

Organization Profiles:

The Ashesi Service Learning Programme partners with well-established private and government organizations to offer our students relevant community service experiences. Below is a list of some of the organizations our students work with:

1. Africare

www.africare.org

Mission

Africare works to improve the quality of life in Africa.

Vision

Africare works in partnership with African communities to achieve healthy and productive societies. Africare's approach places communities at the center of development activities. Africare believes that only through strong communities can Africa feed itself, appropriately exploit its natural resources, educate, care and protect its children, promote the economic well being of African people and live in peace.

2. Alkot Child Development Centre

This is a pre-school at the Osu Children's Home. It is in the orphanage grounds but the school attracts other children from the surrounding area. The school is only for children aged from 2-6 years, before they go to another school. The orphanage has about 150 orphans of various ages and about 25-30 of those children attend the school.

3. Blue Water Project

The Blue Water Project (BWP) is a scheme developed by Ashesi students. The primary aim is to provide water to urban and suburban communities that do not receive regular or any supply of water by drilling bore holes, digging wells and harvesting rain water.

4. College for Ama (CofA)

www.cofa-foundation.org

COFA's mission is to provide creative and educational opportunities for adolescent girls particularly in rural areas to aspire to attain college education. COFA believes access to information and education empowers individuals, their family, and community to have life choices, to make better life decisions, thus becoming more independent and maintaining a high quality of life, as they grow older. COFA offers in strategic areas of Ghana preventive, educational, motivational and social programs- all coordinated around the developmental needs of adolescent girls and provided predominately free of charge.

COFA's programs and services bring together the professional expertise of a variety of disciplines: social work, mental health, the law, education, the arts, health and others. Building on its vision of comprehensive educational and motivational services for adolescent girls, COFA's unique model is operating locally in select rural locations and will be replicated nationally.

5. Help Age Ghana

<http://www.helpage.org>

Vision

Our vision is a world in which all older people fulfill their potential to lead dignified, healthy and secure lives.

Mission

HelpAge International is a global network that strives to protect the rights to economic and physical security, health care and social services for disadvantaged older people. In addition, HelpAge works to support in the care-giving role older people provide across generations within the community.

6. International Child Empowerment Network (ICEN)

<http://www.icenworld.org>

Mission:

The **ICEN's** mission is to empower children around the world to develop a positive self image, by encouraging them to look within themselves to discover and utilize their untapped talents and potential. The Organization serves as a resource for parents, educators, and all who are committed to assist children live purposefully and up to their full potential.

7. International Child Resource Institute

<http://www.icrichild.org>

Our mission is to improve the lives of children and families throughout the world, enabling them to survive and succeed.

Since 1981, ICRI has been providing services for families and children locally and around the world. ICRI makes a difference by providing technical assistance and consultation to a wide variety of national and international organizations, businesses, governments, non-profits and others interested in such children's issues as child care, child abuse prevention, child survival, maternal and child health, placement alternatives for abandoned and traumatized children and the promotion of children's rights.

Using an extensive information base of model national and international children's programs, ICRI is able to bring the best from around the world to each consultation or project. The most up-to-date and appropriate data regarding programs, needs assessments, curricula, facility development, program implementation and evaluation, training, cost effectiveness, tax advantages and more is incorporated into each contract or project.

ICRI has offices or collaborates with organizations around the world to provide services to children and families.

8. Joy FM Easter Soup Kitchen

The Joy FM Easter soup kitchen is an annual celebration organised by a local radio station in which less privileged people are being fed.

9. Kokrobitey Institute

<http://www.kokrobiteyinstitute.org>

Kokrobitey Institute offers short-term residential programs in the Sciences, Arts and Humanities Internships; facilities for academic research; short term programs for adult learners; professional training institutes and conference facilities. Kokrobitey Institute develops new relationships across cultures, across disciplines, and between the public and private sectors of education, business and government.

Studying at Kokrobitey Institute gives students the chance to expand their 'ways of knowing' through living and studying in a dynamic community where they are encouraged to reexamine their 'norms', to learn about new cultures in a way that considers how different cultural perspectives provide different ways of knowing.

