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Indeed, 2018 was a year of pushing boundaries and making change possible. We are proud of the landmark achievements the foundation have recorded, becoming a force to reckon with and a household name in the books of stakeholders, donors, partners, communities and above all, line Ministries Of Government Agencies tooting the foundation as a life time partner in development forever in Ghana and beyond.





Message from the Executive Director

Our Dear Friends, Donors and Supporters of CAFAF-Ghana 360

We have had a wonderful and exciting year ending 2018 with many lasting memories to recall. We can pompously look back and share this joy because, our line of businesses keep soaring day in and day out which calls for continue celebration.

Our end of year 2018 report discloses it all. Right from Ghana, India, Croatia, and the Ghana Aids Commission National Conferences Conveyed in the cause of the year 2018, we have exhibited to the world our accomplishment the fruits of our hard works which are a welcome gesture that have never happen more than expected.

We have reached out to countless numbers and the yearly records of grantees to our works speak volume of the increasing interest in our affairs by all who know or are introduced to by others.

I sincerely would like to encourage you all to read the report in totality in order to appreciate our works and offer us suggestions where necessary to improve on it. We strive to do and provide what it takes to satisfy our targeted audience and communities we serve.

Permit to me to thank all who in devise ways have contribute to the cause of the foundations works be it a volunteer, management, community of learning, donors and the like.

Indeed, we are together in this business and so let's continue helping each other to thrive, survive, and drive on.

In 2019, we have a lot of impactful activities envisages for implementation, we seek more help in this regard to get there. When we report it's not for our own gratification but the collective efforts we have contributed to get things going.

We are forever grateful, join us in 2019 and be part of our success stories.

Kudos, to you all, from all of us at Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana



Message by the Board of Directors

Reflecting on this adage ***“when you want to fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together”***, quoting from an unknown writer, we at the helm of affairs see it as apt, which shines a light on the kind of leadership roles expected to be played by us, as board members of the foundation.

We are happy to inject our wisdom, knowledge, skills, our expertise free of charge at the disposal of the foundation in making inroads year in and year out.

We have found CAFAF-GHANA 360 a credible organization that has the listening ears and for taken up the challenge of improving on its performance every now and then.

We are solidly behind it , and would like to encourage all donors, supporters, friends to contribute to it cause as we stand by to provide the needed leadership for change role in pushing boundaries within and without the organization.

You count in making a difference, let get far in the coming year through your in-kind and cash supports to get things done.

Help us to help and together we share the joy that comes in putting your resources to the best of use, influencing change, touching lives and helping people to help themselves.

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We, the board of directors look forward for your timely support to get far, together, we can



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NATIONAL HIV/AIDS RESEARCH CONFERENCE-GHANA (NHARCON) 2018 (8TH – 11TH MAY)



THEME: ENDING AIDS: Rethinking Practices for Maximum Impact

The National HIV & AIDS Research Conference (NHARCON) is organized by the Ghana AIDS Commission every four years. The 2018 conference was the fourth to be organized by the Commission. NHARCON 2018 was expected to serve as a platform to share ideas in support of the implementation of the current of National Strategic Plan 2016-2020. It also forms part of GAC's mandate to disseminate and share HIV and AIDS strategic information with its stakeholders and partners in the implementation of the National Response.



2.0 Objectives

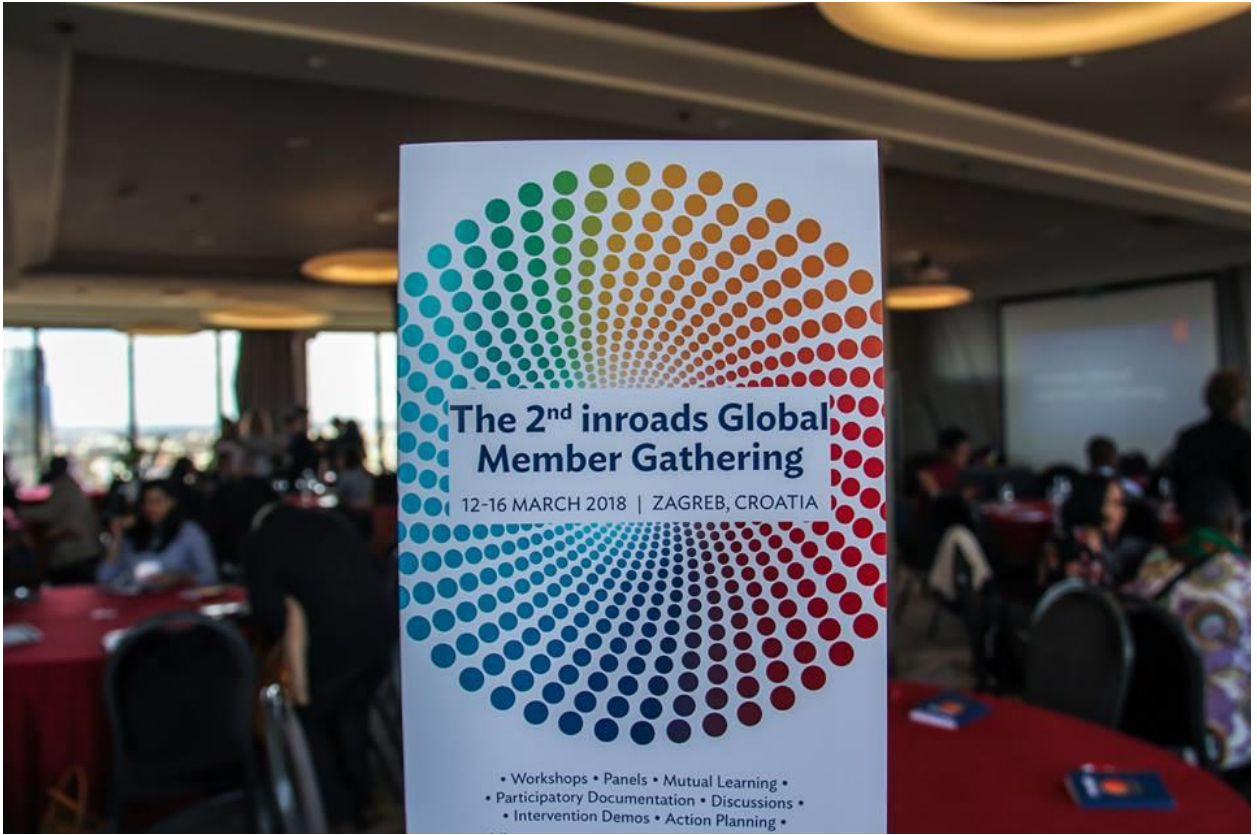
The overall Objective of NHARCON was to provide a platform for the exchange of Local and Global research and best practices towards achieving epidemic control in Ghana

The specific objectives of the conference were to:

- Share knowledge and best practices for HIV interventions.
- disseminate findings from relevant HIV and AIDS research undertaken in Ghana and elsewhere
- provide the opportunity for researchers from around the world to share the latest scientific advances in the field, learn from one another's expertise
- Review strategies for advancing the fast track 90-90-90 strategy and treat all policy.
- discuss and identify future programme strategies and research priorities in light of evidence and best practices

Community and Family Aid Foundation was granted a full exhibition with our partner, the APPLE Project represent by Jack James Dawson .Management took the opportunity to share our works that introduce novel ideas and/or concepts; new research findings and advances in the field. The outcome was of the conference was greta as there was a high turnout of visitors to our exhibition stand. This culminated into a formal interactive with new donors, civil society actors, and friends of the civil society fraternity. We are forever grateful for such encounter







“There is no qualification to be here, just passion”, joy, and shared values: a multipart report for a multifaceted meeting of inroads members.

The 2nd Bi-annual inroads Global Member Gathering took place over 5 days in Zagreb, Croatia where the movement for abortion access is working to establish a base of action and support while navigating a relatively young state, a complex ecosystem of historical and regional laws, and an increased appetite of a religious anti-abortion movement.

Looking out from the 17th floor out on Zagreb, 111 inroads members from 40 countries gathered early each morning and well into the evening most nights to band together to better understand abortion stigma, address its causes and effects, and reckon with our shared destiny as people who have, provide, and advocate for

abortions. We gathered to discuss, share, laugh, listen, cry, dance, try new things, sing, dance again, and explore topics of expertise and strength in depth. There was deep diversity in the room, with participants across distinct regions and sectors, some who have been members since inroads launched four years ago, and some who joined just in time to register for this gathering.

The results are many and since we brought with us in spirit, web connection, and social media the many members of inroads who couldn't be there in person, we share the report here openly and welcome questions, comments, and inquiry about what we discovered and plans members made for inroads.

Breaking out of binaries: why we gather like we do

When planning a meeting for members with such different contexts, needs, and expertise can be seen as a series of trade-offs – as deciding between which topic, method, or approach to prioritize. Breadth or depth, survey or masterclass, grief or joy, art or science, global north or global south. While we as a community do need to make decisions and to act, that doesn't actually mean we always have to choose either or. It requires a lot of flexibility on everyone's part, some discomfort, and the trust that we, as a community, have the resources and diversity of expertise and experience to be able to generate a Gathering that can benefit us all.

There is power in our plurality.

To frame the week, co-conveners Katie Gillum and Kati LeTourneau and inroads Steering Committee member and Executive Director of TICAH, Jediah Maina reflected on the power that we should feel from inroads, not in that we speak in one voice but in the plurality that we respect and live into.

Katie Gillum introduced the crucial link between binary thinking and stigma. “The reality is that we are all holding many stories and many meanings in ourselves at the same time.” In order to truly break through the stigma and discrimination surrounding abortion, we must explore the variation of our thoughts, feelings, and emotions about and around abortion. If we do not acknowledge the variation and diversity of thoughts, feeling, and experience around abortion, we run the risk of assuming we are on the same page or letting personal feelings become more concrete stigma in our field. Because we know silence and repression leads to stigma and discrimination, examining our collective understandings and individual experiences is crucial for we who are attempting to mitigate stigma in ourselves, our organizations, communities, governments, world.

