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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We continued our work, in partnership with the Ghana Developing Communities Association (GDCA) and Ghana Friends towards strengthening the civic space in Ghana and through the Giving for Change (GfC) project and our participation in the Annual General Meeting of the African Philanthropy Network (APN), we continued with the momentum towards sustaining the civic space and civic actions through local philanthropy. We hope you enjoy reading the details below and also invite you to engage with us through our website (www.star-ghana.org) and our social media handles.

Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu
Executive Director



Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu

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The reporting period has been an eventful one for STAR-Ghana and its partners.

The Foundation held its 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM), which provided a space for the Subscribers and Governing Council of the Foundation to review the work of the Foundation in 2021 and transitions in the membership of the Governing Council as required in the Foundation's Regulations.

We launched four new projects during the period: the Actions for Voice, Inclusion and Development (AVID) project funded by the Hewlett Foundation, the Gender Rights and Empowerment Project (G-REP) funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK Government and the Community Cohesion and Community Livelihoods Enhancement projects funded by the International Organisation on Migration.

These projects will significantly enhance the capacity of the Foundation to support citizens' actions for inclusive governance and development.



STAR-Ghana Foundation holds successful 3rd Annual General Meeting

STAR-Ghana Foundation (SGF) has held its 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) to, among others, consider and adopt reports of the Governing Council, Executive Director and Auditors for the 2021/2022 financial year. The AGM, held on Thursday, August 25th, 2022, in Accra with both in-person and virtual participation was in compliance with statutory requirements for the Foundation. [Read more...](#)



MA Students with University of Ghana's CSPS in a group photo after their learning visit to STAR-Ghana Foundation.

A cohort of Master of Arts students at the Centre for Social Policy Studies (CSPS) of the University of Ghana, Legon have paid a study visit to STAR-Ghana Foundation. The visit was aimed at helping the students access practical experiences of organizations involved in social policy advocacy. The Executive Director, Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu received the students, who were led by their Coordinator, Dr Kojo Opoku Research Fellow. [Read more...](#)



Dr Esther Ofei-Aboagye- Chairperson of the Governing Council presiding over the 2022 Annual General Meeting



Ernestina Korleki Tetteh (PhD) - Project Manager

Ernestina Korleki Tetteh joins the team with over a decade's experience in conducting extensive research on poverty, vulnerability, and social inclusion. She has consulted widely on same for UNICEF Ghana, World Vision Ghana, the World Bank, UNFPA, STAR-Ghana programme among others. Having transitioned from academia, Ernestina brings to her role a much-needed academic depth required for transformational development. She has a PhD in Migration Studies and Master of Philosophy degree in Sociology.



Joan V. Roomson - Grants & Resource Mobilisation Manager

Joan has worked in the development sector for almost 28 years, working mostly with non-governmental organizations in different roles. She has experience developing projects from conceptualization through implementation to project closure. Her strengths lie in multi-sectoral advocacy - having led advocacy projects at national, regional and international levels - and also in resource mobilisation and grants management. Her career has focused on facilitating economic empowerment and leadership opportunities for women and girls, sustainable corporate governance for CSO's/NGOs and capacity building for local non-governmental organisations. Prior to joining the STAR-Ghana Foundation, she worked as a Co-Country Manager for the International Budget Partnership's Ghana Country office, and before that as Consultant Grants Manager for the Africa Transitional Justice Legacy Fund, co-funded by the MacArthur Foundation and another anonymous donor.

NEW STAFF



Sarah Adjei - Project Manager

Sarah has over twelve (12) years of experience in social protection and policy formulation. She has built her career from grassroots field facilitation and training to leading community development initiatives and actions. Her career has seen growth in managing project portfolios and providing technical advice and consulting. She has expertise and skills in project management, monitoring and evaluation as well as policy formulation strategies which she demonstrates in her current role as a Projects Manager with the STAR-Ghana Foundation. She has built her capacity in good governance and gender perspectives through learning exchange platforms across the continent. This has broadened her horizon within the civil society space of activism and inclusion. Sarah believes in beneficiaries initiating and leading the changes they want to see and living as change agents to foster growth and development.



Ama Achia Amankwah Baafi - Coms Officer

A seasoned, multiple media award winner and a talented Communications Professional with 21 years' experience in both electronic and print media. Her knowledge in communications work cut across Public Relations, Advertising, Event Management, Media Relations, and News Reporting. Over the years, she has had the opportunity to participate in some high-profiled local and international professional training programmes and conferences. Ama holds a B.A. (Hons) Communication Studies (PR & Advertising), from GIJ and a Diploma in Journalism also from GIJ.



Anita Asare-Awuku-
Project Officer

Anita Asare Awuku has over six years' experience in policy research and advocacy, budget analysis and advocacy, activity planning, outcome harvesting and partnership building. These skills have been successfully demonstrated throughout the implementation of health, social protection and education projects within the Greater Accra and Eastern regions in support of the USAID, World Bank and other donor partners. Regarding education, Anita has completed course requirements for the award of Master of Research and Public Policy degree at the University of Ghana. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work and Sociology.