10. Legal Resources Centre

<http://www.lrcghana.org>

The underlying philosophy of the LRC is that democracy would only thrive in an environment in which the majority of the people:

- Know and understand their basic human rights;
- Have quick and effective access to justice and entitlements; and
- Understand and play their role in the functioning of the constitutional democratic structures.

11. Longevity Project

<http://www.longevityghana.com/>

The mission of The Longevity Project is to increase the life expectancy and quality of life of Ghanaians.

12. New Horizon Special School

<http://www.newhorizon-school-gh.com/>

New Horizon Special School is a voluntary, non-profit making, non-racial, non-sectarian and charitable institution.

Philosophy:

as its philosophy, the school believes that every child whether handicapped or not, has the right to develop to his or her fullest capabilities.

13. Osu Children's Home

Mission

Care and support for children with no access to family lives.

14. ProNet Association

Pro Net is a network of professionals and organizations working together to improve water and sanitation issues in Ghana.

15. Street Girls Aid

<http://www.said-ghana.com>

Mission Statement

Street Girls Aid, a non-profit organization, provides a safe and challenging environment where girls/babies who live on the streets are assisted in restoring and building self-esteem and finding alternatives to life on the street.

16. Urban Poor Child Organisation

<http://upcoghana.com>

Mission

1. To interact with urban poor children so that they can be understood and supported.
2. To create good environment for needy children to build their future.
3. To create general awareness about the plight of poor children from age 0 - 16 years old who due to some situation do not attend or dropped - out from schools.

17. Village of Hope

<http://www.thevillageofhope.com>

"The Village of Hope" began in 1989 as an orphanage established by Christians in the United States and Ghana to care for orphaned, abandoned, destitute and needy children until they are able to take care of themselves or are adopted by a family. Since its establishment we have cared and provided help for many impoverished, hungry, and hurting children, some of whom have become faithful Christians.

18. West Africa AIDS Foundation

<http://www.waafweb.org/>

Mission

WAAF's mission is to help battle the spread of HIV/AIDS pandemic and mitigate its effect on communities by developing and implementing pragmatic intervention programs/activities and also establishing care and support centers.

Vision

WAAF's vision is to set up comprehensive health care centers in all regions of Ghana and West African sub-regions to provide quality health care and to reach out to identify target groups in collaboration with local and international partners.

19. Voices of the Voiceless

<http://www.voicesofthevoiceless.org>

Mission

The mission of the organization is to facilitate the enhancing of capacities of youth, a largely marginalized group, as they strive to identify and express their voices, so as to be recognized as valuable and contributing members of society.

Vision

The vision of the organization is to see the recognition of, demand, inclusion and respect for the voices of the youth in community level, national and global discussions on public health issues. VoV will work towards the day when all voices will be seen as of equal value in conversations and initiatives that seek to address public health and well-being issues at all levels of society.

ii. Government Institutions

20. Forestry Commission of Ghana

<http://www.fcghana.com>

The Forestry Commission aims to be a corporate body of excellence in the sustainable development, management and utilization of Ghana's forest and wildlife resources meeting both national and global standards for forest and wildlife resource conservation and development.

21. Ghana Police Hospital

The Ghana Police Hospital is one of the leading public hospitals in the country. Centrally located in Labone, Accra the police hospital is prepared to provide high quality health services for a wide variety of ailments and injuries.

22. Wli Waterfall

http://www.hohoetourism.com/attractions/wli_waterfalls.cfm

Wli Waterfalls is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Ghana's Volta region. The district assembly and community have worked to create an eco-tourism site around the falls to attract visitors and improve the local economy.

iii. Private Organisations

1. Sharpnet Internet Café

Sharpnet Internet Café is a full service internet service provider and computer access point. In addition to paid services the café offers free computer literacy courses for primary school students.

2. The Trust Hospital

The Trust Hospital is one of the top private hospitals operating in Ghana. Located in Osu, Accra, Trust hospital is the destination of choice for many families living in the neighborhoods of Eastern Accra.