

A Brief History Of ADF

The Atorkor Development Foundation (ADF)

Is an NGO registered in Ghana and in operation since 2001. It is registered in England and Wales as a charity with registration number 1120603.

The Foundation has been working to alleviate the extreme poverty and address the high levels of unemployment in Atorkor, and the surrounding villages brought about by the virtual collapse of the fishing industry, the mainstay of the local economy. With no new enterprises developed to replace the lost revenue, the people have suffered increasing economic hardship. Atorkor is a remote coastal village in the Volta Region, about two hours travelling time east of Accra, the capital of Ghana



Organizational structure

ADF is governed by a six-member trustee body, based in London which is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Foundation. It has a very strong team of volunteers and an administrator in the community it serves. They work very closely with the community members in deciding, executing and managing projects. Hence community involvement and participation has been very crucial in all the projects undertaken so far. Apart from a small allowance paid for out of pocket expenses for administration in Atorkor, the Foundation has no paid employees and does not pay for the services of trustees, who also meet their own expenses. All monies raised by the Foundation go directly to fund projects.

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Our vision

Since its inception ADF has been guided by a constant vision. That is to transform Atorkor from a very poor, underdeveloped and inadequately served community into a self-sustaining village with a full range of basic amenities: modern schools, a well-equipped medical centre, affordable communication facilities and a vocational training centre to provide a variety of skills training for the unemployed and school leavers.

Some Achievements to Date

In partnership with other organisations and through the year round work of volunteers from Canada, U.S.A and UK, the ADF is investing in and improving Education, Healthcare and employment/job creation in the village.

EDUCATION

In 2005, the Foundation and the Central Baptist Church (CBC), in Chelmsford, Essex built an extension to the local school, creating a library and establishing an Information Technology Centre cost of £60,000. The Royal Masonic School for Girls has been very supportive by computers, books and educational materials to both the Basic school and AVTI. They also sponsor 3 students. The latest project is fundraising to build a 4 classroom kindergarten block to ease overcrowding

The Foundation is:

Sponsoring the education of underprivileged children in the village school with the help of kind hearted people from UK, USA and Canada. Most parents cannot afford to pay for education of their children



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**An NGO that
makes a Difference....**



ADF OFFERS SO MUCH.....

Our Projects

Education



Library and Primary ICT Lab



In 2010 the Foundation and the CBC built a 3-unit classroom block for the school to ease the overcrowding in the school



3 –Unit Classroom Block



Junior ICT Lab

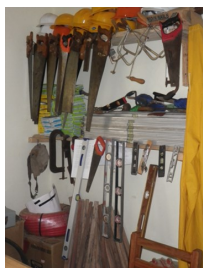
The Ghanaian Government built this block in 2012/13

ADF furnished and put in secure window and door bars

AVTI

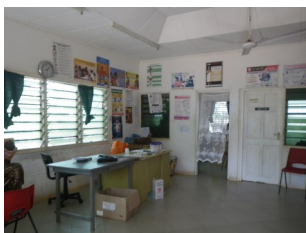
The Foundation in partnership with Ghana Government, Bake Foundation, Vitol Charity Foundation and Rotary Club Picton, Canada set up the Atorkor Vocational Training Institute (AVTI). AVTI opened its doors to student's in 2011 to provide skill training for the youth and diversify the economy away from the collapsed fishing industry.

The AVTI currently has over 400 students learning dress-making, textile decoration/batik, catering, computer technology, masonry, welding, fabrication and electrical installation.



HEALTH

In 2007, the Foundation in partnership with the CBC built a Medical Centre at a cost of £45,000. The Medical Centre is a key part of the Atorkor Community Healthcare Program, a community-based endeavour bringing affordable health-care services, including annual check-ups, to all community residents



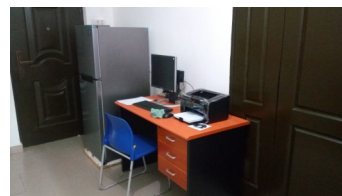
As part of our medical facility upgrade we have replaced the windows and security bars at the medical centre

Medical Centre

The immunisation rate in the village has more than double from 40% to 95% since the Medical Centre was built and continues to improve year on year

Medical Laboratory

The Foundation has opened a new medical laboratory at the clinic to enhance diagnostic and maternity services. The building was constructed by local artisans and students from AVTI and funded in part by the CBC. A London based charitable organisation provided a grant of £11,200 for the Laboratory equipment



Current Projects

Hostel for AVTI

The Foundation is building a Hostel facility with a Ghana Government grant of £30,000. Unfortunately inflation has gone rampant in Ghana recently, so the amount that was initially to cover a 2 storey, multi-unit building has now been severely curtailed and would not even be able to complete the first floor. The Foundation is working hard to raise the necessary funds as this is a priority project which will offer opportunity to more trainees



Maternity Unit

The government of Ghana is constructing the maternity block as part of ADF's strategy Development plan of providing improved local maternity facilities within the community



Kindergarten

This involves the construction of an 8-unit two-storey building for the local kindergarten/nursery school. The old building was structurally unsafe and had large class sizes, 70 pupils per class. The Royal Masonic School for Girls School (RMSG) in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, is funding the construction of the ground floor 4-unit classroom block. The RMSG has so far spent £30,000 on this project. A group of 20 students and 3 teachers from the RMSG will visit Atorkor in August 2018 to work on the project. The RMSG and the Foundation are raising funds to complete this vital project.



Future Projects

- Internet access for the community
- Solar Energy AVTI

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

- Group Volunteering
- Read the handbook, costings available on request
- Donations/Sponsorship/Computers/Equipment /Books

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