Kati LeTourneau discussed some practical realities about breaking out of these binaries because in order to break them down, we need to make room to share with one another and hear from one another across and within disciplines, across and within organizations, and across and within cultural contexts. There is a strong public health argument for access to abortion that is timely and of high quality. There is a strong human rights argument for access to abortion that is dignified and quality. There is a strong bodily autonomy argument for access to abortion that respects our wishes and humanity. When we can bring the experts of these arguments together, we all become stronger and more effective in our work: “we enhance each other”.

Jade Maina, shared how powerful noticing the binary she was holding in herself was for motivating her work on stigma. At an inroads summit on abortion, stigma, and disability health access back in 2015 she noticed that she never brought her own story into the work she did ensuring access to abortion. “I was labeling and separating”, and when she started cracking open that door and letting her life and work connect she realized what an injustice she was doing to herself and to the work. She challenged us has members to have honest conversations about how abortion stigma affects us as humans and as activists.

Untangling the binaries and politics of our language.



inroads members discuss untangling the binaries of politics and language

Inroads members from Kenya, the Philippines, Mexico, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States held a discussion about the way these binaries trap us as a movement. We and our experiences don't fit neatly into these categories, and holding ourselves to being in a space of either/or limits our possibilities. These binaries are offered to us or forced upon us by a divided culture. Participants in the session reflected binaries that bind them: legal v. illegal, safe v. unsafe, self-use v. surgical, disability v. ability, human rights v. public health, radical v. strategic, straight v. queer, man v. woman. But our work cannot and should not stay on one side of the binary. Members are working to change the law, and to take abortion out of the law entirely, and to expand access to abortion outside of the legal frameworks. All of these are important. Members are working to expand access to safe abortion, to reframe the definition of safe to include self-use of misoprostol, and also working to stop marginalizing people who access traditional methods. The legacy of thinking abortion is unsafe or dangerous contains a sense of punishment for having sex, and members are working to dismantle this way of thinking. All of this is important. Members are supporting people to have the information and medicines they need for

self-use of medical abortion and to ensure that surgical abortion is high-quality and accessible. All parts of this work are important, and they do not negate or compete with one another. Ultimately, people who have abortions or support abortion rights don't fit one stereotype, one practice, or one discipline. As a network, we practice the difficult art of coexisting where we can't compromise and supporting diverse approaches, especially on the politics of language. We can share notes and successes and acknowledge that it is OK if we are not united on everything: our plurality is a strength – it is not about centralization but about decentralization.

”So engaged from morning to the end”: *What we did in Zagreb*



inroads members participate in small and large group discussions

Over the five-day, action packed agenda, members participated in small-group discussions, artistic collective documentation, mission-building sessions, experimentation with language and visual representation, member-led sessions and demos, and deep group discussions of many difficult issues. Highlights from the agenda include:

- Panels exploring storytelling approaches, drama and media interventions, developing model laws, the experience and role of providers in stigma, policy progress and change, the intersection of security and holistic self-care, and stigma in comprehensive sexuality education
- Demonstrations of member led interventions, including Story Listening, Speak My Language (working with young people to talk about abortion), the Reproductive Justice Happy Hour Podcast, activities from the Provider Share workshop, activities from Story Circles, and working with clergy to talk openly about abortion.
- An Exchange Festival where members shared their work with posters, tables, and short videos.

- A model press conference where members practiced answering hard questions and practiced identifying the kinds of questions they wished they would get from the media
- A session exploring the many ways that bringing a stigma lens to human rights principles can help us to pursue the broad set of rights that abortion should be covered by
- Open space defined by the members. Topics were identified and led by members, and included inclusive language in the RJ movement, a media training, working with hesitant religious leaders, online/digital security, and more.



inroads members share with one another during the Exchange Festival

”Everyone had time to share”: how we all participate in it

We knew from our pre-meeting registration survey what members wanted to learn more about and what they were ready to share with each other. We took that as our mandate for creating the meeting structure and content. The meeting was entirely participatory, using a variety of facilitation methods, and principles of non-hierarchical organizing. We worked and shared with each other in a wealth of ways to ensure we truly understand each other’s work, and we now can start to integrate work being done on different levels and different manifestations of abortion stigma. Members have access to a number of facilitation guides in English and Spanish on the [inroads Collaboration Workspace library](#). Members who want to consult with conveners or other inroads members in more detail about meeting facilitation methods and approaches can [request technical support here](#).

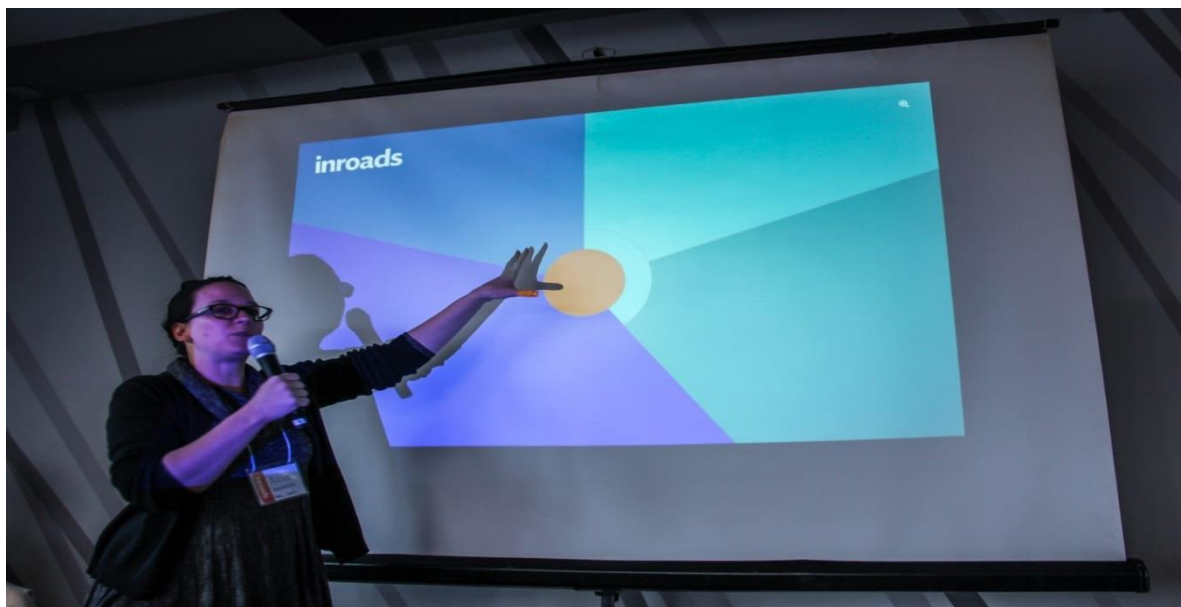
”Like I was at a buffet and couldn’t stop eating”: What we think and feel about it

Almost all of the participants shared what they thought and felt about the Gathering in a brief survey at the end of the last day. Members shared about the **benefits** of this gathering. We asked participants to share **what worked well at this Gathering** and to let us know what they suggest for changing. Here are some highlights:

- “The synergy created in time, that has allowed us to feel safe, like fish under water; the massive knowledge sharing; the deep feelings brought to surface...”
- “Creative spaces and opportunities to share, interact, and express. Facilitation was also great – kudos to inroads Steering Committee. Very respectful and constructive facilitation. The week flew – at no point did I tune out.”
- “I was most happy about the fact that every participant had time to share something during our meetings.”
- “The type of facilitation, so fluid and unique. I truly have never experienced such a conference, and now all others will pale in comparison. Mass diversity, I learned just as much from the other attendees as I did from the facilitators. Magical.”

Members highlighted the participatory approach to facilitation and agenda design as an element that kept them engaged and allowed them to learn from so many other participants. Many participants highlighted the diversity of the expertise of other participants as a key element. Participants also had suggestions for shifting the structures of meetings to support more training and capacity strengthening activities, as well as having more formal translation available to support participation. We share more detail along with some of the inroads actions moving forward on the inroads Collaboration Workspace.

"This looks like life, the totality of life": the first time out for the inroads Sentiment Gatherer and Map



Alli

shares about the inroads Sentiment Gatherer

To share about the launch of this tool, Katie Gillum writes from her perspective about how inroads members using the new Sentiment Gatherer expanded her view of what is possible in changing the language culture around abortion: From the outset, we knew we weren't trying to build a tool that would tell us who was for and who was

against abortion, or the strength of peoples' feelings about abortion. During its development, I would often explain that we were trying to create a tool that would help us see how people talked and thought about abortion, beyond polarized pro/anti debates. Of course, sentiment would be part of it – we have a whole domain dedicated to psychological and emotional processes, and throughout the lexicon are words and phrases that likely indicate a person's stance on or opinions about abortion (e.g. sin, pro-life, anti-, empowerment, choice). But it actually wasn't until Cesar said what he did ("the results look like life, the diversity and totality of life"-Cesar) that I fully understood – more than just seeing how people talked about abortion, we were trying to build a tool that would help to give us as complete a picture as possible of the ways in which people think about abortion, experience abortion, understand abortion's place in their own lives.

The two inroads team members, Kyle and Alli, who facilitated the process during the meeting were touched by the thoughtful, intentional way that some people curated their word lists, bringing lists up to the computer station sharing them as cherished possessions, offerings. Alli shared "It was quite poignant. It made me feel all the more concerned about how carefully we need to treat those words – as precious as they were to the people who gave them, I wanted to make sure they were in precisely the right homes (domains and subdomains), with precisely the right word-neighbors. I was most surprised about the degree to which I felt responsibility for shepherding those words, for not misrepresenting them or misunderstanding them, for making sure they're all included."

