosu	
18	Forgive Mishiwo	Miss Tanti Sosu

19	Bless Agbaku	
20	Emmanuel Nukpeta	Augustine Nukpeta
21	Julius Mensah	
22	Akoetey Emmanuel	Ms Baby Lormnava
23	Akoetey Emmanuela	
24	Doris Lormnava	
25	Nana Ama Jennefer	
26	Kofi Gadeka	Ms Vida Gadeka
27	Charity Gadeka	
28	Saviour Gadeka	
29	Shine Gadeka	
30	Saviour Adzewodo	Mr. John Adzewodo
31	Matilda Adzewodo	
32	Kingsley Adzewodo	
33	Forster Adzewodo	An orphan
34	Julius Adzewodo	Kossi Tata Gnabo
35	Kwami Tozo	An orphan
36	Emmanuela Akgala	An orphan

37	Babra Mawunijo Apalu	An orphan
38	Christopher Lormnava	Ms Baby Lon
39	Shine Desmond Patu	Broken home
40	Yayra Perfect Mensah	Mother died
41	Kofi Prince Dolla	Broken home
42	Abena Grace Dolla	
43	Ama Evelyn Dolla	
44	Kodjo EmmanuelDolla	
45	Kwame Dolla	
46	Amegayi Caleb	Kossi Amegayi
47	Amegayi Kofi Forgive	Broken home
48	Amegayi Clemence	Broken home
49	Amekudi Martha	Mawu Doris A Akpaligah
50	Amekudi Mary	
51	Amekudi Sarah	Broken home
52	Amekudi Saraphina	
53	Amekudi Rosemary	
54	Agbedor Geshon	
55	Adzaa Asiwome	Wodzi Kudagbe
56	Adzaa Bella Adzoma	Wodzi Dzodagbe

57	Adzaa Sandra Yawo	Wodzi Yawodagbe
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