

- **Concerted academic support for community development:** Through CDDF Institutional Network initiative, the vast human resources and research potential of academia and industry is mobilized in support of community development.

- Various academic and research institutions in Ghana have joined the CDD Research Network.
- CDD-Student Pioneers* from universities, polytechnics and training colleges are conducting research in addressing urgent local community problems in the start-up project area (Ada-Foah).
- Researchers, lecturers and technical staff as a means to enhance human capacity building in schools and communities support CDD Student Pioneers.

- **Local Training:** As part of poverty reduction activities, CDDF conducts advocacy, build consensus and train local people in support of a broad range of initiatives in education, health promotion, agriculture, industry, science and technology.

- **Sustainable development:** CDDAs are structured to derive strength from networking and collaboration of all identifiable groups in the local area so that they can harness the collective potential of the society. Therefore, CDDF supports Ada-Foah CDDA to implement a comprehensive integrated programme designed to empower the local communities to take ownership of disease control and economic development activities, and avoid a return to poor hygiene, ill health and poverty.

- **Dreams Initiative:** The CDDF AFRICAN DREAM Initiative is designed to stimulate individuals and groups to come up with new initiatives and innovation to enhance community development efforts. A CDDF Dreams Initiative special desk is set up to compile a database of innovative ideas and information under strict confidentiality. The original owners of the ideas and information own intellectual property.



- **CDD Awards:** A Community Directed Development (CDD) awards system has been created to recognize the contributions of individuals and groups who contribute to socio-economic development at; 1. The local community level, 2. National level and 3. International level.

- **Replication of development:** Community Directed Development Associations (CDDAs) will be replicated across Africa into other local societies that are prepared for the development initiative.

- **CDDF strategy—Some reasons why you should take advantage:** Through our comprehensive networking of identifiable groups, CDDF approach prepares communities to: 1. support implementation of integrated programmes efficiently and effectively; 2. take ownership of programmes to ensure long term sustainability; 3. strengthen local government; and more ...

#### ❖ INFORMATION OUTREACH

To attain global advocacy for CDDF and its activities, a monthly newsletter is published alongside a website developed and hosted by Clickcom Ghana Ltd.

#### ❖ BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS (JOIN NOW!)

To achieve sustainable development in Africa, CDDF is building a new partnership with resourceful Individuals, Cooperatives, Agencies, Institutions and Governments around the world.

You are invited to join this innovative collaboration to give Africa a comprehensive “big push”

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## THE COMMUNITY DIRECTED DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (CDDF)

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Bringing good health, prosperity and development to Africa.



## ❖ THE POVERTY PROBLEM

THE world today is faced with very serious problems of poverty and underdevelopment in many countries. The situation reveals unimaginable suffering with avoidable diseases, malnutrition, hunger, starvation, lack of adequate basic education, environmental degradation and above all lack of social cohesion leading to conflict in the poorest nations. Unfortunately, much of Africa is in deep crises with virtually all the countries in sub-Saharan Africa suffering from various degrees of hardship including huge indebtedness.



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Against this background, a social innovation is introduced for the poor developing world, particularly for Africa. The opportunity is presented through a new concept of comprehensive Community Directed Development (CDD). Through CDD there is a glimmer of hope and the opportunity to consolidate an innovative partnership for development in Africa and underscore the possibility about turning the vision of a strong and prosperous Africa into a reality.



(CDDF: Transforming Africa)

## ❖ INTRODUCTION

Founded in February 2005, Community Directed Development Foundation (CDDF) is a non-partisan and non-racial charitable organization, which seeks to improve on the health, environment, education, culture and socio-economic well-being of deprived communities in Africa.



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This CDDF intervention programme seeks to promote sustainable socio-economic development in Ghana and other African countries.

The approach is to strengthen the basis for development of society through networking of all identifiable groups (stakeholders) and improvement in organizational capability, using innovative strategies that promote the attainment of sustainable improvement in education, disease control, environment, agriculture, industry and social programmes in African countries, whilst promoting socio-economic activities to generate internal local resources to support development.

Extensive collaboration with tertiary academic institutions promotes more rapid integration of research findings into academic curricula for continuous human resource capacity building.

## ❖ OBJECTIVES

Organize identifiable groups in socio-geographical development units (project areas) into umbrella community-based organizations also called Community Development Associations (CDA) designed to:

1. Build bridges between experts and organizations that do not traditionally work well together and create the orderly, structured environment needed to encourage local people to take ownership of development oriented programmes and activities, in health, education, agriculture, environment, industry, economic, and social / occupational projects, in order to ensure sustainability of intervention programmes; and
2. Encourage local people to harness the potential of the society through mobilization of internal local resources (human, materials and financial) for socio-economic development emphasizing disease control, poverty reduction and income generation activities so as to:
3. Recover lost opportunities for African societies as a result of lack of ownership of intervention programmes and infections which lead to drastic reductions of individual productivity, and contributions to countries Gross National Product (GNP) across Africa.

## ❖ ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Start-up Project site identified:** Through advocacy and consensus with local stakeholders, CDDF identified Ada-Foah sub-district in the Dangme East District, Ghana, as the start-up project site in November 2006.
- **Formation of Ada-Foah CDDA:** The first Community Directed Development Association (CDDA), an umbrella organization modelled on the comprehensive stakeholder approach is formed in Ada-Foah to execute activities at the local level.
- **Awareness creation & capacity building:** CDD Advocate Pioneers (students and community members from across Ghana) are *trained as outreach personnel* in support of community development.