Key challenges we're still grappling with: how to build a thesaurus that's focused enough/controlled enough to let us collect and visualize data with precision – but still reflect as fully as possible all of the nuanced, complex association's people have with abortion. **Where we go from here: Committing to it**



inroads members powerfully commit to busting stigma

One of the aims of this gathering was to fully identify who “we” are - “we” at inroads means all of us: co-conveners, staff, Steering Committee, members. Anyone who is engaging with this global network to help understand and transform stigma and discrimination related to abortion. As individuals and as organizations, we are doing this work in different ways. As a network, we are doing it together. Participants participated in a crowd-sourcing activity to identify ways that the network can move forward in collective action. Some key priorities emerged:

- Creating and collating online stigma-busting tools – for now, stay tuned for updates to the inroads-hosted online compendium of resources. This directory links to peer-reviewed articles, thought pieces, and toolkits that are available online. Members also share tools that aren’t published in the online Collaboration Workspace.
- Inroads spotlights, highlighting clear actions that members can support
- Research methods – this conversation led directly to an Open Space session identifying areas for members to conduct research about stigma
- Abortion Defenders Network [not sure what to say about this- start previewing scaffolding group in larger audience?]
- Media
- Supporting local feminist groups with training, legal resources, financial support
- Inclusive and intersectional organizing
- Strengthening Regional and country groups – Already the participants from the Latin America region have scheduled a web-meeting to propose a plan moving forward for how to engage with inroads and leverage members skills and expertise to move forward in that region!

Individual participants also shared their commitments in the evaluation survey:

- “I am going home with new ideas, energy and connections that will impact my work and my activism. I plan to create some simple resources that can be shared with inroads members.”
- “Work to integrate the public health and rights-based framing in my own practice and within my organization.”
- “Emphasize solidarity and inclusivity in my work. Stop saying “unsafe abortion” and “safe abortion.”

Participants were excited about what they plan on applying in their own organizations, regions, and contexts, including using the facilitation approach employed at this gathering. Some participants plan on adapting some of the interventions and methods that were shared by other members, including Story Circles, a post-abortion intervention from Mexico, and building positive connections with religious communities, after attending a workshop about working with religious communities in Uganda.

Participants also expressed a strong commitment to shifting their own language around abortion, including using less binary language like “safe abortion” versus

“unsafe abortion” and increasing inclusive language to make their movements more welcoming to all people who need abortion.

Participants shared that they will apply new skills that they learned, including working with the media more confidently, conducting research about abortion stigma in their settings, and working to destigmatize abortion with abortion providers in new ways.

Finally, participants began the work of collective action, specifically with an effort to address online censorship in collaboration with members in different country settings. Several participants indicated this commitment in the evaluation responses, and we are already seeing that action take shape on the inroads Collaboration Workspace listserv.

Why and what comes next?

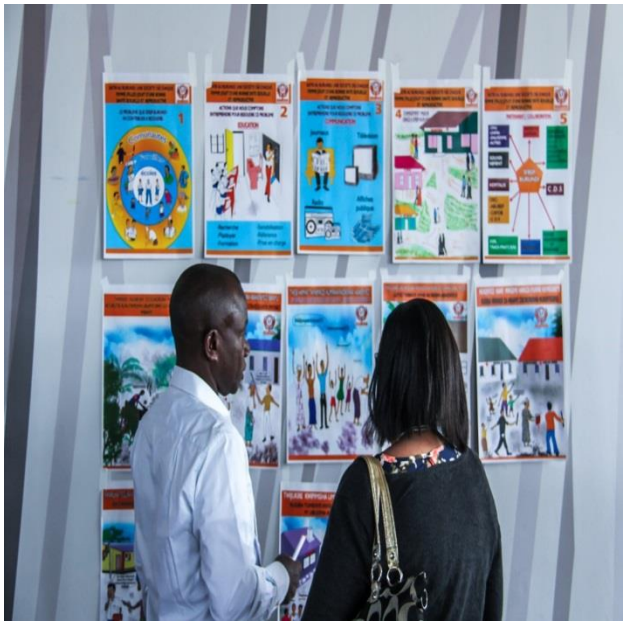
Mutual learning and co-mentorship. Network weaving. Solidarity and safe spaces. Knowledge and skill sharing. Members of inroads not only brought immense energy in Zagreb, energy and willingness to learn from each other, to connect with each other, and to do the hard work of ending stigma. to learn, ready to connect, and ready to work. So not only did the set of members help keep the fires of the network roaring with energy and inspiration, they brought in the final days of the Gathering a lot of actionable ideas for the network as a movement and for collaborations that members themselves can lead:

- regular globally coordinated anti-stigma actions or campaigns,
- a collective global art intervention,
- regional and country level groups,
- engaging with inclusive RJ organizing,
- increasing ties and relationships with local and regional feminist groups,
- stigma researchers regularly connecting and sharing,
- collaborating to better use our online tools to connect and communicate,
- use the inroads website to center and share inroads member work.

Several of these activities have already begun on the inroads Collaboration Workspace and are underway in local and regional communities. We look forward to other ideas and supporting each other to make these plans into concrete steps and actions.

Finally and definitely not least, inroads members reminded each other that what sets a movement like this apart is our collective ability to find value, dignity, and joy in an area of humanity that social forces would like to only ever paint as dark, dangerous, and secretive. To put it lightly, inroads members know how to enjoy themselves and enjoy each other’s company.

We feel all the feelings: the solidarity, the pain, the humor, the trauma, the itchiness, the difference, and we can let each other feel different things about our work. There is power in our plurality, our diversity, and openness, and our rhythm. Solid as a rock, inroads, and driving as the beat!



Joy Tags:



CAFAF-GHANA 360 REPRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN INROADS 2018 PANEL ACTIVITIES

CAFAF-GHANA 360 is a member of the international network for the reduction of abortion discrimination and stigma. The partnership grants resources to fuel the activities of members globally based on rigorous assessment of their work and proposal .after the maiden meeting in Croatia in March, 2018, the partnership constituted a global panel tasked with the responsibilities of receiving and reviewing proposal received. Joseph from our organization was carefully selected after keenly contested pools of application .highlights of the panel are shared below.

The Partnership Grant level supports projects between 10 and 16 months in length with budgets up to \$25,000 USD. Community-based organizations with active inroads members are eligible to respond to calls for proposals, and awards are made based on a participatory, multi-phase review process including an inroads member evaluative review panel and a decision-making review panel including the Global Steering Committee and inroads Directors. Since its founding, inroads have supported 13 projects with the primary purpose of generating evidence about how stigma manifests and/or piloting innovative strategies to address stigma. The third cohort of 6 Partnership fund projects will begin in October 2018.

Application, review, and award timeline:

Request for proposals open to members	June 5, 2018
Webinar for inroads members	June 19, 2018
Review panelist letters of interest to	July 5, 2018
info@endabortionstigma.org	
Applications due online at	July 11, 2018
https://www.endabortionstigma.org/get-involved/apply	
Application review process	July 12 – August 20, 2018
<i>Inroads staff screen for eligibility (1 week)</i>	<i>July 12-18, 2018</i>

<i>Inroads Member review panel review and July 19 – August 5, 2018 score eligible applications (2 weeks)</i>	
<i>Webinar for review panel</i>	<i>July 12 and 17, 2018</i>
<i>Inroads Staff build shortlist after member reviews</i>	<i>August 6 -10, 2018</i>
<i>Inroads staff and Steering Committee review finalists (based on member review panel scores) (2 weeks)</i>	<i>August 13 – 27, 2018</i>
<i>Inroads staff and Steering Committee review meeting</i>	
<i>Inroads staff conducts due diligence on applications selected for award (1 week)</i>	<i>August 28, 29, or 30, 2018</i>
<i>Inroads staff share final selections with Steering Committee</i>	<i>August 27- 31, 2018</i>
	<i>September 5, 2018</i>
<i>Award notifications</i>	<i>September 7, 2018</i>
<i>Award acknowledgements due to</i>	<i>September 17, 2018</i>
info@endabortionstigma.org	
<i>Grant agreement negotiations</i>	<i>September 10 – 21, 2018</i>
<i>Unsuccessful grant applicants notified</i>	<i>September 21, 2018</i>
<i>Financial disbursements</i>	<i>September 24 - 28, 2018</i>
<i>Earliest project start-up date</i>	<i>October 1, 2018</i>
<i>Inroads staff and grantees work together to develop TA plan and final work plans</i>	<i>October 1 – 31, 2018</i>
<i>Approximate mid-grant report submission deadline</i>	<i>June 30, 2019</i>
<i>Inroads Partnership Fund grantee in-person meeting (funded separately by inroads)</i>	<i>May – June, 2019</i>
<i>Latest project conclusion date</i>	<i>March 31, 2020</i>
<i>Draft final report submission deadline</i>	<i>April 1, 2020</i>
<i>Q&A exchange and submission of final report (if necessary)</i>	<i>April 15, 2020</i>

The Seed Grant level is designed for short-term projects of 6 to 9 months; the grants support members with \$1 to 3k to:

- finalize a tool or product that can be shared,
- translate an existing tool or resource into a different language,
- implement arts-based projects designed to address abortion-related stigma and discrimination.

The fifth round of Seed grants will begin in December 2018.

