

Tools FOR SELF RELIANCE

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Tools for Self Reliance in Ghana

Giving kids in Karaga a fresh start



Disadvantaged youngsters in Karaga District in northern Ghana have a hard time of it. Most have no secondary school education and few practical skills. They can't get work and there are no government hand-outs so their chances of finding work are very limited.

Working in partnership with the Ghanaian Danish Community Programme (GDCCP), [Tools for Self Reliance](#) is aiming to do something about this. We will provide vocational tools and training to some of the 60% of the young men and women in Karaga. A combination of tools and skills training offers these young people the opportunity to earn a viable, sustainable livelihood and integrate young people back into the community.

Initially 50 young men and women will learn masonry, carpentry, tailoring and

hairdressing skills during a 10 week programme. An additional 100 small business entrepreneurs from the community will also take part in the training.

Participants will be taught basic business management such as record and book keeping, profit and loss, product costing and pricing, and basic marketing. They will also be helped to make life choices that are better informed. This will include

good sexual and reproductive health practice, gender equality and an explanation of their civic rights and duties.

After the training, participants will be apprenticed to a master craftsman for five months. GDCCP will also provide mentorship, help and advice. Toolkits will be supplied to the participants and their apprentice businesses. At the end of their apprenticeships, participants will be given help to find permanent work.

