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**BRIEF PROFILE**

**COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION (NGO**) is a Ghanaian National Non-Governmental Organization with a global and local content  thinking currently  exclusively identified with promoting the empowerment of women, communities, young people to manage issues concerning their development and to advocate for and work towards adolescent and sexual reproductive health, rights and well-being; to advocate for and on behalf of young people, in the area of health, environment, education, climate change, and other related issues that affect their total development. Aim at hosting the largest effort of reaching out to youth of Ghana to appreciate and respond to their sexual health rights needs for a bright future and promoting their development toward the nations building.

CAFAF is registered under   Registration Act 1963 No 21446 founded in 2006; the organization is also registered under the social welfare system DSW NO 3692. The work of CAFAF has spread over the entire Accra-region, has determined to organize the various programmes for the better livelihood, protection and sustainable development.  CAFAF is working in the field of Integrated Rural Development, HIV/AIDS/maternal health, sexual reproductive health, promotion of Traditional Health System and Involvement and Advocacy for the social issues having a definite bearing on the life of people.

CAFAF has come forward with a strong faith that its efforts will uplift the socio economic condition of those people who have been neglected and denied for their rightful share of the society for centuries. The Organization work jointly with the people inviting them to participate actively in solving their own problems, The Organization support their reasonable demand and decision and encourage them to discover and utilize the available natural resources. CAFAF trusts that the spread of education will help them to overcome their deep rooted superstitions and social evils regarding emerging trends.

**OUR VISION**

**TO SEE** and play a leading **ROLE** for a better **WORLD** that promotes both **OUR HUMAN** and**NATURAL** **RESOURCES TAPPING**, to stimulate development resulting in improvement where ALL are**HAPPY** and **USEFUL.**

**OUR MISSION**

CAFAF: Exist to **CREATE POSSIBILITIES** to **IMPROVE LIVES,** where our **DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS** will live indelible mark on **PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES** and **UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS** to fashion a **WORLD**, where **ALL**will be**HAPPY** and **USEFUL** including**RESPECTIVELY** living for others to **REFLECT** **EQUAL,** **PARTICIPATORY ECONOMY** releasing that **A PERSON IS A PERSON THROUGH OTHER PERSONS** as a lasting **LEGACY** for **GENERATIONs to COME** for**REPLICATION**.

As a social development agency involved primarily in poverty reduction, capacity building, reproductive health and the development of networks thus improving the welfare of highly underprivileged people in Ghana. Its major activity since its establishment has concentrated on providing reproductive health services and education to wide range of people.

Its mission is to empower and enable young people and vulnerable females to realize their own development. It promotes models of participatory, sustainable and self-reliant development through action research. CAFAF works with communities, intermediary organizations, and strategic institutions to develop participatory approaches for the work. The organizations assist communities to work effectively with established internal traditional community processes of collective problem solving.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rural productive-poverty-ridden women entrepreneurs play considerable role in the local economy of the central region of Ghana. Apart from contributing immensely to small scale food production, women play key roles in adding value to agricultural produce (Agro-processing).

The agro-processing industry constitute a major economic activity in the Fosu Municipality and some of the major problems confronting women agro-processors include lack of proper working sheds, lack of appropriate agro processing technology , difficulty of accessing credit from financial institutions, poor packaging and small size of the market.

It against this background that Community and Family AID Foundation in partnership with Dolly Foundation a local NGO based in the district seeks to implement pro-poor interventions which will position these agro-processing projects as competitive business enterprises.

This includes assisting women groups to construct proper working sheds, portable water and sanitation facilities, improved agro-processing technology; technical and managerial training for the women groups and identifying new market opportunities for the women.

The total cost of this project is $30,000 which will be used to finance the purchasing of agro-processing machines, materials for building 2 working structure, build a Toilet facility to provide a bio gas fuel for frying the gari, the introduction of the bio gas for frying will help reserve the forest, since the women will not cut down the tree for fire wood hence slow down climate change in the community. 20 disable women will be identified and given animals like sheep’s and goat to rear for meat and gain some financial benefit. The raw materials like peel from the cassava and the leaves will be given to the animal. The animal excrete will be used as organic fertilizer to be used on the vegetable farm cultivate by the community to add as a supplementary nutrient in the school children feeding project by government within the project community since most of the children in the community are malnourished.

Meanwhile, the implementing COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION and NGO Dolly Foundation and beneficiary women groups will also contribute $5000 to cover the cost of acquiring 1 plot of land, sand and stones, water, communal human labor, technical design of projects, monitoring and evaluation.

**The specific objectives of this project include:**

* To improve the working environment of identified rural women and cottage agro industrialists through the provision of proper working sheds, potable water and sanitation facilities.
* To facilitate access to proper processing and packaging machines
* To organize technical training for the agro-processors and the cottage industrialist with the view to improve and standardize product quality
* To identify medium and large market in the big towns and cities for products of these women, and to develop contract supply agreements between these rural women entrepreneurs and their buyers
* To identify new sources of raw materials supply and to develop contract supply agreements between suppliers of raw materials and the women entrepreneurs
* To provide micro-credit to boost the working capital based of these women so that they could plant or buy enough raw materials and add value during bumper harvest and sell them when prices increase in the lean season
* To cultivate fuel wood to provide energy for the agro-processing and cottage industry activities
* To train some women in animal rearing and supply the by-products from this project to feed animals
* To organize business management workshop for these rural women in Entrepreneurship, Production and quality control management, Management principles, marketing and customers relations, time management, association empowerment skills, book keeping, working capital management.