The inroads Partnership Fund (2014-2018) at a glance 51 projects completed to date
 38 Seed grants 13 Partnership grants 44 members supported Projects in 28 countries
 across 5 continents \$428,728 USD in grants provided between 2014–2018

What these results mean for inroads

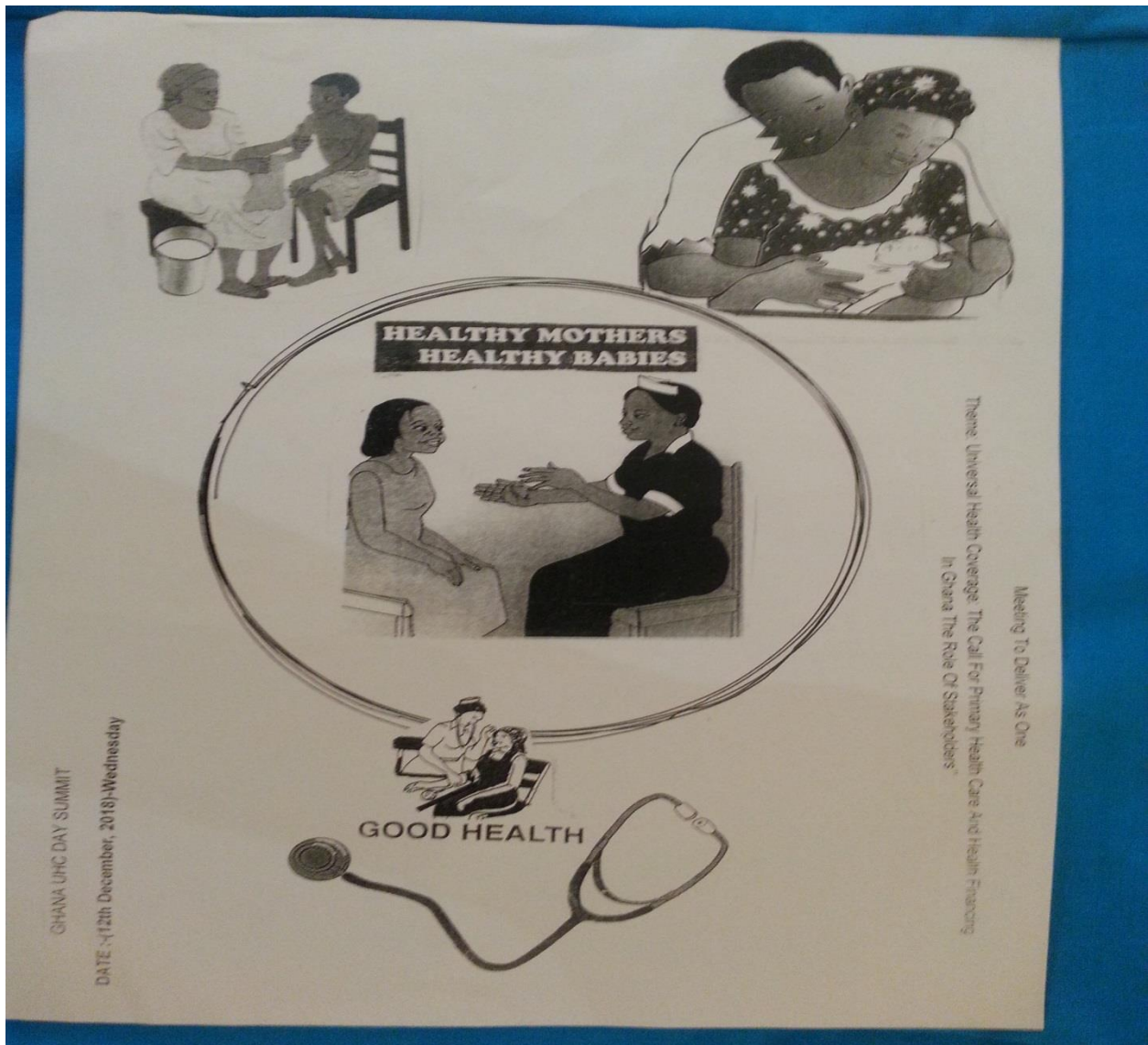
As the inroads Partnership Fund continues to support members with seed grants and Partnership Fund level grants, we look forward to more formative research; development and pilot of innovative interventions; emerging evidence about what works to reduce stigma; and ground-breaking movement building collaborations. This fund leads to private and public examples that can be used by other members to translate, adapt, repeat and evaluate, making the work of stigma busting itself more visible in the reproductive justice and sexual and reproductive health and rights community. Notably, inroads members who receive one grant go on to do more work, get other funds (whether from inroads or from other funders such as Amplify Change or the Safe Abortion Action Fund) and incorporate stigma-busting into their other work.

We have also noticed that inroads members who apply for grants transform their stigma-busting work EVEN if they didn't get the grant. One member noted at a recent conference that "when we applied for a grant, we were unhappy to have not gotten the award, but it made us think about doing a project focused on stigma. We then applied elsewhere and got support for stigma work." Working to reduce stigma has generated concrete and inspiring successes. In Ireland, activists and scholars have been working on reducing stigma in their advocacy strategies for years, leading up to the 2018 repeal of the 8th amendment. In Argentina, a green-scarf clad movement began to be out loud with stories of abortion being a moral right. The recent setback in the legislature has Argentinian activists reviewing the highly stigmatizing refrain of the past ("... abortion not to die").

Members of inroads, whether they have received funding from the Partnership Fund or simply accessed tools developed by grantees, are working collaboratively to revolutionize their ways actively to revolutionize their ways of providing abortion, caring for people who have abortions, and advocating for law and policy change.



UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY: 12TH DECEMBER, 2018



THEME: ‘Universal Health Coverage: The Call for Primary Health Care and Health Financing In Ghana the Role of Stakeholders’

Community And Family Aid Foundation –NGO in Ghana receive a financial support from **Global Health Strategies-UHC2030** micro grant –USA facilitator to celebrate **Universal Health Coverage** which was equally celebrated across the globe on the 12th December, 2018 (Wednesday) in Ghana .This was held and co-hosted by UHC Ghana members who accepted the offer to participate fully to avoid fragment event hosted across the country and to have a common voice in pushing boundaries. The venue for the summit was the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board

The chosen national Theme for the day’s celebration was: Universal Health Coverage: The Call for Primary Health Care and Health Financing in Ghana the Role of Stakeholders’

MAIN TOPICS AND FOCUS: Primary Health Care, Health Financing, Resource Mobilization, Non-Communicable Disease.

The summit attracted key people from the health fraternity and administration and in attendance were representative from the media, WHO-country, ministry of health, nurses and midwifery council, traditional authorities, civil society actors, policy makers, parliamentary select committee on health, finance ministry, ministry for planning, ministry of health, policy, health advocates to debate policy market women, financial institution, the health insurance authority, religious bodies, individuals, consultants, health consultant, disability groups, among others.

The General Goal of the 2018 celebration was to increase universal health coverage - UHC awareness by Advocating for stakeholders support and influencing for improved primary health care and financing for health to addressing gaps in Ghana

The forum was highly interactive and includes both plenary and break-out sessions, where participants were able to deep-dive into discussion topics. The program review current evidence in the field of health financing and assess gaps in knowledge, brainstorm new approaches and opportunities for capacity building, and debate controversial issues. Several short background papers were shared with all participants in advance of the forum.

Furthermore, offered a critical forum on how UHC policies and plans can further the rights and interests of citizens. Engagement of high-level participants, to debate policy solutions and contribute to policy processes on UHC for Ghana access, support and sustainable development.

It was also used examine the key actions that policymakers, activists, citizens, civil society actors , and community leaders must take to ensure that UHC in Ghana work where citizens have access to an open, safe, empowered to benefit from health care service

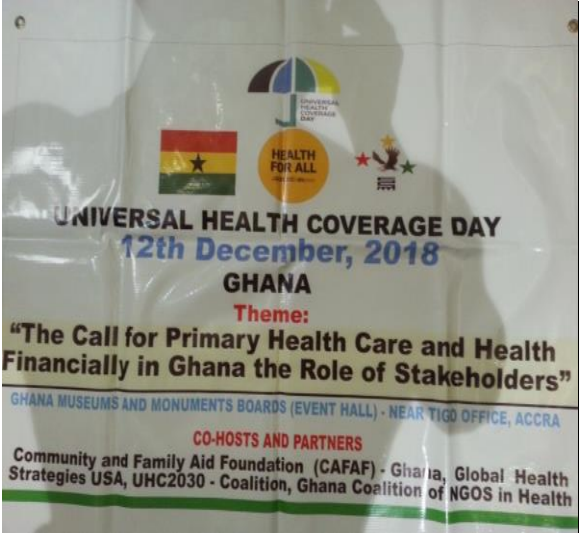
END PRODUCTS OF THE SUMMIT:

The views and suggestions shared by participants have been collated into a communiqué, reports, and recommendations emanating from the interactions and are documented and will be shared with key stakeholders. Our eminent team will follow up on decision makers and key agreements reached at the summit on commitment made to achieving quality and improve primary health care delivery and financing in the district and in Ghana in general come 2019.

Finally, *“we are happy to join the global community On the occasion of 2018 Universal Health Coverage Day 12th December,(12.12.18) to advance the 5th year celebration of UHC Day in Ghana to remind and drum home what World leaders have agreed on by awakening citizens and policy makers that their action counts in releasing and achieving what our leaders have agreed that : every person—no matter who they are, where they live, or how much money they have—should be able to access quality health services without suffering financial hardship. To achieve this vision of universal health coverage by 2030, we need collective action now to build strong, equitable health systems in every country.*



CO-HOSTS: Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana, Africa Health Economics and Research Association. **LOCAL PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS:** Rural Project Support Network, Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health, , Family Health Foundation, AMA, Concern Health Education, Hope Care Foundation, APPLE Project, Learning Helping Living, FFWI, District Health Directorate, Ghana Health Service, WHO, UHC2030, World Bank and the Other Stakeholders.



OUR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY CELEBRATION 12.12.18 INDIA



COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION organized a side event at the partner's forum on the 12.12. 18 on universal health coverage day, held on Wednesday. It coincided with the 5th global anniversary and UN declaration and acceptance of the day into its roster of event to mark across the globe yearly.

The live event was followed by a formal declaration of the day. The prime minister of India, Shri Modi, gave a live discourse on what matters on UHC, signature collection, arts display and interactive dialogues at designated panel discussion form. Items such as T-shirts, banners, leaflets produced were shared and circulated largely among delegates at the conference.

The event was also used to establish follow-up partnership among several civil society actors. This intent was to draft and implement joint partnership projects that will inure to the benefits in our respective countries.

Below pictures demonstrating UHC celebration in India 12.12.2018





BUSAC APPLE FUNDED Project in scope

Community and family aid foundation was represented on the **APPLE PROJECT** funded by the **BUSINESS ADVAOCY FUND**, to leverage our technical expertise in the delivery of the planned activities. The focus and target of the project are disclosed below in brief.....

