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Multi-techs Foundation Programs

Background: Multi-Techs foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides charity for the underprivileged in society with principal focus the needs of people living with disabilities in our communities.

Action for Policy Influence

This is a consistent engagement of the populace, but more focused on those who matter in advocating change in public policy in issues of livelihood, human right and equality in Ghana. Aside efforts in making the NYEP inclusive of PLDs, API relentlessly spread around the message of de-stigmatization of disabled people in our communities by providing with opportunities that lifts up their belong-ness, courage, and self-esteem as a people. As well as the government is keen on making all public places and most infrastructures disabled-accessible; there is a lot more gab in the economic and educational fronts that perpetuates their bad situation. We have been talking about little start-ups for PLDs in the provision of small one-stop selling spots for some of them who have interest in trading. Spots or mobile stalls can be made and regulated my donors and partners to serve as data card, mobile phone recharge cards, scratch card or other card retail points where the public can easily buy these items. We have disseminated this message to government officials through various platforms even as we are in talks with management of Millicom International Cellular, operators of TIGO who have shared our concerns and promised their support and commitment to roll this out. It is believed the government and other interest group would support not only by buying into (Multi-Techs Foundation) modality but in their own various strategies. It is believed this initiative will impact productively on the way society portrays PLDs and be a game-changer in our march to achieving real policy change to better the lives of our physically handicapped brothers and sisters.

Community Home Support Initiative (CHSI)

The CHSI is designed to helping needy parents especially with Children Living with Disability (CLDs) have economic establishments to take care of themselves and their wards. Taking a cue from ECUFON's erstwhile Motherhood Assistance Scheme that yielded positive results over a decade ago, and established a base that is still yielding dividends this day in the Northern Volta, we have realized that economic empowerment programs undertaken by governments are broad-based with wide reaching results that spreads with too little derivatives to the real disadvantaged urban poor. Relatively, the rural poor are collectively addressed with economic empowerment measures when such programs are well targeted. However, research shows the rural poor who comprise of mostly single parents of disabled children rarely benefits from mass economic emancipation efforts and attempts by governments. The Ecufo scheme as studied shows the involvements of local functionaries, religious groups, and local opinion leaders in identifying Female-headed homes who were assisted and partly-managed to live better lives through the provision of vocational training to their children as well as giving some financial foundation to stand on. However, unlike the MAS, the Community Home Support Scheme will be considering the entire home of beneficiaries to find out what it's first priority needs is in terms of livelihood, and shall so devise a solution that will allude to the objective of making life of the CLD better livable. CHSI is therefore preparing demography by identifying these parents of CLDs in all our operational regions to ensure we reach the real target group of the project that will roll out in 2016. The CHSI will focus on the provision of better economic base for these poor parents by giving them trade and financial management tutorials as well as business capital to help them cope with the hard situations in their life. Multi-Tech is engaging committed program community volunteers some of whom are queen mothers and other successful respected small business operators to help manage the beneficiaries at no cost for a period of fifteen (15) months by which time beneficiaries would be well versed in their trade management pattern before going independent. The project shall be delivered in three (3) phases in each catchment region

Disability Health Awareness

Even before the introduction of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) which Ghana is yet to sign on to, Multi-Tech has had a requisite concern for the need to act on the slow progress in global health issues and began discussing issues on security for the life of the individual. This came out of the observance of the helplessness of the sub-region during the EVD crisis in 2014/2015 and the fact that the international community stayed away too long until we got depopulated. The obvious was needed for every region in the world where humans remain vulnerable to dreadful deadly infectious diseases and epidemics such as Ebola. We continue as ever to advocate for consistent continuous health awareness measures beginning from prevention through detection, and treatment same as the initiated goals of the GHSA.

This is a community-based program where officers and volunteers embark on periodic awareness programs in three (3) regions of Greater Accra, Western and Northern regions to disseminate information on general human health and safety practice and health concerns of the disabled person. The programs are led by Community Liaison Officers who apart from their disability health credentials have had intense interpersonal relationship experiential training and know-how to embrace and assimilate different emotions of people. The program engages community health practitioners and nurses to help manage concerns such as physiotherapy and cleanliness of the disabled especially the crippled who most times are left on the floor in the more deprived communities. Emphasis is laid on zoonotic disease prevention and identification, especially cholera and the Ebola virus disease that its ugly head in West Africa over the past year. The concentration of the DHA activities is in the traditional palaces, market centers, fishing shores, churches and schools but the field officials engage in house-to-house and one-on-ones too. Obviously, household safety items like detergents, clothing, and foodstuff are donated to those who really need them. Partners as well as donors and project affiliates are being contacted and new ideas to improve on operationalization of the project are still being accepted.