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ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR 2014

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INTRODUCTION

Though the year 2014 has been very challenging, it has also been very interesting. Many were the activities which were executed by *ADRRI* in the year.

ADRRI has been assiduously working towards achieving specific objectives for the benefit of its target communities, individual African countries, the poor, socially and economically deprived people.

Over the last months, *ADRRI* has been able to undertake projects such as research into new and affordable technologies to enhance environmental amenity use in a sustainable manner, liaising with donors and international organizations to conduct research and promote the idea of a green revolution, seeking funding to undertake afforestation programmes, providing capacity building workshop for environment and natural resources management, seeking funding to undertake collaborative implementation of United Nation's Agency on Climate Change Policies on Africa, seeking funding from Private and public international and internal donors interested in reducing climate change impacts on Africa to undertake research activities, liaising with donors and international organizations to conduct research in the area of quality water provision, organizing workshops and conferences mainly to disseminate and formulate policies for poverty reduction, research into the many ways of averting extreme poverty in Africa among others.

BACKGROUND

The Africa Development and Resources Research Institute – (*ADRRRI*) is an independent non-political policy research institute based in Ghana, founded in 2010 to promote Africa Development in the area of economics, sanitation, health, social welfare issues, micro finance, climate change, public policy formulation, education, engineering, water resources, science, trade, medicine, nutrition, management and marketing, poverty, gender, child rights, rule of law, good governance, language studies, democracy and development through quality applied action research. The institute aims to inspire and provoke applied action research which can give birth to a new Africa and as such serves as a panacea for local content policy for Africa growth and development.

ADRRRI, from the start of its establishment in 2010 has been very proactive and innovative in the ways in which it undertakes and organizes its activities such seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

ADRRRI's focus has been on four thematic areas in which it operates. These thematic areas are;

- ✚ Promote quality universal basic and secondary education in the area of access and support in Ghana.
- ✚ Serve individuals and communities to reduce and eradicate extreme form of poverty in Ghana.
- ✚ Enhance quality of life through improved sanitation education in Ghana.
- ✚ Undertake research and action, focused on climate change impact on agriculture in Ghana.

We at *ADRRI* believe that, for a society and even a nation to be economically stable and its citizens to enjoy improved standard of living, it does not depend only on the shoulders of the government but also the various stakeholders who can in one way or the other help contribute their quota to make it a so. In view of that, we have laid down strong structures which would effectively and efficiently help create a sustainable environment to undertake practicable research that would assist decision and policy makers in the implementation of structured policies.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Over the few months, some projects were outlined to be undertaken as the months go by. These projects were to be done so as to provide help and support for the communities in which *ADRRI* operates from and its surrounding environments.

Among the projects outlined to be undertaken in the year 2014 are as follows:

- ✓ Supports for Students Project Assistance
- ✓ Research into challenges facing SME's in the New Juaben Municipality
- ✓ Research on the impact of LEAP on Poverty Reduction in the New Juaben Municipality.
- ✓ Provision of Educational materials (teaching aids) to Schools in the Yilo Krobo district of the Eastern Region of Ghana.
- ✓ Research on ways of reducing solid waste generation in the New Juaben Municipality.
- ✓ Organization of conference on issues about the environment in Ghana
- ✓ Engaging of community members in their role in School administration in the Tamale metropolis.
- ✓ Face to face interaction with learners in increasing access to education in selected communities.

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

Though the year 2014 was very challenging coupled with lack of funds to undertake the proposed projects outlined above, *ADRRI* was able to execute some projects. Among these projects were;

✓ **Supports for Students Project Assistance**

ADRRI over the periods has been rendering assistance to the students who were in their final year at the tertiary level. Some were also students were in their various levels at the tertiary but needed some assistance with regards to research conducting and some basic principles of research. Workshops and seminars were organized to assist these students to impact on their knowledge in the area of research.

✓ **Research into challenges facing SME's in the New Juaben Municipality**

Small and Medium Scale Enterprises contribute to the major percentage of every economy. As a result of their contributions to the economy, they however face some challenges that hinder their contributions and growth to the development of an economy. It is with this concern that *ADRRI* see the urgent need to undertake a study to help SME's and policy makers to critically deal with the issues associated with SME's operations.

✓ **Research on the impact of LEAP on Poverty Reduction in the New Juaben Municipality**

Poverty remains a major challenge confronting most countries in the developing world thus, African countries. Ghana has been battling with this problem for quiet sometime and *ADRRI* believe that by undertaking a practical research into it, it would help assess whether the impact the structures put in place to curb this canker has impacted tremendously or rather it has corrupted the system.

ADRRI is of great hope that, by undertaking this research, policy and decision makers would find it very useful towards the eradication of poverty.

✓ **Provision of Educational materials (teaching aids) to Schools in the Yilo Krobo district of the Eastern Region of Ghana**

Day in – day out, more educational facilities are opened and when these facilities are opened, they may not be having the required teaching materials (teaching aids) for easy methods of teaching among other materials. This therefore creates a vacuum or gap in the education sector thereby drawing back the success of quality education. *ADRRI* decided to take up this challenge and help provide these educational materials to the Schools in the country starting with the Yilo Krobo district in the Eastern Region of Ghana. *ADRRI* believes that, by starting with this, other NGO's would also come in so that together Ghana could be a better place to live for these children and those yet unborn.

