

Takoradi, Ghana: Developing reading and computer skills

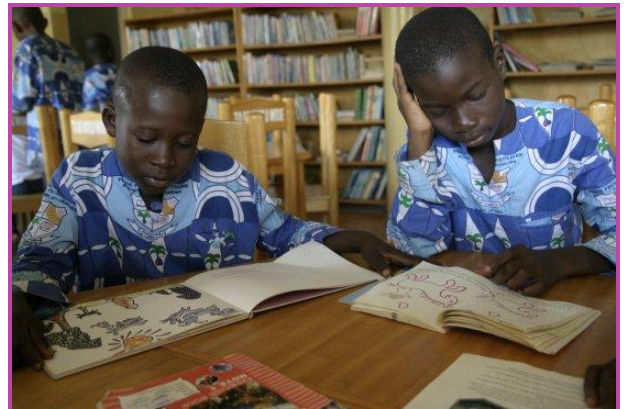
The Takoradi educational centre in Ghana is preparing children for the future by encouraging them to acquire reading and computer skills. This centre focuses particularly on children in primary and secondary school (ages 6 -15). The Takoradi educational centre is a supplement to the existing school system in Ghana that makes scarcely if any computer facilities or libraries available.



Project objectives

The Takoradi educational centre has a children's library, an activity centre and a computer classroom that give children the opportunity to learn practical skills such as reading and using computers. By means of these activities, this project is attempting to help children develop their creativity, flexibility and inventiveness. This not only broadens their perspective of the world but also provides them with hope for a better future and improves their opportunities on the job market. Ultimately, this should lead to reducing poverty in Ghana.

Due to the collaboration with the Net4kids Aid Foundation and the donations received in past years, To Be Worldwide has been able to provide for the needs related to ICT, computer activities and the library year after year.



These are the skills that prepare children for a better future:

- Development of computer and internet skills
- Stimulation of reading and arithmetic skills by means of various kinds of e-learning software
- Stimulation of creative thinking and devising solutions themselves
- Development of typing skills
- Encouraging children to communicate with children from other schools

This is what is needed in 2011

- Salary for head ICT teacher: €3,600
- Salary for ICT instructor: €2,400
- Salary for librarian: €2,400
- Salary for library assistant: €1,200
- Internet provider costs €1,500
- Educational materials: €500
- Specific books: €500

Total	€12,100
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Funds also need to be raised to cover the cost of the books, each set of 10 costing €130.

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project and your 12% project-related contribution are listed separately and rounded off to the nearest euro.

Activities provided at the educational centre:

All the computer activities and reading activities are developed and provided by a professional computer instructor and a professional librarian. They are responsible for the development and implementation of the computer and reading curriculum and for keeping track of the children’s progress.

Hardware training Pupils are taught to connect a PC with computer accessories.

Software training All pupils are taught to use basic software programmes and are given a course in touch typing.

Internet training This teaches children basic internet skills: how to run a search on the internet, how to communicate over the internet with other students, how forums work, and how e-mail works.

Reading The library provides children with an opportunity to read all kinds of books. In this way, they will come into contact with art, poetry and children’s stories.



About To Be Worldwide

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