AFRICA DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ADRRI)



ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR 2017

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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

The year 2017 was a year of intense focus on the key components of our mission: 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, Assist communities through facilitation to have an insight on the asset of the community and policy impacts and Work as a policy Think Tank on matters of advocacy in development in general and policy education. The mission is evidence about what works for the poor through rigorous research, and translating this evidence into practice and policy.

Over the past four years, ADRRI has experienced an appreciable growth which is testament to the faith that our partners and funders have shown in our mission of assisting communities through facilitation to have an insight on the asset of the community and policy impacts. But it has also created organizational challenges. For that reason, 2017 has been a year of strengthening the organization by building our systems, procedures and processes, and developing a strategic vision to guide our work in the next year.

Signed

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In the year 2017, 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.

In 2018 we look forward to completing our strategic plan and pursuing the priorities it lays out: strengthening the quality of our research, growing and deepening our connections with local decisionmakers, and strengthening our organizational systems and processes so that we can accomplish our goals. We look forward to the ways in which this strategic growth will enable us to create and share more evidence, and see it applied in ways that make a real difference in poverty alleviation.

We are also 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: Dr. Jamal Mohammed

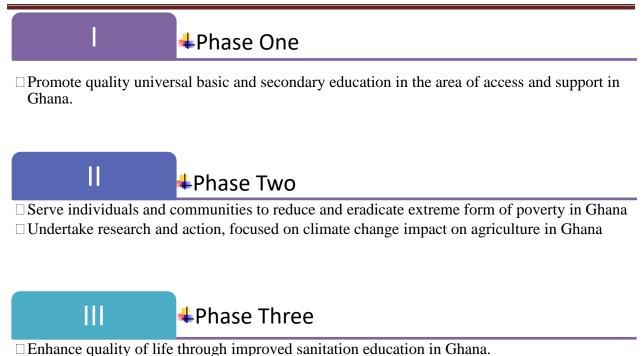
BACKGROUND

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:



UNDERTAEN ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

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 and the nation as a whole.

Among the projects outlined to be undertaken in the year 2017 are as follows:

Creating and supporting in the areas of sustainable environment, accessible quality basic and secondary education, and waste management poverty reduction. The Institute proposed to undertake the following projects in the year 2017.



Continuous Support for Students' Project Work

The ADRRI as part of its commitment to the society renewed its yearly assistance to support 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 work. At the end of the project, 33 students from Koforidua Technical University 10 students from the All Nations University and 11 from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Distance Learning Centre students from the Institution's Free Guidance Session.

Capacity Building

The Institute organized a Capacity Building Workshop for the Koforidua Technical University Tutors on the need to for empirical and theoretical literature review as well as the use of statistical software's for data analysis. Sixty-two (62)

members of staff from various faculties of the university 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. However, due to inadequate financial support this project could not be extended to a representative population.

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.

Youth talent discovery

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. The objective was to capture and 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, 600 students were captured.

Collaboration Research with Loughborough University

The Project conducted by ADRRI for University of Loughborough United Kingdom in which one thousand (1000) households across the ten regions of Ghana were sampled on Financial Inclusion and Green Business.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2018

Having undertaking necessary assessments, ADRRI has come out with five (5) but not limited to major project that would be undertaking within the year 2018 which are as follows:

[™]Nationwide sensitization of Undertake an education diary project within the Community needs reporting platform Undertake research and Renew its mandate of supporting capacity action, focused on building and research galamsey impact on support for tertiary agriculture and health replication in Ghana education Partner with donor agencies to undertake women empowerment training programmes that will lead to job creation in the country.

WAY FORWARD

Regardless of challenges faced by the institute, *ADRRI*, believe that whatever we set our minds to would become a reality with determination and perseverance.

In 2018, we look forward to creating an enabling environment that would be suitable for providing solutions to the challenges that may be hindering the people 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 willing to work together with us.