✓ **Engaging of community members in their role in School administration in the Tamale metropolis**

Education is a nation builder. Any community that does not recognize quality education would be doing great harm to its neighbors in the community and the country at large. It was due to this concern that *ADRRI* decided to engage some community members in some selected areas in the Tamale metropolis to educate them on the role of School administration. We believe that, by undertaking this, these community members would together with the various School authorities help manage both the Schools they have in the communities and the children in those Schools.

- ✓ **Face to face interaction with learners in increasing access to education in selected communities**

Quality and accessible education has always been the bedrock of every stable and sound economy. *ADRRI* is of certainty that, education contributes to a large percentage of any country's economy. Due to its benefits to the nation, *ADRRI* took upon itself to help organize symposiums, workshops, seminars etc., for the various stakeholders in that sector so that together we can effectively find solutions to the various challenges facing the educational sector.

CHALLENGES FACED AS AN NGO IN THE YEAR 2014

There were numerous challenges faced by *ADRRI* as an NGO in the year 2014. Any organization that is set up as an NGO would definitely face difficulty in the running and operation of its activities and *ADRRI* was no exclusion to that consequence in the year 2014. *ADRRI* encountered a lot of difficulties in the year 2014 but the most challenging ones were;

- ✓ **Lack of funds to run the NGO**

ADRRI, since its establishment has been undertaking programmes and projects with the internal generated funds and personal savings of the Executives. Many proposals have been sent to the various funds and grants providers to assist *ADRRI* in financing its activities but all have not yielded fruits yet. Though *ADRRI* is of extreme hope that things are going to get better, we plead for more supports since our main aim is to help make the environment a better place.

- ✓ **Difficulty in gathering resources to supports communities**

As an NGO, one of our aims is to create a sustainable and a flexible environment for all. It was due to this motive that *ADRRI* decided to render supports in terms of resources to assist some selected communities in the New Juaben Municipality. We believe that, by coming up with this, *ADRRI* would be contributing to poverty reduction and eradication, improved standard of living among others in the country.

✓ **Difficulty in meeting donors and sponsors to support projects**

Donors and sponsors nowadays are very hard to come by. The few that are in the system too are faced with a lot of challenges as how to select projects to fund since the NGO's out-numbered the donors and sponsors in the system. This however, has become a challenge towards the achievement of *ADRRI*'s aims and objectives in undertaking a lot of projects to help the various communities.

SUCCESSES REALIZED IN THE YEAR 2014

Aside the difficulty *ADRRI* faced during the year 2014, it also enjoyed few successes as well. *ADRRI* was able to undertake some projects as the year went by. We were able to provide various community members with informal education regarding sanitation issues of the environment, poverty reduction and eradication, etc.

ADRRI also assisted various students with educational materials (teaching aids) in the Tamale metropolis in the Northern Region of Ghana. Face to face interactions with some selected students were undertaken in the New Juaben Municipality. Some of these students were from the various basic and secondary institutions in the municipality.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2015

ADRRI looks forward to creating a more sound and sustainable environments for easy access to quality education, help maintaining good sanitation of the environments, assisting more students in their area of studies, funding of projects to help build a strong and a secured power-house for students training and grooming them in order to become great researchers and excellent decision makers in the future.

We also hope to organize more awareness programmes to sensitize parents and the youth especially, students in the basic and secondary cycle to deliberate on the importance and purpose of education. *ADRRI* believes that, since the youth are the holders of future offices and are capable of managing various leadership roles, it is necessary and prudent to engage them now on the impact of education in their lives.

ADRRI would also organize symposiums and seminars to deliberate on issues such as accessible quality education, environmental issues like sanitation would also be addressed, sensitization on the reduction and eradication of abject poverty in the society among other issues.

SUMMARY

The year 2014 has not been that fruitful and successful, neither has it been that unpleasant. A lot of progresses were made during the year and we are of great expectation that things will continue to improve in the subsequent years.

ADRRI has been the bedrock of many individuals' successes. We have served many researchers and decision makers with our understanding and expertise on strategic researches through seminars, workshops and symposiums etc.

CONCLUSIONS

ADRRI has a very long way to go and we believe by the help of stakeholders and other donors, great things shall be achieved.

Due to nature and structure of programmes at *ADRRI*, it makes it very appropriate for any individual or government officials to walk into our office for easy access to information on any of our four thematic areas in which *ADRRI* is focused on.

ADRRI an NGO has been structured to help offer assistance to all and this we are willing without relentless to deliver our services to all humanity.

WAY FORWARD

The sky is just our viewing point. At *ADRRI*, we believe that whatever we set our minds to would become a reality.

We look forward to creating a very good environment that would be suitable for providing solutions to the challenges that may be hindering the dwellers of various communities.

Partnership always plays a key role in building a sustainable environment. To this effect, *ADRRI* looks forward to partnering with other stakeholders who would be willing to work together with us.