At **CAFAF-GHANA 360** we believe in the power of networking and collaboration for which reason this offer was accepted in time. The overall intent and impact the project has had on the beneficiaries are enough to provide our worth in the project implementation. The outcomes will be used as a bench mark to seek for more support to scale up these efforts in other communities in 2019 and beyond.

VISITING THE SHADOWS OF FACE TO FACE 2015-2018 REVIEWS AND CONTRIBUTION



The council for world mission (cwm) in partnership with array of season institutions conveyed 2 months course in the Netherlands from 9th April-25th may, 2015.the focus on was on migration for development and how the various organizations are responding to the trends at the peak of the Europe's union exposure to high migrant crisis enveloping the countries.

Mr. Joseph senyo kwashie from –CAFAF-GHANA 360 represented Ghana and return with good exposure of the realities on the grounds. This culminated into his extension continue writing and deliberating at length, sharing experiences with more people upon his return.

In 2018 the CWM was going through a 10 years review of its activities for which reason all participants were tasked to contribution to the processes. We are happy to share in this report the representative was among the top scores who articles, reviews, presentations and interviews were accepted for publication wide. Below is a summary of his take about the programme few years down the



line and we are happy to publish.



FACE TO FACE 2015 - NETHERLANDS (9TH APRIL-25TH MAY, 2015)

**CWM and Partners Building a Generation of Change Makers in Mission
Face to face programme a light of the world**

What else can I say *“indeed, face to face 2015 program shaped my life, mission in life, purpose to live for others, mixture of experiences, diversity, cultural learning’s, encounters, healing, joint mission, ministry with a purpose. This bold decision taken by the COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION (CWM) and partners of instituting project of such nature over the years are really helping to connect, propagate, breath, breed generations of young hopefuls to drive the churches mission, ministry, have encounter with God to take action globally impacting lives and connecting generations with the momentum to live for others and by doing so we are a Council For World Mission changing our world from every corner of the earth.” Says: Joseph Senyo Kwashie participant from Ghana 2015- Netherlands*

I am **Joseph Senyo Kwashie** from Ghana, born into a family of different religious beliefs and practices. The different beliefs means I live in a lost world where I have no option but to live under the dictates of my guardians and follow their strict code of conducts and perhaps belong to a church they attend till I do not live under their roof and under their care anymore .In Ghana three major religion and practices abounds and they are the Christian religion, Islamic and the traditional. The freedoms to belong to any of these are guaranteed by our respective constitution.

My thought of the church and its mission was much liner, because of the different doctrines and the daily bombardment of range of information that have occupy both the news stand including the different stand points of the various Christian community here in Ghana and beyond. *During the face to face 2015 –Netherlands (from 9th April-25th May 2015) programme, I begin to have a change of mindset, that, really the church and mission, calling are not the preserve of selective few to undertake. It's indeed a shared responsibility of every concern member of the Christian community to participate actively and in partnership to save lives and chart a new cause in the Christian community activities each passing day.*

I developed more interest in the areas of Gods purpose for our lives, knowing well, that, as a Christian we are dully called to fulfill a mission, help plant churches, engaged in the direct activities of the church , then again respond not only to the spiritual needs of people rather their economic needs as well. *Economic justice is not the duty and work of social activists alone but we can add our voices, design programmes and hold duty bearers accountable to make the necessary changes possible. We must share cloth, shelter, and bread for people in need where our strength could be of help.*

During the programme *I had the chance to visit various places in the Netherlands , intern with organization ,conduct interviews, observe the works of people on the grounds, come face to face with community people in need ,that the Christian community had offered various help to put smiles back on the faces of the once lost ones. What an impressive action on the grounds going here, I asked myself silently always.*

These exposures helped to discover myself, that is, I have hidden talents that I have not utilized to the benefits of mankind and the Christian community. *But today, I am proud to say that, it had changed my life totally after my return and I am a living testimony of what had transpired from the face to face program 2015 in the Netherlands. I formally opened a small Non-Governmental Organization dubbed “the Community and Family Aid Foundation” currently championing community development, identifying ourselves with marginalized communities and providing them with the support they need.*

Then on mission and encounter with God, *I undertook a series of both pastoral ,theology ,mission courses back home in Ghana between that time till I was fully commissioned and ordained as a minister of the gospel on the 5th August,2017 (Saturday). Looking back I realize that the missiology's praxis, mission commitment requires action, and understanding of who we are as people, the church, and society. More workers are needed in the field of, mission to get far and it takes a brave heart in our fast challenging society to make it so.*

The programme(face to face 2015-Netherlands) *really had shaped my life in many ways and in ministry as well, as it had helped me play different roles as a minister of the gospel and combining it with direct social activities meeting both the spiritual and physical needs of people on the streets “bread, bed, and shelter).*

Currently, my church (**Living Word Baptist Ministry International**) through me has designed a range of programs and activities that respond to the needs of different members of the church. **We use to box things together in time past, thinking all is well with any church member we meet. Only to realize every church member has their unique problem and attention. And so we have collected or categories the membership to know who is let's say employed, unemployed especially the youth and linking them with people in the church who can help them either learn a trade/vocation and get employed, those with ministerial and mission gifts are also being mentored by senior pastors as an example.**

We have additionally connected with the going by ensuring that we have various social media platform, direct counseling lines, special officers, offices that respond to their needs when necessary.

The programme helped me to understand the realities of life that in life we can dream big and no matter how big they are must begin from somewhere. Our lives must be filled with a purpose, vision, mission, inspiration and begin to take action instead of waiting for things to happen.

My only recommendation is that the program(face to face programme) is impacting lives ,thus, ought to be continue, and then there should be a continues follow up, direct training/refresher trainings be offered to past participants to enable them reconnect and deepen their works in the field of mission and to chart a new cause globally.

In life we all need someone to get there, but God is the first point of contact through whom we can drive the maximum strengths to deliver. *Then during my final presentation of my findings about the works and activities I undertook in the Netherlands, came the shock of my life. There was a still voice, a light shine toward my direction, that spoke to me within “you have come to discover the realities of what others are doing, you too can, go out there, back home in Ghana, and I God, using people here, will help you out if you care to do so” be lovers, here I am, fully integrated into the ministry as a reverend minister living the dream of fulfilling the church, mission and ministry in Ghana and beyond.*

I am back home in Ghana, few years down the line after these *encounter “I have joined the shepherded field as a missionary, minister of the gospel and a humanitarian worker not just fighting for the Christendom but practically demonstrating the love of God to all , both in the field of economic justice in the context of mission with purpose.*

What else can I say *“indeed, face to face 2015 program shaped my life, mission in life, purpose to live for others, mixture of experiences, diversity, cultural learning's, encounters, healing, joint mission, ministry with a purpose. This bold decision taken by the COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION (CWM) and partners of instituting project of such nature over the years are really helping to connect, propagate, breath, breed generations of young hopefuls to drive the churches mission, ministry, have encounter with God to take action globally impacting lives and connecting generations with the momentum to live for others and by doing so we are a Council For World Mission changing our world from every corner of the earth.*



*From theory to practice; the Netherlands experiences are worth repeating
After weeks of study we are dispatched to the field to have hands on
experience
Meeting and documenting our findings for the final presentations at the
end of the programme*

By: Joseph senyo Kwashie (now a Rev. Minister Serving The Living Word Baptist Ministry International In Ghana-Face To Face 2015 -9th April-25th May Participants)

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Scene captured below from the field .young hopeful impacting lives through mission, ministry



Scene of interaction with frontline workers



Celebrating King's Day 2015 in Amsterdam central, ending with group special launch at a near restaurant



BACK HOME IN GHANA

*I now serve as a revered ministry of the gospel leading mission, ministry activities
Alongside this I also work as a community programmes officer through community and family aid
foundation-ngo bring a range of development interventions to the marginalized.*



Connecting with youth and impacting the issues of ministry and development are crucial on my development agenda.



Using the media to project issues of youth development is crucial to change society. It takes the power of selflessness to get the issues of mission and ministry intensified. I am just playing my part all the time. Thanks to face to face 2015, one of your flagship topics was on communication for change. The media play instrumental roles in getting people informed and to make informed fruitful choices.



Scene of Joseph at a regularly discussion with MARA FM ,99.3 in Accra –Ghana –West-Africa holding a public discourses on church, mission, and ministry, the role of youth in today's chaos



CAFAF-GHANA 360 SHINE AT 2018 PMNCH/WHO Partners' Forum

12-13 December 2018 | New Delhi, India

Community and Family AID foundation-Ghana was represented at the maiden WHO /PMNCH Partners Forum that brought together 1,200 partners dedicated to the Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) movement and the achievement of the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (Global Strategy) on 12 and 13 December, 2018, in New Delhi, India.

The 2018 Forum, hosted by the Government of India focused on improving multi-sectorial action for results, sharing country solutions and capturing the best practices and knowledge within and among the health sector and related sectors. It emphasize the importance of people- centered accountability bringing forward the voices and lived realities of women, children and adolescents through innovative programming and creative projects.

Specific goals of the Partners' Forum include:

- **Greater political momentum**, sustaining attention to the “Survive-Thrive-Transform” agenda of the Global Strategy, and its contribution to driving the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The voices of women, children and adolescents will be central to our messaging and framing.
- **Knowledge exchange**, through sharing of lessons learned and best practices to innovate and improve implementation strategies for results. The rigorously produced “*Success Factors*” case studies (selected from more than 300 partner-led proposals) will anchor this effort.
- **Improved cross-sectoral collaboration** through knowledge exchange and joint advocacy strategies.

