



WEEK OF COMPASSION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORT

For Global Ministries

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SECTION 1: Basic Information

Area Office	<i>Africa Office</i>
Date of Proposal Submission	<i>Spring 2020</i>
Project Title	<i>Hope for Teen Girlss</i>
Project Period	12 Months
Name of Local Partner	<i>Christian Council of Ghana</i>
Location- City/State/Country	<i>Accra -Ghana</i>
Total Amount Received from WoC	\$10,000.00
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SECTION 2: Project Summary

Project Goal

The project aims to equip selected teenage mothers with essential vocational skills. These skills will help empower women economically and allows them to find self-expression in activities that will prevent women from entering into life-threatening lifestyles.

Primary Activities Implemented

1. Provide training workshops and materials for vocational skills of dressmaking, decoration, hairdressing, and catering services for 40 selected teenage mothers.

Training was held for 60 teenage mothers at the Kaneshie Methodist Church where the Hope for Teens project is based. The training was structured to include formal classroom sessions and personalized, informal visits and practice. There are five trainers, who are given a stipend by the church for the training sessions which take place between 9:00 AM – 2.00 PM.

2. Organize two seminars: one on sexual and reproductive health and the second on business management skills.

Two seminars were organized for the girls in the program in November and December. The first seminar on reproductive health took them through changes that occur to their bodies as they grow. The seminar also provided discussions on measures that women can put in place to avoid teenage pregnancy. High attention was given to the topic of negotiating for safer sex.

The second seminar was held in December and it was focused on how to start a small business and improve your earnings. Participants were taken through proper bookkeeping, budgeting expenses, and how to operate a savings account.

3. Organize a mentorship training program to train 10 selected women to become mentors.

The mentor training program was held for the selected women, who are committed to support teenage mothers to coincide with their experiences of the vocational training sessions and starting a small business.

4. Provide startup materials and initial funds for 10 selected teenage mothers to begin a small business.

Due to the reality of COVID-19, all of the 60 teenagers were trained in the making of liquid soap, hand sanitizers, and bleach cleaning solutions to sell. They also learned to sew the face masks. The Christian Council of Ghana gave the women in this project a contract to pay for 1,000 masks they were able to sew. These masks were distributed to vulnerable populations. Because of this, instead of only 10 young women benefitting, all 40 students were supported to make and sell liquid soap and sanitizers. They are making a profit currently from the sales of the items.

Challenges and Actions Steps Taken to Resolve

During the year under review, the COVID-19 pandemic affected the whole world and Ghana was not left out. It changed the school calendar significantly and thus the training portion of the project was delayed and is continuing through May 2021. However, there were a few opportunities that were presented because of the situation. Hand sanitizers, liquid soap, and cleaning solutions were in high demand, while this was not intended to be included in the skills training program, the Christian Council of Ghana recognized the opportunity and immediately began offering courses on how to make these in-demand items and to sell them for a profit.

SECTION 3: Project Results

Client/Participant Success Story or Details of a Program Achievement

Stella is a teenage mother who joined the *Hope for Teens Girls* project at Kaneshie. She had been abandoned by her mother when she became pregnant. She currently makes liquid soap for the Commercial Bank (Kaneshie Branch) and also sells the liquid soap and sanitizer when she concludes her school day at 2:00 PM. Stella shares, *I have money to buy good food for my child and myself. My profits are increasing, but when I start my hair braiding business by July I will have more. Thanks to CCG and partners who have supported me.*

Short and Long Term Results

The vocational skills training sessions are helping teenage mothers to provide for their children. Additionally, the project is giving them job opportunities as they continue the training courses in tailoring, hairdressing, and other specialties that require more time. Participants are gaining knowledge on their reproductive rights, how to advocate for their health, and how to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

Best Practices:

Even though the project was created to begin training courses in tailoring, hairdressing, and décor, the Christian Council of Ghana took advantage of the opportunities available during the COVID pandemic, to train young women on making liquid soap and sanitizers, which they sold immediately for an income. The CCG shares, *the implementation of a project can vary, but it must be meaningful and add value to the beneficiaries.*

Quantitative Results

Provide “numeric indicators” of your work in serving people and implementing project activities.

PEOPLE Served <i>Avoid Duplicate Counts between Categories</i>	# of People Served	Comments or Description
Women <i>age 18+</i>	12	<i>Community young women who had enrolled with the program. They participated in the seminars as well as the training sessions.</i>
Men <i>age 18+</i>		

Youth <i>age 13-18</i>	48	<i>Teenage mothers, who are enrolled in the project.</i>
Children <i>age 0-13</i>		
Families/Households	5	<i>Support members to teenage mothers and their siblings living in the same house.</i>
Disabled		
Other: <i>specify such as employed, unemployed, immigrants, etc.</i>		

ACTIVITIES Implemented <i>-Specify Activities-</i>	# of Activities or Service Units	# of Participants or Beneficiaries <i>If applicable</i>	Comments or Description
Example: <i>Food Distribution</i>	3	3500	<i>Participants were provided with grain and rice while participating in the project.</i>
<i>Training</i>		60	<i>Number of participants who have attended eight months of training courses</i>
<i>Workshops</i>	2	40	<i>Teenagers participated in two workshops on (1) reproductive health and (2) business management</i>
<i>Mentorship Training</i>	1	10	<i>Ten selected women are being trained as mentors so they can provide support to the trainees</i>

Distribution of startup materials	1	60	Materials for making liquid soap and sanitizers were distributed to all of the 60 participants, Additional materials and equipment were also purchased for the project.
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Examples of Activity Descriptions: food distribution, legal assistance, trainings, workshops, clinical services, TB screening, intakes, pigs raised, wells dug, school supplies provided (units), etc.

SECTION 4: Financial Management

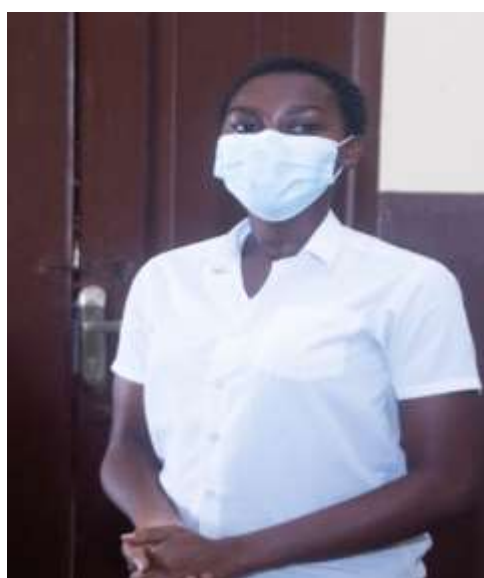
Required Attachment: How was funding used?

Provide a financial report of how gifts were put to use in support of your project. A template for this financial report is attached for your reference. Any report that does not follow this template will not be considered a completed report and not eligible for applying for WOC Sustainable Development grant.

The financial report is attached separately for review.

If expenses differ from the original proposal, please explain variances here:

All expenses totaled similarly to the budget included in the original proposal.



Stella, participant in the project



Presentation of items for the Hope for Teens project by the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana to Madaam Rebecca Netey, Coordinator of Gender Projects of the Methodist Church in Ghana



Facilitators of the Hope for Teens Training Project



Materials for training session on liquid soap making



Participants in the Hope for Teens Project