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COMPLETION REPORT OF BOREHOLE PROJECT



**DOLINGUO, WA WEST DISTRICT, UPPER WEST REGION, GHANA
MARCH 2021**



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Introduction:

The cry for potable water to drink is now a thing in the past. Both children and adult will no longer walk for miles just to look for potable water to drink, especially for the school children who has to endure the feeling of thirst while in school for almost 7 hours for five days in the past 50 years.



The stream where they used to fetch water

This scenario was lessened when a Ghana Outlook funded water filter machine was donated to the school in February 2020.



When the Covid-19 pandemic halted the school year in 2020, the school kept the filter safe until they re-open in January 2021 and they started using it again but due to the distance of the dug-out, the school authorities did not allow the children to walk for 1.5 kilometers everyday just to fetch water to put into the filter machine as it will disrupt the children's attention to school hours. They manage to fetch water where they can from their houses and put it into small bottles. Unknown to them, Ghana Outlook and its supporters, notably the Rotary Club of Scarborough Cavaliers, UK, had been fundraising for some time to provide a water borehole.



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Prior to the fund's arrival, SAC has done preliminary meetings as well as siting of the borehole location and when the funds arrived, drilling was done. The drilling was not a challenge as the first site has fortunately got water. The drillers hit water at 45 meters but has to drill all the way down to 70 meters (per contractor advised) to make sure there is enough water supply in the years to come. Water is abundant in the area as it yields 30 liters per minute (attached sketch of drilling as Annex A).

After the drilling, the platform was constructed and when it dried a week after, hand pump was installed and water was tested. As soon as water test result came, turn-over of the hand pump was scheduled the day after. The water result has met the physico-chemical and microbiological standards for the parameters tested and is recommended for domestic use (attached detailed result as Annex B).

The following activities were conducted:

Preliminary meeting to fill the questionnaire





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Project Introduction and acceptance





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Siting



Lina talking to some community elders on the possible MoU content





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Sited location is near the primary school kitchen

Drilling





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Children taking their meals while the drilling is working





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Water has come





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Platform construction



Hand-pump installation





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Turn-over ceremony with MoU signing



Eric facilitating the program



Lina introducing the project



PTA chair



SMC representative



Chief



Landlord



Lina signing for SAC



Felix Kungyiene



Celestina Yirnibe



Souryaane Bakyyir



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GES PRO MR. Claudius



GES Director MR. Richard



Ruby reading GO message



Lina welcoming GES director



Unlocking the chain



Lina drinking the water



GES Director pumping the borehole



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PRO fetching his water



Celestine fetching her water



Felix drinking his water



children fetching their water



A thank you gift of turkey and yams to the donors



The turn over program was a success. The program kicked-off with a prayer then followed by welcoming of guests and the community members. SAC programs manager Lina Beneb introduced how the project started and after a year, the promised made to the school was materialized and urge the community to take care of the facility so it can serve the school community for years. She also expressed her gratefulness for the patience the school/community showed over the period and their long-wait for a clean and potable water is now a reality. "My fathers, mothers and children, please ensure that the facility will be put into good use. Do not think that because it was given to you by donors it belongs to us/them. This facility now belongs to the community and please take responsibility of it. Thank you for welcoming us into your community and



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for your cooperation. This project would not be possible without you." Lina pointed out in the local language.

The content of the MoU (attached as Annex C) was read to the community and after accepting the terms in the MoU, the school authorities represented by the head teacher, the community represented by the Parent Teacher's Association chair, School Management Committee chair, Chief, and landlord (Tendana) affix their signature signifying their approval. The message of the donor was read and interpreted by the headmaster.

Felix Kungyiene (the boy GO helped with school items), now a JHS 1 student express his gratefulness to the donors. He thought it was dream but now it is a reality. He hopes this the facility will keep the students in school and there is no reason for them to wander around the bush to look for water. His juniors will no longer suffer the way they did before, he added.

For Celestina Yirnibe, a primary 5 pupil said that she can't thank the donor enough in providing the facility as it is very vital to them children as they will no longer go thirsty while in school. She added that if the donors can assist them of any intervention to boost their academic activities, they would be very grateful as the school is very deprived.

Mr. Suonyaane Bakyyir, a community elder, expressed his gratitude and ask for more blessings from God for the donors to get more funds to help more communities like them. He added that their biggest problem is now solved which is to wake up very early and look for water and this will give reason for their kids not to attend classes but now they are not worried anymore.

Ghana Education Service Public Relation Officer Mr. Cladius Dare Kuuyore in his speech said that the facility was a timely intervention as the situation of water in the community is getting worst and the people are really struggling to find water every day. He also thanked the teachers for their commitment to come and teach the community despite the water challenges. He urged the community to take care of the facility.

For his part, Ghana Education Service Wa West Director Richard Abilimsige expressed his gratitude to the donor for the help and pointed out that the 252 children currently enrolled in the school will directly benefit from the facility. He is happy that change has come to the community as it is very vital for the progress of the place. He appealed to the donors that if they can also assist the directorate to build a girl's hostel for the newly constructed Wechiau Girls Model SHS to encouraged more girls to come to school since the district has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in the country.

The program wrapped up by drinking the water from the new facility.

From SAC, we do thank you for making this project a reality for the community and the school. We can't thank you enough.



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| Activity and Amount in GhC | Amount |
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| | Funds received on 15th February 2021= GhC 34,700.00 |
| 9 th February- Questionnaire filling at Dolinguo Fuel-30.00 TnT- <u>20.00</u> 50.00 | |
| 12 th February- Introduction of project meeting Fuel- 30.00 TnT- <u>20.00</u> 50.00 | |
| 13 th February- Siting Fuel- 50.00 Oil- 20.00 TnT- <u>20.00</u> 90.00 | |
| 16 th February- Bank Fuel- 10.00 | |
| 21 st February-Down payment of Borehole GhC 20,000.00 | |
| 23 rd February- Drilling Fuel- 100.00 TnT- 50.00 Communication- 50.00 Food- <u>30.00</u> 230.00 | |
| 24 th February- Full payment of Borehole GhC 12,700.00 | |
| 27 th February-Signage purchase Plate- 100.00 Pole- 50.00 Welding- 45.00 Transportation- 20.00 Square pipe- 20.00 Paint-30.00 Fuel for paint- 20.00 TnT- <u>20.00</u> 305.00 | |
| 1 st March- Identifying Filter community TnT- 20.00 Fuel- <u>25.00</u> 45.00 | |



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| 7 th March- Signage fee payment 100.00 | <i>Assisting rural communities to</i> |
| 8 th March- Hand-pump installation Food- 68.00 TnT Eric- 20.00 TnT Lina- 20.00 Moto Fixing- <u>170.00</u> 278.00 | <i>enhance their future through education and self-help programmes</i> |
| 10 th March- Soryenteng information drive Fuel- 40.00 Communication- 50.00 TnT- <u>20.00</u> 110.00 | |
| 12 th March- Turn-over day Car rental- 350.00 Fuel- 220.00 TnT -80.00 Food- <u>82.00</u> 732.00 | |
| TOTAL | 34,700.00 |
| 13 th March Bucket- 95.00 | Not added in the calculation |
| 15 th March- Bucket turn-over Fuel- 40.00 TnT- <u>20.00</u> 60.00 | Not added in the calculation Total= 155.00 cedis or 20 GBP spent for Soryenteng |