

PROJECT NAME: *CLIMATE GHANGE ON THE RUN*

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LOCATION OF PROJECT: GHANA, WEST AFRICA

TIME FRAME: 10 YEARS. STARTING FROM OCTOBER 2016

ESTIMATED FUNDS NEEDED: \$ **56,922.43**

CLASSIFICATION: Community improvement and Capacity building, Food, Agriculture and nutrition, Environment, Employment.

## THE PROPOSAL

### Abstract

Climate Change On the Run Project intends to establish presence in an INTEGRATED and COLLABORATED manner in deprived rural communities in Ghana. This collaboration will build key partnerships with community based farmers, women organisations, international stakeholders and local public institutions to ADVOCATE, provide KNOWLEDGE, EMPOWER and MOBILISE local communities to participate in a conscious process of incorporating potent indigenous knowledge into modern, formal and scientific mitigation strategies through training, application and knowledge sharing. This blend of indigenous and modern strategies are then translated into usable knowledge and applied on Crop and Livestock management and the restoration of degraded lands which are the major occupations and vulnerability areas in terms of climate change impact on the people in the project area. This will add value to the development of sustainable climate change mitigation and adaptation that are rich in local content, that will increase production and yield thereby reducing rural poverty even within a changing climate while mitigating its impact on the environment.

Ghana Trade and Livelihoods Coalition (GTLC) a local NGO based Ghana shall be the coordinator and implementor in partnership with other key actors such as IFAD and other related institutions already working within project area around the same theme which is agriculture.

#### **a. Needs Statement**

Poor rural households, whose livelihoods depend predominantly on agriculture and natural resources, will bear a disproportionate burden of the adverse impacts of climate change (Satapathy et al. 2011, Mendelsohn et al. 2007, Kates 2000) and thus should be the focus of adaptation interventions. In order to enable practical adaptation at the grassroots level, it is vital that systems for information and knowledge sharing between scientists, policymakers and community institutions at the local level exist and function well (Mishra 2012);

The COALITION will identify and profile small holder farmers in project catchment area. 10,000 rural poor farmers will be targeted within 3000 deprived communities in all regions of Ghana within ten years. In March 2015 report of IFAD, *Investing in rural people in Ghana*, over 45,000 households are directly benefitting from the Northern Rural Growth Programme (NRGP) which is to improve agriculture, promote rural growth and poverty reduction in Northern Ghana. Our project will just target this category of people but with focus on the application of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Gather data, educate and share policies and political information regarding climate change. This tool will seek to influence the knowledge, attitudes and ultimate behaviors of these 10,000 individual household farmers, local institutions and stakeholders in deprived communities leading to a revolution in mindset and also provide access to information.

Promoting tree planting and the provision of 20,000 improved economic plant seedlings (cashew, mangoes, oranges, etc) to 10,000 rural households, including schools. This will curtail desertification, combat land degradation, reduce erosion and improve food security in the area.

### **b. Sustainability Statement**

The organisation will recruit, train and built the capacity of young people within the project catchment area to manage the affairs of the organisation. This will be in cognisance with our focus areas and in tangent with the requisite qualifications needed for the various positions of the organisation. Technical advice and training would be outsourced.

Project activities shall be evaluated through monitoring and impact scoring as against project goals. Base on that, a quaterly and yearly reports will be generated and audited by an independent audit organisation and communicated to the general public, donors, and all stakeholders through our communication channels.

### **c. Project Location/ Shedule of Activities(OCT 2016 –Dec.2018)**

The project will start in Northern part of Ghana.(Upper West,East and Northern regions). Our first action will commence with a pilot project, in Wa Municipality. A suceessful pilot will see a replication in the other regions and other african countries with time.

### **d. Budget/Cost/Resources for Aug. 2016 - DEC. 2016.**

\$ 56,922.43 is the estimated cost for a pilot in the Upper West Region of Ghana.**(Detials are attached)** This will cover the following: Personel,Office supplies and equipment, Programme cost. The INTEGRATION main sources of funding will be to use proposals to raise funding both on the International and local levels.(IMF,UNDP,GEF,IFAD,etc)

### **e. Planned Impacts and Adoptation Pathways**

Environmentally, the successful growth at least 15,000 economic plants and application of good agricultural practices will mitigate climate change impacts: less polution,increase soil carbon,reduce greenhouse gas,less erosion, water conservation, improve soil and combat degradation.

Economically, the project will improve yeilds, increase food production and income levels. Socially, we intend to tackle the issue of unemployment and decrease income inequalities between the rich and the rural poor.

### **f. Communications and Dissemination of Activities**

The COALITION through our activities will :

- Increase awareness of the need, impacts, costs and benefits of climate adaptation
- Encourage increased stakeholder participation in the project and the sector it addresses.

Our communication activities will include: Newsletters,Press releases,Social media,Stakeholder events, Policy briefs,Audiovisual materials,Visual identity; logo and slogan.

End Users of Project Results :Poor rural communities,Decision makers,Private sector,Civil society Medial