Forum highlights:

- Keynote addresses: Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India; Dr Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile and former chair of PMNCH

- Invited participation of heads of state, ministers, popular champions, and partners from up to 100 countries;
- Launch of a special “Partners’ Forum” issue of the British Medical Journal (BMJ), with 12 “Success Factor” case studies, highlighting best practices and innovations taken to scale for improving women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health;
- Online interactive programming and dialogue through a multi-channel virtual broadcast paired with interactive discussion formats;
- Pre-Forum Side events on 10-11 December;
- Film, music, animation and other creative arts to express the voice of women and girls, and what they want for their own reproductive and maternal health





2018 ACTIVITIES IN RETROSPECTIVE

The Ghana coalition of NGOs in Health Greater Accra region is a branch of the National health coalition of Ghana. The region has its administrative structure separate from the National secretariat. In Greater Accra region t



The elected positions are as follows: The General Secretary, The Treasurer, The Organizing Secretary, The Vice chairman, The Chairman

In Nov 2017 a new leadership position was in place to steer the affairs of the Greater Accra region.

TRANSITION PERIOD

After a successful election and the swearing in of a new executive, per constitutional demand a transition period for handing over and taking over from the erstwhile administration was in force amidst change of signatories and other handover notes. The records shows the erstwhile administration delayed

the process of hand over and left very limited information regarding ongoing projects and accounts documentations however the new leadership have to take full responsibility of the gaps and ensure its amelioration.

1st General Meeting Feb -March 2018.

As per the constitution the coalition is mandated for a quarterly General meeting, to this end the 1st General Meeting was schedule in compliance with the constitution of the Coalition , Over 30 participants attended the meetings and issues of transition were discussed including challenges faced in the run off to retrieve all documented files - some sanctions were made to the previous leadership for not complying with the set constitution. During the maiden meeting the National secretariat and the National chairman visited the regional meeting and encouraged the membership to work together devoid acrimony which be deviled the previous leadership. On his part the chairman of the GAR COALITION also entreated members to honor the constitution and that his leadership will use the constitution both in spirit and letter for the governance of the coalition. He also use the occasion to introduce the new leadership of the executives of the Greater Accra region coalition to the members and urge all to pay their dues .

2ND QUARTER MEETING

The 2nd quarter meeting took place as planned in June, over 30 persons were in attendance and the meeting went on as planned to fulfill the principles of the constitution. During the second quarter meeting capacity building orientation was organized by some of the executive under the theme **Growing the NGO enterprise.** in this training Mr isaac Ampomah the regional secretary took participants through **GROWING THE NGO SECTOR** He touched on the following topic

- ▶ Conceptualizing a charitable idea
 - ▶ Incorporating the idea
 - ▶ Formalizing the idea
 - ▶ Becoming Recognized of the Idea
 - ▶ Identifying as a key actor in your operations .
 - ▶ Becoming a change agent
 - ▶ Leaving a legacy
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- ▶ 1. Under each subject Mr Ampomah stressed on principles underpinning the formation of a charity or an NGO as mere conception which when with value addition it is transformed into becoming an entity , he encouraged members not to abort their ideas but instead protect such

ideas and nurture is development within the principle of Conceptualizing a charitable idea

➤ 2. Incorporating the Idea-

Mr Isaac Ampomah underscored the need to ensure that ideas that are conceptualized are incorporated this he meant registering the idea to becoming a business under the laws of Ghana Mr Isaac Ampomah narrated the difficulty many NGOs faces in ensuring the ideas or institutions to conform with the laws of Ghana

▶ 3. Formalizing the idea

In formalizing the idea Mr Isaac Ampomah reiterated the need to have a formal office and a secretariat for upholding credibility as a formalized NGO or a charity he cautioned NGOS not to operate as a portfolio entities but instead identify a niche and project the vision and mission of the said entity they belong

▶ 4. Becoming Recognized of the Idea

Mr Isaac Ampomah again stressed on the need to get recognition of the idea from reputable state institutions prominent among is the social welfare department he encouraged member organizations to always update their certificate of recognition and be recognized as such

▶ 5. Networking and Partnership building was a key component of the subject **identifying as a key actor** in your operations . These actors help to provide strategic directions and linkages and sited examples as the commission of Human rights and the NGOs forum

▶ 6. In becoming a **Becoming a change agent**

Here Isaac stress on the love and passion (work and country) and the desire of work ethics and morale aptitude that's dedicated he stressed on the calling to becoming a change agent and be seen n as solution maker instead as the desire for money grabbing as its widely known of NGOs . Mr Ampomah encourage us to first let the mission of our existence come first and the resources will naturally follow

▶ **Leaving a legacy**

Under this topic the presenter mentioned what legacy do we leave as NGOs aiming that many great leaders are remembered for thir deeds he stressed that members must be guided by their principles guiding them to having an NGO and leave a legacy of their work for humanity to remember them.

Mr Isaac concluded by mentioning the need to Brand the sector where we find ourselves in and encouraged all to see NGO as a business. Mr Ampomah took the members through the need to identify our niche, brand ourselves to gain credibility and to stand the test of time

He again asked members to reflect on their individual NGOs and ensure that we fix the missing link so as to be counted among credible CSOs or NGOs. He continued that there was the need for members to conceptualize the idea and incorporate it, thus take charge and own what we do.

later in the meeting the chairman together with the vice advise all to be up and doing and stressed that we must all respond to the call to duty and offer ourselves ready for the committees yet to be formed as a constitutional mandate. In between the general meetings there has been other executive meetings to discuss issues at the board level.

3rd Quarter Meeting September 2018

The 3rd quarter meeting was scheduled to take place as planned the meeting was in session and some brief outcomes of project under GAVI and 2YL was briefed by madam Felicia Sosu of Rural Support Project Network , Madam Felicia stress on the success stories of the 2YL and other complimentary immunization projects ongoing. During the 3RD quarter Meeting there was an abrupt change in program and all members were directed by the chairman to report to the parliament House to launch the TB parliamentary caucus.

The 4th Quarter General Meeting is scheduled for the 12-12-2018.

Brief recorded by General secretary

Mr Isaac Ampomah

CEO- Concern Health Education Project



OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL DAYS

Day	Brief
<p>World aids day 1sty December,2018</p>	<p>1st December 2018 (Saturday)</p> <p><i>Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition than 3 decades ago.</i></p> <p><i>World AIDS Day is held on the 1st December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, held for the first time in 1988.</i></p> <p><i>Years down the line we as civil society actors see this 30th anniversary as other avenues to redouble our efforts in making more inroads and in doing so more and more lives at stake will be saved. Let's celebrate while pursuing agendas and knowing well that World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and Government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education globally.</i></p> <p><i>Knowing our status matters most, I know my status, and do you know yours? , the 2018 global theme is apt “KNOWN YOUR STATUS” .</i></p> <p><i>Here in Ghana the official national celebration will take place in the Volta Region-1st December, 2018-Saturday with other several civil society actors celebrating it at every corner of Ghana.</i></p> <p><i>Says: Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director at CAFAF-GHANA 360</i></p>
	<p>October 15th, 2018 –Monday</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>On this special occasion, i sincerely call on all to let handwashing be central “Clean Hands – a recipe for health,” as emphasized by 2018 global theme for celebration, it’s my concern, your concern, our collective concern. Says: <i>Joseph Senyo Kwashie-Executive Director At Community And Family Aid Foundation –Ghana</i></p> <p><i>Ghana’s National event will be held at the Agbogboloshie Market here in Accra at 9:00am, to solidify our commitment to the true cause of hand washing in Ghana and</i></p>

	<i>beyond.</i>
	<p>World Diabetes Day 2018</p> <p>14 November 2018 (Tuesday)</p> <p>The theme for World Diabetes Day 2018 and 2019 is The Family and Diabetes.</p> <p>“On this special occasion, the management of Community and Family Aid Foundation-NGO in Ghana, encourages all to live for each other, diabetes is causing more harm than good.it takes what we offer to make change possible. Let’s contribute what it takes to overcome diabetes collectively and in doing so we are collectively creating a better world that respond to the needs of the times. Says: Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director at CAFAF-GHANA 360</p>
	<p>TODAY IS WORLD HUMAN RIGHT DAY 2018 10TH DECEMBER, 2018</p> <p><i>For us at COMMUNITY AND FAMILYU AID FOUNDATION ,the theme speaks volume of what we have achieve and what remain to be done...lets gop all out and ensure that the rights of everyone becomes the rights of all. All is well when we are all well.... Say Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director at CAFAF-GHANA 360</i></p> <p>THEMES OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</p> <p>Human Rights Day is celebrated with a special theme every year to raise awareness and instill the importance of human rights in the minds of the people. Following are the themes of Human Rights Day for each year:</p> <p>Theme of 2018 is “Stand Up For Human Rights”.</p> <p>Theme of 2017 was “Let’s stand up for equality, justice and human dignity”.</p> <p>Theme of 2016 was “Stand up for someone’s rights today”.</p> <p>Theme of 2015 was “Our Rights. Our Freedoms. Always.”</p> <p>Theme of 2014 was “Celebrating 20 years of changing lives through Human Rights”.</p> <p>Theme of 2013 was “20 Years: Working for Your Rights”.</p> <p>Theme of 2012 was “Inclusion and the right to participate in public life” and “Universal Declaration of Human Rights”.</p>

“STEPPING INTO ACTION: TB CASE DETECTION AND TREATMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION”

Funded by: FONDATION MERIEUX-FRANCE

PROJECT REPORT

DECEMBER 2017-MAY 2018



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Tuberculosis continues to pose a serious threat to the public health and safety of Ghanaians, particularly in slum communities where living and sanitation condition is

deplorable. The mode of spread (through the air) of the disease even makes residents in such communities prone and susceptible to the disease.

Since 2009, with the support and funding of the National TB control Program, Community and Family Aid Foundation (CAFAP) launched a rigorous Educational campaign on TB in Selected Communities within the Ayawaso Sub-metro and the Ga West Municipality.

Signing Of Grant Agreement

On 6th November, 2017 a grant agreement was signed between **Community And Family Aid Foundation**(CAFAP-GHANA 360) –local implementing agency in Ghana and **Fondation Mérieux** for an amount of 5 000 Euros to conducted activities enshrined in the project proposal. Funds amount to the cedi equivalent was transfer to the chest of the organization account in the 2nd week in December 2017.

