

DARLINGS INTERNATIONAL

BRIEF PROFILE

1.0 Introduction

Darlings International formally Darlings Human Development Foundation is a non-governmental, not for profit voluntary organization in Ghana.

The organization was established on 22nd June, 1998 with the vision to empowering women especially those in the rural and semi urban communities to fulfil their dreams. Darlings as it is popularly called, was duly registered with the Registrar–Generals Department under the company’s code of 1963 (ACT 179) with Registration No. CG 091372014. It has also attained recognition from the Social Welfare Department with Registration No. D.S.W/1125.

The principal focus of the organisation is to integrate the disadvantaged into the mainstream of national socio –economic development.

Among others, the organisation’s activities include the provision of educational and vocational training, especially for the girl child. It also promotes and provides humanitarian and other social welfare services in the Central, Eastern, Northern and Greater Accra Regions of Ghana. The activities of the organization are geared towards contributing to Ghana’s efforts to achieving the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Currently, Darlings can boast of a Seven (7) member Board of Directors. The administrative work of the foundation is manned by a Six (6) member staff.

1.1 Mission

The mission of the organization is to spearhead the campaign for the alleviation and /or total elimination of all barriers of ignorance, pain and handicapped among the vulnerable in society. It is also, committed to the full integration of these people especially the girl –child and women into the main functioning of the society.

1.2 Vision

To addressing common socio-economic problems facing poverty prone rural communities, targeting mostly women and the girl child.

2.0 Operations

Thematic Area	Activities
Livelihood	1. Vocational Training for poor and vulnerable women especially teenage mothers. 2. Micro Credit facilities for Women farmers especially widows.
Education	1. Promote basic education in deprived communities through school infrastructure and other supplies 2. Support to Orphaned and Vulnerable Children
Public Health	Sexual Reproductive Health, HIV and AIDS prevention activities in Schools, churches, Mosques and communities.
Women Empowerment	1. Civic engagement of women in their roles in community development 2. Widow support programme

Darlings currently embarks on the following activities to economically and socially empower women, children and their communities:

2.1. Darlings Vocational Training Centre

First major project established in 1998. The centre was created to provide free entrepreneurial skills training for female school drops outs and teenage mothers to acquire skills to improve on their standards of living. Since its establishment, the centre has trained about 450 women who are currently engaged in meaningful enterprises in Accra, Tema, Kasoa, Swedru, etc. Institutions such as the French Embassy, Australian High Commission have played significant role in the development of the centre through infrastructural and logistical support.

2.2. Widows club/ Micro Support

Darlings International currently has sixteen (16) Widows groups consisting of 4000 women in the Eastern, Central and Northern Regions. These clubs are located in Somanya, Sra, Adelakope, Adukrom Awukugua, Abonse, Dawu, Apirade, Abiriw, Aseseeso, Bindi, Kambatiak, Najong 1, Najong 2, Yunyoo, Kufouk, Jimbale. All these groups have benefited from interest free micro credit scheme and annual distribution of relief items for them to improve on their livelihood.

2.3. Basic Schools

The organization currently operates two basic schools in the Central and Northern Regions. These schools were established to provide access to basic education to the poor rural communities where pupils have to journey for about 5km before accessing basic education. Currently, the schools are government assisted providing quality education to 1000s of children who could have been drop outs to increase the illiteracy rate of Ghana.

2.4. SRH and HIV Project

Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV project has been integrated into the various programmes of the organization. The aim of the project is to reduce new infections of HIV and AIDS in all the programme areas of the organization. Sensitization activities are carried out in communities, schools, churches, mosques, etc.

The major project implemented in the Agona East district is funded by the Ghana AIDS Commission through the Presbyterian Relief Services and Development.

3.0 Challenge

Lack of funds to sustain the gains made and to expand various activities.

4.0 Support

There are so many ways in which you can help us to bring positive and lasting change in the lives of the many people we serve especially the deprived, marginalized and less privileged in society.

You and or your organization can become a partner by identifying with any of our intervention areas.

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