

NORSAAC Youth Livelihood Empowerment Project, Ghana

Report No. 2

The following is a synopsis of the report sent from our partner NORSAAC which covers the first three months of the project.

The project has got off to a good start with the first batch of eight trainees being recruited with the help of the local community. Unfortunately one of the boys has since been sick in hospital.

Training started with literacy and numeracy lessons being given for at least two hours a day, to enable the young men to better understand the rest of the training.



Studying literacy

The boys have also been receiving training in bicycle repair and are doing well. After three months an external instructor was recruited for one week to examine the progress of the trainees and to provide feedback to NORSAAC on where to improve training. It is hoped the trainees will graduate at the end of the six months training period.

The project has employed a cook to provide each trainee with three nutritious meals a day.

The association for bicycle repairers, Bikemen (formed in September 2010 with a membership of 28 and supported by NORSAAC), has been working to get national recognition. NORSAAC arranged with the National Vocation and Training Institute (NVTI) to examine the bicycle mechanics. Fifteen of the twenty eight members registered and took their Grade II exams. Seven trainees who passed out from the NORSAAC training centre last year were among the fifteen people who were examined by NVTI. The content of the exams was purely practical with NORSAAC providing the examination materials such as bicycles and some other parts required by the examiners.

NORSAAC has also been monitoring the work of the past trainees in their communities to see whether they are making good use of the training they have received. NORSAAC say, "Through the monitoring, it was realised the trainees were doing marvellously well. They say they can now earn a living from bicycle repairing and have become independent of their parents. They have also become useful to their parents and communities at large. Some of them are investing their money into animal rearing. Others are also putting up rooms in their fathers' houses. They were definitely benefiting from the training given to them."



Eager students taking part in literacy lessons

Below is the list of trainees who were recruited for the first six months of 2011.

S/N	NAME	AGE	COMMUNITY
1	Abdul-Somed Adam	19	Kunyevilla
2	Yahaya Abdullahi	19	Vitting
3	Adam Nurudeen	17	Kpanvo
4	Alhassan Alhassan	18	Kpene
5	Abdullahi Abdul-Latif	17	Junshegu
6	Adam Abdul-Rahman	17	Yong Dakpemyili
7	Zakaria Hamza	25	Yong Dabogshei
8	Idrisu Alhassan	18	Chanshegu

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