

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY -DECEMBER 2023

In June 2022 due to our work commitments my husband and I had to relocate to Wigan

All of our Trustees remained in Oxfordshire and in London. We had to start looking for volunteers and talking to a number of people to help with the work of the charity. This proved more difficult than we anticipated. This made us put a hold on the UK part of the Charity.

We therefore concentrated our efforts on supporting and helping the widows section of the charity in Ghana.

We have a volunteer/partner, 5 volunteers and three paid employees. Our partner in Ghana oversees the day to day activities of the charity in Ghana. Currently we have 61 widows that the charity supports.

The Reaching Out Widows (ROW) sewing schools have 32 students to date

We support the widows in various ways, financial, food items, paying for medical bills, rehabilitation, paying school fees for children of the widows, clothing, medical aids-wheelchairs, walking sticks, zimmer frames among many others.

The three paid employees are instructors/facilitators of the Reaching Out Widows (ROW) sewing schools established by the charity in May, 2021. The students of the three schools in Asutwaa, Agomeda and Ayikuma, are children of the widows and other deprived young ladies in the surrounding villages. The training is to equip them with a meaningful sewing profession and also for them to acquire skills which they can use later in their lives.

Tuition is free for all students and all cost is borne by the charity. Five students successfully completed their training and all five passed the National exams and awarded National Vocational Qualification(NVQ) certificates. This is a nationally accredited and recognised qualification in Ghana. The charity donated to each student a brand new sewing machine and small financial support to help them start their own sewing careers at the graduation ceremony in February 2024.

The charity applied and received a donation of £10,000 from the Lottery fund. We used the donation to pay for the 3 employees, cost of shipment of goods [sewing machines, used clothes, shoes, beddings, wheelchairs] from the UK to Ghana, financial donations to pay medical bills, rehabilitation of some widows recovering from strokes, support funerals, pay school fees.

My husband and I supported financially throughout the year to ensure the charity can continue to help and support the widows.



Lydia Koranteng, CEO



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