

*AFRICA DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(ADRRI)*



ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR 2015

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ADRRI would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Almighty God for blessing and endowing in us the passion and love to help humanity.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In Sub-Sahara Africa, Ghana is still boasting of being the socio-economic and political haven for development. Though the country is currently facing a huge deficit in terms of production and high unemployment all due to erratic power supply in the year 2015, there are signs of improvement in the beginning of next year. The socio-political stability that the country is enjoys is a plus for a transitional development.

In the year 2015, Africa Development and Resources Research Institute complemented government's resilience in research works in deprived communities, environmental impact advocacy and educational advocacy.

The year has been difficult, though pretty impressive for the Institute. We faced challenges in our quest to execute some major projects to reach a larger part of our target. Proposals have been sent to various donor agencies for assistance, yet to no avail. ADRRI finances its projects from internally generated funds and personal savings which is inadequate to meet a bigger part of the target.

We are seeking partnership with both the public and private sector, development and donor agencies and interested participants to meet our developmental goals.

In the years ahead, we are confident of undertaking quality projects which would seek to complement government's effort and also bring life-changing moments to the downtrodden with the support of everyone on board. Thank you.

Executive Director: Jamal Mohammed

BACKGROUND

The Africa Development and Resources Research Institute (*ADRRI*) is an independent non-political policy research and volunteerism institute based in Ghana, founded in 2010 to promote the development of Africa in the areas 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 and volunteerism. The institute aims to inspire and provoke applied action research which can give birth to a new and better Africa and as such serves as a panacea for local content policy for Africa growth and development.

ADRRI, from the start of operations in 2013 has been very proactive and innovative in undertaking and organizing activities such seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

ADRRI's focus has been on four thematic areas in which it operates including:

- ✚ 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.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2015

Over the last few months, some projects were outlined to be undertaken. 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 2015 are as follows:

- ✓ Support for Students' Project Work
- ✓ Capacity Building for College Tutors
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Face to face interaction with learners

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

During the year 2015, *ADDRI* made immense contribution in complimenting government's effort in spite of the difficulties in securing funds for projects.

✓ **Support for Students' Project Work**

Since a country's progress depends on its human resource capacity, Africa Development and Resources Research Institute as part of its yearly activities organized workshops and seminars to assist and teach tertiary students the principles of producing quality research works. At the end of the project, 40 students from Koforidua Polytechnic and 15 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Distance Learning Centre students from the Institution's Free Guidance Session.

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✓ **Capacity Building for College Tutors**

The Institute organized a Capacity Building Workshop for Colleges of Education Tutors on the need to publish their research papers. In the year 2015, Accra College of Education was covered. Thirty two (32) members of staff took part in the exercise. At the end of the project, the Institute realized a higher participation than anticipated. This means that ADRRI's vision of creating a better and newer Africa through quality applied action research would be positive.

✓ **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 facing transitional countries including Ghana. The Institute's focus on LEAP's impact is to find out the contributions it is making in curbing poverty in order to make recommendations to policy makers. 10 communities including asomabo, awoeya etc were selected from the New Juaben Municipality of Eastern Region. ADRRI realized that LEAP actually is impacting on the lives of the aged, the vulnerable and impoverished.

✓ **Face to face interaction with learners**

Africa Development and Research Resource Institute sought to have a face-to face interaction with students from various Junior High Schools in the Tamale Metropolis including..... The objective was to capture and

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motivate young students to take studies seriously and make the right career choices based on their God-given talents. ADRRI found that rather, young people make career choices based on the prestige and level of income associated with certain careers. At the end of the project, 500 students were captured.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2016

ADDRI is looking forward to creating and supporting in the areas of sustainable environment, accessible quality basic and secondary education, and waste management poverty reduction. The Institute would want to undertake the following projects next year.

- ✓ Youth talent discovery
- ✓ Youth for green revolution
- ✓ Research Into the challenges facing SME's in the New Juaben Municipality
- ✓ Provision of Educational materials (teaching aid)
- ✓ Continuous Support for Students' Project Work
- ✓ Continuous Capacity Building for College Tutors

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 people of various communities.

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