The Project Location

The project location was Ga West Municipality of Accra in which over 10 communities and a host volunteers were anticipated to participate actively and in partnership to ensure the smooth execution of the project till the end.

Key Activities and Results

Activities planned for delivery under the project include but to not limited to

Collaboration and linkages among key stakeholders strengthened (AMHD, Private health facilities

Strengthened

-10 trained Licensed Chemical Sellers, pharmacies and Drugs store attendants collecting sputum for diagnosis

-Increased number of sputum samples collected and transported for diagnosis by the -10 trained community volunteers

All key stakeholders consulted and pledge support for project

-Expansion of project gains to 20 other communities to intensify education, create awareness and secure more support to TB victims etc.

Our Project Objective

1. To sensitize stakeholders and strengthen collaboration with Accra Metro Health and the Ga West Directorate to gain their support and participation for project
2. To undertake active TB case search/ TB/HIV co-infected case detection and contact tracing
3. To undertake treatment support for confirmed TB cases and adherence to treatment regimen through DOTS.

Implemented activities

1. Pre-implementation meetings with key stakeholders, community opinion leaders and staff of selected health facilities about New phase and direction of project
2. Organize a one-day stakeholders sensitization and orientation workshop/ Project launch under the new funding model
3. Re-orientation/ refresher training for 10 committed Community based volunteers and 10 licensed chemical sellers in sputum collection and transportation for investigation at laboratories.
4. Sputum Collection at the counter by trained Licensed Chemical Sellers and Drugstores attendants and transportation for screening by diagnostic facility/ laboratory
5. Households visits by volunteers for sputum collection and facilitation of referrals to health facility for diagnosis.
6. Households visits by Volunteers to support confirmed TB cases and clients on treatment (DOTS)
7. Organize 3 monthly Volunteers Review Meetings for data verification and collation, experience sharing/ progress reports

SUMMARY

All planned activities within the project framework were delivered in partnership with identifiable stakeholders, district health officials from the Ga West Municipality, community volunteers, and our proposed beneficiaries' communities. These communities include but not limited to Amasaman, samsam, kotoku, Manchie, Menpemehuasem, Media, Kutunse, Fise, Abease, Pig Farm, Kotobabi, Abavana Down, Alajo, New Town and Ebony Down etc.

SCHEDULE: The planned workshops were offered a whole day, laced with Educational workshop on TB with different stakeholders based on assessment of their backgrounds and knowledge in the subject matter.

FORMAT: Use of a combination of delivery methods e.g., presentations, didactic lectures, audiovisual and print media, group discussions, problem-solving exercises, and assignments for delivery of messages. The use of info graphs, images and real life examples than technical presentation was core part of the workshops.

RESOURCE PERSONS: They were carefully selected based on, knowledge, committed to the TB cause, good skills in oration, and engaging. STOP TB Network members in Ghana including the district health TB unit served as resource persons

and were actively engaged in the whole process of workshop preparation and familiar with the session plan etc.

Activities And Period Executed

Activities	Period executed
Pre-implementation meetings with key stakeholders, community opinion leaders and staff of selected health facilities about New phase and direction of project	15 December 2017- 15 th January,2018
Organize a one-day stakeholders sensitization and orientation workshop/ Project launch under the new funding model	18 th January,2018
Re-orientation/ refresher training for 10 committed Community based volunteers and 10 licensed chemical sellers in sputum collection and transportation for investigation at laboratories.	14 th -15 th March,2018
Households visits by volunteers for sputum collection and facilitation of referrals to health facility and support treatment of confirmed cases	March-May 2018
Sustainability of activities	Our community volunteers are still on the ground playing watchdog role in educating and sensitizing communities. Any cases dictated are immediately reported to the appropriate quarters for follow up. May 2018 till date
Reporting and fundraising	June 2018, management is still liaising with more local and international organization requesting for support keep the work going.

The following presentations were made at the workshop:

- Briefing on Ghana's Tuberculosis
- Global Review of TB
- Introduction: Tuberculosis, causes, transmission, signs and symptoms and prevention
- TB statistics
- Effects on health and economy
- Conclusions
- general knowledge in Tuberculosis,
- Follow up on TB Patients,
- Referral Forms and environmental management on TB. Etc

Questions And Answers

These workshops generated a lot of questions and answers from participants and were handled with care by all the facilitators. This was an indicative of depth of interest in the subject matter of TB. Facilitators took time to dive into the issues to enable participants feel at home and again address issues adequately in the communities in the local languages .the video presentations and handout were timely resources that aided both the volunteers and stakeholders to make reference to anytime they needed vital information. All information for presentations was carefully selected based on the Ghana TB educator's manual covering essential topics.

Achievement And Results

The execution of the project for the 6 months saw significant turnaround with appreciable result in the end. A total of 4995 communities' direct households and audience were reaching out to. The numbers of TB cases that volunteers referred to various health facilities were 204 comprising 151 females, and 53 males in which 31 cases were positive. The patients were helped by the volunteer to go through the necessary treatment with more of the patient on the road to recovery.

We had over 55 stakeholders, 15 community volunteers, health officials, community based organization partnering with us to deliver as one. Out of the 4995 population reach we recorded beneficiaries comprising the following children 489, women and groups 2801, youth 862, and the general population 843 in total.

The activities by the chemical sellers were closely monitored and were encouraged not to handle that shows signs of TB rather refer them to nearby health facilities for swift responses. Their; leadership equally agreed on guidelines that must be adhered in handling TB cases which is the current Ghana national policy on TB.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

With the support of the volunteers more activities were organized outside the project scope but all these helped in reaching out to the unreached. Meetings and presentations at community groups meetings were more than anticipated. Volunteers were happy to use their part time to respond invitation to give talks at such meetings in the cause of time.

They were also supported by management to keep us with the good work, in the need hard working volunteers were given presents during the last review meetings held with the volunteers on the 10th of July 2018.

Conclusion

We are forever grateful to m Foundation Mérieux for an amount of 5 000 Euros that supplemented the entire implemented ion this project. We have been able to use this project to identify our successes and challenges and will help in the development of new strategies to combat TB in endemic communities. We believe this stronger partnership with clear cut roles of responsibility was the surest way to level out community problems.

Your resources contribution to this project helped us to deliver and save more mothers and children associated with TB cases in the project community's bounce back with renewed hope and quality health care provided to save their lives.

This shared reasonability had brought relief and hope to make the necessary inroads with you grant supports. We have been able to make a real time difference toward saving children, others and the general population suffering from such communicable diseases.

Help us to help

OUR PROJECT PHOTO STORIES

We meet plan to deliver

Scene of meetings with community level volunteers, planning to deliver as one in the communities



MIXES ENTERTAINMENT TO GAIN GROUNDS

We presented the issues at different levels using, music, warm ups ,touch tag ,improvisation ,interactive theatre as the medium to get the message passed across and the response were timely, focused that raise a lot of prevailing situation of TB related cases in the communities.



Community level engagement was exciting scene to behold

THE MEDIA ENCOUNTERS A SCENE TO BEHOLD

The media followed our work carefully and were happy to highlight the key emerging issues as far as the discussion and community discussions were concern.



Media interaction to get the messages out there were timely



Trained Licensed Chemical Sellers, pharmacies and Drugs store attendants collecting sputum for diagnosis

CAFAF-GHANA 360 @ CHRAJ HUMAN RIGHTS NGOS FORUM

CAFAF-GHANA 360 is a recognized member of the **Ghana Commission Of Human Rights And Administrative Justice Human Rights (CHRAJ) NGOS Forum**, thus, we seized the opportunity to brief members at our maiden meetings to receive inputs and suggestions into our activities.

We are also happy to have received their full support and readiness to provide the necessary legal backing as far as the sensitive nature of the project was.



The final report and outcome will be shared with them in the course of time in 2018. At CAFAF-GHANA 360 we are happy not only to share our work with funders but stakeholders at the right time using the best approaches to consolidate a stronger partnership as partners in development and to deliver as one .

*We are forever grateful to **FONDATION MERIEUX-FRANCE** the collaborative platform members and our enviable supporters out there for their immense contribution to such efforts that had impacted more lives than before.*

We say ayekoooo...well done and thanks to you all.

CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY IN GHANA [SUYANI] 9-15 AUGUST, 2018

The international youth day is an awareness day designated by the United Nations. The day aims to draw attention to a given set of cultural and legal issues surrounding the youth. The first international youth day was observed on 12th of August 2000.

The theme for this year's international youth day celebration is dubbed safe spaces for youth. In Ghana, Community and Family Aid Foundation took part in the celebrations that was held at the eusbett hotel in Suyani the capital of the Brong-Ahafo region, under the organization of the national youth and sports authority and the EIB network, the owners of Gh-one television and other media networks, where a call was made the youth to stop the abuse of drugs and in particular **[tramadol]** which has become a menace in the Ghanaian society and especially among the Ghanaian youth.

The event started with a lively cultural display from the Northern regional cultural troupe that portrayed the rich cultural diversity among the people of Ghana and the guest and participants were entertained by the lively performance that they put in.

Ghana's minister of Youth and sports, Mr. Isaac Asiamah, said that the country is in a **substance abuse crisis** and urges the youth to desist from its use, whiles calling on the security agencies to be vigilant on the national borders to check the inflow of illegal drugs into the country.

The special guest of honor, who is also the director general of the Ghana health service, Dr Nsiah Asare who spoke on the advocacy drive, highlighted the dangers and health hazards of abusing tramadol and with other banned substances like cocaine and heroin, stating that infertility and impotence are some of the complications that arise from the high rate of abuse of such drugs.

The highlight of the event saw the Launch of the National Youth Authority and EIB Network **END TRAMADOL ABUSE CAMPAIGN**, which was a particular project that was undertaken to raise the awareness of the increasing rate of tramadol and drug abuse among the Ghanaian youth especially.

