

Ghana: Senior Secondary School

Senior Secondary Schools (SSS) are few in Ghana, and the few ones ask high fees thus depriving the poor from access to quality education. In Adukrom and surroundings there is no Senior Secondary School with access for the poor in this area. Adukrom population is growing fast, as it is part of the Kumasi Metropolitan area.

Kumasi is a melting pot of a wide variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds; people from all regions of Ghana and Burkina Faso settle in and around Kumasi in search of a better life. We want to help students in Adukrom – Kumasi to find this, regardless of their background.



Construction of a Senior Secondary School

The project is about the construction of a Senior Secondary School (SSS) accessible to students from Adukrom regardless of their background. The building will have two floors and count with 12 classrooms, including library, laboratory and a computer room. Students can choose between SSS Arts, SSS Science and SSS Home Economics.

Net4kids' project partner for this project is Wilde Ganzen. This is a 'Wilde Ganzen Premie Project.'

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Ghana Workgroup of Candea College supports the project

Ten years ago there even was no good access to education at primary and Junior Secondary School level in Adukrom. St. Paul's Catholic Church, where Dutch Rev. Father Joop Valentin SMA is working, asked Dutch supporters to help him to change this situation. The Ghana Workgroup of Candea College in Duiven, The Netherlands (since 2004 registered as GHANADERBIJ Foundation), started to raise funds, and through joint efforts with Wild Geese Foundation (Wilde Ganzen) they succeeded in several years to raise sufficient funds for the construction of a pre-school, primary school and a Junior Secondary School. A total of 16 classrooms, three offices and three stores were built.

In 2003 the first batch of 62 students, 32 boys and 30 girls, are studying at the JSS-level. In next batches the numbers are higher. These boys and girls want to continue at the SSS-level. The Ghana Workgroup of Candea College is now also raising funds to support the construction of the Senior Secondary School.

Providing secondary education

The project aims at constructing a Senior Secondary School accessible to students from Adukrom regardless of their background in order to provide these children with the possibility of secondary education. In a few years time more than 300 boys and girls between 14 and 18 years old will be studying at St. Paul's Senior Secondary School. There will be boys and girls, in about the same numbers. There will be Muslims and Christians, and different ethnic groups, just like the population living in Adukrom.

Activities

Project activities are the construction of a ground floor from foundation to finish, the continuation with a second floor construction, fixing and furnishing of fixtures to the two blocks, setting out laboratories equipments and home economics equipments, employing both teaching and non-teaching staff, admitting students and establishing a management board of both parent-teacher association and community leaders.

Where do we stand now?

Ghana Workgroup/GHANADERBIJ Foundation of Candea College in Duiven, The Netherlands, with the support of Wilde Ganzen and NCDO has organised a fundraising campaign in April 2004 'Ghanatics 2004 - Wij een school, zij een school', which can be translated into 'A School for Us, A School for Them'. This device refers to the fact that Candea College recently inaugurated a new school building in Duiven, and students hope that the Ghanaian counterparts will do so soon. Candea College alone collected about € 34.000.

There is already sufficient money for the first floor construction, and a small part of the second floor. However, resources are still needed to complete the second floor.

How to help

Resources are requested to complete the second floor, specifically for 3 classrooms and the computer room (total cost € 22.000).

- 1 classroom for Euro 5.000 (2 classrooms still to be funded)
- 1 computer room for Euro 7.000

About the organization

Netherlands - Wilde Ganzen

Wilde Ganzen (Wild Geese) is a private, non-profit making organisation. The objective reads as follows: promoting organised campaigns to improve the situation of the underprivileged. Wild Geese tries to reach this end by, among other things, raising funds, either independently or in co-operation with associates.

Ghana - Self-help Development Project (SDP)

Self-help Development Project is a NGO (non governmental organization) established by Ghanaian people based in Adukrom-Kumasi and surroundings who were inspired by Father Valentin. In recent years they have implemented several community development projects in and around Kumasi (Ashanti Region). SDP consists of about 20 men and women from the various ethnic and religious groups in the area. They try to ensure a better future for Adukrom's youth. They have their own office, where Mr. Francis Tergu is their local coordinator. The Board meets every month to discuss current issues. Mr. Tergu provides the good contacts with their Dutch counterparts by e-mail and telephone.

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