**Implementation Plan**

* Sensitizing, organizing and mobilization women groups into Business Associations
* Designing technical details of projects involving the NGO, the women groups and consultant.
* Assigning roles and responsibilities to the stakeholders.
* Constructions of working shed, sanitation and potable water facilities and installations of machines
* Installation of agro processing machines (cassava processing machine and packaging machine)
* Launching of projects and beginning of production activities.
* Putting in place a management structure for the projects involving leadership of women group and NGO
* Putting in place a participatory monitoring and evaluation systems in place.

**Expected Outcome**

This initiative will contribute greatly towards the achievement of one of the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals which seeks to achieve gender equity and economic empowerment of women.

This initiative will reduce post-harvest losses through value addition to agricultural produce like cassava. This initiative will also stimulate strong backward and forward linkages in the District’s local economy.

That is, the agro-processors will provide ready markets for the produce of local farmers and the assured prices will motive farmers to increase the size of their farms and also to maximize output which will lead to increase in revenue hence improvement in the standard of living as more agricultural families will be able to meet their household expenditures.

Meanwhile, other women will be responsible for distributing the processed products to the nearby big towns and the cities and some also use the by-products from the cassava processing to go into animal rearing. Certainly, these activities will lead to the specialization of the local economy which is a necessary condition for transforming the national economy into a Middle Income Status by the year 2020. The cultivation of fuel wood for agro-processing activities and other cottage industries will also reduce the pressure on the forest resources which is within the frame work of the solving of the global climatic change agenda.

**Key Indicators**

60 agro-processors and cottage industrialists, 20 animal rearers identified and organized into vibrant Producer Associations; land secured and projects designed, working shed constructed each working shed will also have a storeroom, a polytank fixed with pump and 1 chamber of KVIP latrine and a urinal constructed; 1 set of cassava processing and packaging machines installed at Foso (Cassava Processing into gari and cassava dough)

The knowledge, skills and abilities of 60 women and 20 men agro-processors, 20 animal rearers are enhanced and they can prepare simple Profit and Loss Accounts; are committed to growing their capital base; are more friendly towards each other and are committed to building an effective Producer Association by paying dues and attending meetings regularly; have increased their customer base and their general turnover have increased by 60%.

5 new buying companies identified in Agona Swedru, Cape Coast, Kasoa and Accra and M.O.U signed between the producers and the buyers.

The qualities and packaging of the gari and cassava dough improved about 80%. The income of beneficiaries increased by 60%; more women (about 60) prepared to join the projects in year two (2).

**PROPOSED PROJECT INOVATION**

The first group of women to be supported would serve as trainers-of-trainers and work to payback the initial investment in equipment. This would be used to “revolve” the project benefits to other vulnerable interested women groups.

**ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR PROPOSED PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

**ORGANIZATION: COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| S/N | ITEM | QUANTITY | UNIT COST$ | TOTAL EUR |
|  | Cassava processing machines | 1 | 4000 | 4,000 |
|  | Gari packaging and sealing machine | 1 | 2000 | 2,000 |
| 5 | Large sized aluminum cooking pots | 10 | 70 | 700 |
| 6 | Large size ‘PIT feet’ drums | 80 | 15 | 1,200 |
| 7 | Construction of a working structure:  cost of building materials (cements, nails, paints, roofing sheets etc)  cost of technical supervisors or foremen | 1 | 3,100  500 | 3,500  500 |
| 8 | Pumping machine | 1 | 700 | 700 |
| 9 | Large size poly-tank (2,200 gallon capacity) | 1 | 1800 | 1,800 |
| 10 | Sanitation facility (KVIP) | 1 | 1000 | 1,000 |
| 11 | Operating a fully functional women’s center | 1 | 5000 | 5000 |
| 11 | Cassava farm expansion for adequate supply of material | 1 | 3000 | 3000 |
| 11 | Documentation and reporting | 1 | 1580 | 1580 |
| 11 | Managerial and technical training | 1 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| 12 | **Sub-total** |  |  | **17,100** |
| 13 | NGO and women group contribution ( 1 plot of land, water and sand, communal human labor, technical design of projects, monitoring and evaluation) |  | 3,420 | 3,420 |
| 14 | **Grand total** |  |  | **30,000** EUR |

What are the MDGs?

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were established as a way of implementing the promises of the Millennium Declaration. The MDGs built on various UN conferences’ proposals over several years, having first been adopted as concrete targets by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD) in 1996. Drawing on the Declaration – and the work of governments, the UN, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and other experts – the goals were refined and published in 2001.

The MDGs provide common, clear targets, the majority of which are to be achieved by 2015, mostly measured against a 1990 baseline. In 2008, four new targets were added bringing the total number of targets to 22.

 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

 2 Achieve universal primary education

 3 Promote gender equality and empower women

 4 Reduce child Mortality

 5 Improve maternal health

 6 Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

 7 Ensure environmental sustainability

 8 Develop a global partnership for development