There also was a workshop on the theme of this year's event, **creating safe spaces** where youths and participants were drawn from across ten regions in Ghana and resource persons from the National commission on civic education, **[NCCE]**, the united nation population fund office in Ghana, **[UNFPA]** the united nations education fund, **[UNICEF]** and they all stressed on the need to help create spaces for Ghanaian youth and urging the youth to desist from drug abuse.

The various youth groups from across the ten regions made presentations on the challenges they face in their regions and want the responsible agencies involved to help them in diverse ways to ensure that the youth get access to information and resources which would enable to make their voices heard.

The closing remarks were given by the Suyani paramount Chief and special guest of the occasion who stressed on the importance of ending tramadol abuse among the Ghanaian youth and the Ghanaian society.

PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL INITIATIVES

The role civil society play in shaping development policies that affects citizens cannot be under estimated. Such platform allows NGOs to represent the interest of the voiceless to communicate effectively to make them matter in any decisions that are taken for and on their behalf. Throughout 2018 management were invited to feature at over 100 meetings and other consultative dialogues to collect our position statement. It enabled our team to share experiences, best practices and to negotiate favorably. We believe such participation will go a long way to affect the lives of the vulnerable now and in the future. The numerous Formal invitations letters extended to our organization is indicative of the confidence and respect stakeholders have for our contributions at all levels of engagement be it local, regional and at the global enclave.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNTIONAL INITIATIVE

CAFAF by virtue of our membership with Alliances, Networks, and Coalition globally places us on high demand thus our presence and participation in key global interventions continues to be harnessed to the latter. During the period under review, management influence key advocacy discourses at several levels of encounter. We had the chance to participate in most online meetings to make contribution. We however, could not participate in most of the meetings which requires organizational funding to participate on face to face bases.

PARTICIPATON IN LOCAL AND IN INTERNATIONAL COURSES

Management is happy to have taken advantage of the many Formal training and online courses organized for selected participants at different academic disciplines site both local and at the global level. Advancement in knowledge, skills and technologies keeps changing. Failure to be part of such developments is likely to affect anyone who fails to take advantage of such opportunity. Our team members participated in most courses of which participants were selected through competitive applications and screening. Most of these courses have new positive adverse effects on the overall contribution and performance of management at work.

The participation in these courses were mostly done online subject to the availability of internet, perhaps to give everyone the chance the world over and the flexibility to participate fully at the free will of participants. The courses pave way to interact, hold discussions and to submit course assignment on time. Certificates of distinction, pass, recommendation and specialization were awarded in the end. Members participated in the following courses and passed the necessary tests to receive either certificates or messages of congratulations.

ADMINISTRATION

BOARD MEETINGS

A series of planned face to face meetings between management and the board could not come on formally as majority of them were always occupied with tough schedule most of the times. However, an in formal meeting one on one took place where the executive director was able to brief majority of the members about what really is happening in terms of the foundations administration and to solicit their concerns as far as decision making and operations of the organization is concern. The office was always constantly in touch with them. Some have also given the green light for management to have them replaced by new crop of executives when the need arises at the pleasure of management. And so in 2014 critical steps will be taken to seal the loopholes created as far as decision taken at this highest level is concern.

STAFF MEETINGS

The executive Management Team met 15 times during the period. The meetings were used to discuss work program, job schedule of staff, effective and efficient ways of implementing cost free activities in 2018 and relatable partnership works. In addition to this effect the executive director had regular meetings with partners, friends of CAFAF, volunteers both online and off line. These meetings place management on top of the issues which prepare them to live up to the task fully. It brought a sigh of relief and the injection of new skills and strategies into the general administration of CAFAF as a whole.

MOBILIZATION AND ADVOCACY

CAFAF beef up our mobilization and advocacy efforts which were are a corner stone to achieving our set targets. We largely used these platforms to communicate our cause both locally and internationally. Management exploited both partnerships, other institutions platforms to air our constructive views for policy reforms. These avenues include but not limited to

END OF YEAR REVIEW

As per the constitution and polices of CAFAF a regular yearly review meetings is expected to be held during which management present their performance and plan of action For the coming years , interact with members, volunteers partners, stakeholders and founders and the broader concern members of the public. Such decision is used again to interrogate the actions and interventions of the organization and offer suggestions to improve its performance.

However, are due to logistical constraints it was replaced with mapping research organized by the Ghana coalition of NGOs in Health. CAFAF was among member organization selected to participate fully for which the date coincided with the general meetings. The mapping indeed came off successfully; this was carried out by the urban Associates - a local research Think – Tank.

The task was instituted by USAID to enable them work with the members of the coalition in the future. The results/report from the research will allow members capacity and structure issues to be looked into properly anticipating a further boost of support from USAID in executing projects in the future.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The general running of CAFAF during the period under review In terms of finance and administration suffered a lot of setbacks but with prudent strategic interventions management was duly able to salvage the image of the organization. The major source of funding for our activities was sourced from the CHF on going ICT School for life project. Greater chunk of our activities were delivered through partnership and voluntary schemes commitment from all. Management is still negotiating with other organizations and individuals to consider offering a regular donation into the coffers of the organization to enable it overcome most of the stresses associated with the administration of the organization financial wise. It is our fervent believe that the year 2019 will witness a different turn around which will help to spur the foundation to a higher heights.

FUND RAISING, PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Prudent management of any organization depends on key factors such as requisite human resource, capital and external factors of production. Such ingredients are pillars that fuel the growth and impacts of any entity failure of which no gains can be made. In the course of the year management exploited most tangible avenues of fundraising, proposal writing, and call for proposals and applied for them but the response were not favorable both at the local level and on the international scale.

Weakness identified in these areas will be addressed in the cause of the year 2014 and beyond. The need to have a full time fundraising and communication specialist to be in charge to explore fundraising opportunities globally has become necessary and so steps will be taken to seal these loopholes. Additionally, our communication and fundraising document will be subjected to a thorough review to conform to current trends of doing business. The post of vacant voluntary position will be communicated to the public for interested applicant to come forward will be conducted in 2019.

UP DATE OF CAFAF WEBSITE

Management has since August 2017 taken steps to have a new website constructed and packaged to boost and market our intervention. The same will be applied to other social media sites including networks we are part of and have our details hooked to their domains will certainly be updated. A special blog is created to place special document and reports to make them accessible to interested parties quiet easy. This is again is to demonstrate our commitment of operating in a transparent and accountability manner and right of people's access to our information far easier.

This is also to serve another avenue of storing most of our vital information as most storing devices can fail most of the time. Security measures and right to this information will be taken into account before delivering such document to the public domain for consumption.

APPOINTMENT of CAFAF MEMBERS SERVE ON LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES

The year 2018 witnessed a steady transformation and reorganization of CAFAF team .How they could contribute to forester the growth and influence of wider stakeholder's engagement. To this end some members had the chance to be committed competitively selected/nominated to serve on several committees, boards, executives teams to enable them transfer their expertise to amplify advocacy efforts being pursued at various levels. Most of such offers were accepted. Our key representations are still serving on this these committees and rendering their respective duties from time to time. These include but not limited to:

-Joseph Senyo Kwashie - elected to sever a three years term as the Greater Accra organizing Secretary of Ghana coalition of NGOs in health on January 2018-2020

-Ghana CSOS Technical experts committee on universal periodic review (upr) march,2018

Greater Accra youth organizations network experts committee 2019

INROADS 2019 proposal review and grant making panel 2018

PLAN OF ACTION FOR 2018



CAFAF is happy to have coined the 2017 programme of work (POA) from our strategic operation document that spans over a period of 2017- 2020. This is a 3 years' work plan of action and presents a bigger vision of the organization which seeks to measure the outputs of the organization and impacts made in our project communities. Thus for 2014 the following activities and interventions are planned to be delivered. These include but not limited to

- ❖ Women and girls in economic empowerment security
- ❖ Climate change and environmental protection
- ❖ Communicable and non- communicable health education advocacy
- ❖ Youth for development
- ❖ Arts, cultural and music for development
- ❖ Human rights, peace, security, good governance
- ❖ Micro- Finance, financial inclusion etc

These broader headlines comes with a set of other key activities which are not covered here but are presented in the general framework which sets benchmarks for trading their implementation success (refer to our POA) for details on request. There aren't any available funds to run them but the POA provides a concrete clue of at least what mandate and target we have set for ourselves for delivery. This is also to make our communication and interaction with donors flexible, clear and results oriented. Proposal details are projects cost with its assented beneficiaries, and receiving communities will be communicated in our fundraising materials. Our POA is clear and will serve as a mirror of reflection and a compass to direct the entire operations of the year and avoid duplication of efforts in 2018.

MONEY MATTERS

Due to policy change and a few financial guidelines, the foundation is adjusting to our independent audited accounts Statements could not be captured here. However, management is in interaction with auditors to finalize the process for which reason a separate copy will be made available from time to time. By virtue of this assertion financial matters of the organization are intact and in with this report. Measures are being put in place to ensure that our subsequent reports are accompanied by the financial matters associated with it. On a whole the year 2018 equally saw persistent and prudent measure put in place to control our expenses which have had a positive balance on our transaction leading to our all declaration of the period under review labeled as value for money year.

WAY FORWARD

The overall performance of CAFAF during the year 2018 under review speaks for itself and could be described as second to none. In spite of the daunting challenges that engulf our operations we mounted the courage to thrive which impacted positively in the lives of the vulnerable we have serve so. We have been part of the history makers which is a complimentary to government-efforts of offering alternatives of shaping people's lives and make them counts in the development agenda.

Management can look back with swollen with pride and unceasing joy because this report has been produced not just like business as usual but from the hearts and evidences of our contributions to pursuing the mission and vision for which CAFAF was established to address. Countless lessons were learnt in the cause of our interactions with different categories of people and institutions we came across through the journey. We have taken note of the varied best practices, skills and knowledge derived from this engagement. Steps will be taken to have most useful methodologies, tools and practices in cooperated into our work to boost our performance.

As a human institutions ups and downs are a great deal of the life tests and so coming this far certainly makes our conclusion that complete that We have indeed obtained a distinction grade with a crown of success in 2017 hoping to surpass the coming year 2018.