Owusuwaa Owusu- Brempong-
Project Officer

Owusuwaa Owusu-Brempong is a development practitioner with experience working on gender, migration and reintegration, social policy research and local philanthropy. She's worked with Abantu for Development, Kaya Childcare, GIZ and STAR-Ghana Foundation. Owusuwaa is a part time lecturer at Family Health University College where She teaches gender studies and public Speaking and presentation skills. She holds a master's degree in governance development and public policy from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, a postgraduate diploma in international gender studies from the University of Iceland, and a bachelor's degree in social work and sociology from the University of Ghana.



Jacob Tetteh- Finance
Officer

Jacob joined the Foundation as a Finance Officer of with over 8years experience in managing corporate compliance, Accounting services, tax advisory services and general administrative support with extensive knowledge in Audit & Assurance and Tax Planning. Jacob's professional career started with the Prudent Corporate Solutions where he rose to the level of Senior Consultant managing various clients across industries, providing audit engagements services, accounting services, business advisory and tax services including tax planning. He also has extensive experience in corporate reputation managements, a team member of Private Sector Anti-Corruption Group (A project executed by UK-Ghana Chamber of Commerce), Procurement managements and a support to top managements. Jacob holds B.com (Accounting) from the University of Cape Coast, HND Accountancy from Koforidua Technical University, trained on Tax Compliance by Ghana Revenue Authority and a student of Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG).



STAR-Ghana Foundation goes Orange

On Monday November 28th, 2022, Management and Staff of STAR-Ghana Foundation were colorfully clad in orange. This was part of the Foundation's activities in commemoration of the annual 16 Days Against Sexual and Gender Based violence marked globally. A social media campaign has also been activated to provoke the attention people on the need to UNITE in the fight against Sexual and Gender Based Violence. Themed "Promoting community-led approaches to ending sexual and gender based violence", STAR-Ghana Foundation's campaign was climaxed at a convening in the Central Region. [Read more....](#)



STORIES OF CHANGE



Multimedia Group's GFC Classroom project under construction

National Youth Authority honours SGF's Executive Director with Special Award for contributing to Youth Development

A Community Development Game Changer award has been conferred on the Executive Director of STAR-Ghana Foundation (SGF). Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu's honour is in recognition of his contributions to Youth Development in the country, particularly, Northern Ghana. The award, organized by under the auspices of the National Youth Authority's (NYA) Northern Regional Secretariat was held at Tamale in collaboration with Senior Youth & Development Consult (SYODC).....[read more](#)



Amidu Ibrahim-Tanko- Executive Director for STAR-Ghana Foundation

Giving for Change: Hundreds of pupils to benefit from Multimedia Group's "lifesaving" classroom project

Hundreds of children living in parts of the Central and Northern regions can look forward to receiving education for a brighter future. This is because the Multimedia Group through the Giving for Change (GfC) Project, under the auspices of STAR-Ghana Foundation (SGF) and WACSI is constructing classrooms in selected districts in the two regions to provide safer school buildings for pupils to learn. Multimedia Group's Classroom Project is one of several initiatives under the continental Giving for Change (GfC) project funded by the Dutch Foreign Affairs Ministry. [Read more.....](#)

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Conflict, Stability, Security Fund-III Project

The Conflict, Stability, Security Fund III Project is aimed at strengthening local and national capacities for sustainable security and stability in Ghana. It will focus on a set of joined-up local and national actions to embed and operationalize the key elements of the roadmap in the work of state and non-state actors towards addressing the key drivers of conflict and insecurity in northern Ghana. Funded by FCDO. The project will begin in January 2023.

Action for Youth Development Project

Funded by the Botnar Foundation, the Action for Youth Development project seeks to contribute to strengthening an enabling environment for youth inclusion and influence in governance and access to quality public goods and services within the Koforidua city.

Shift the Power Project

This is a long-term civil society strengthening programme to be implemented over 8 years. It has two components: grants making and organizational strengthening. Under grants, it will work with three types of grants-catalyst fund (targeting community-based organizations), civil society strengthening fund and matching fund. It is funded by Comic Relief/FCDO

PARTNERS CORNER



Gender, Social Protection Minister designate pledges open-door policy and collaborations in the promotion of social and political rights of women and girls as STAR-Ghana Foundation launch GREP



Gender Minister Designate joined by FCDO official and member of parliament to unveil GREP

Minister designate for Gender, Children and Social Protection has pledged to run an open-door policy and collaborate with stakeholders in the promotion of social and political rights of women and girls. Hon. Lariba Zuweira Abudu says government recognizes the need for more effort in the promotion of rights and empowerment for women and girls. According to the Minister, "my doors are always open for conversations to strengthen the effectiveness of our work. [Read more...](#)



More than 50 partner representatives of the Giving for Change (GfC) programme attended the opening session of the five-day partner learning and reflection meeting which has begun in Accra, Ghana. The event which started on Monday 11 July 2022 will create a platform for the partners coming from Africa, Asia, and South America to reflect on the progress and strategic direction of the programme over the past 18 months of implementation. [Read more....](#)

Giving for Change Partner Learning and Reflection Meeting held in Accra



Executive Director of Norsaac(right) and STAR-Ghana Foundation's Executive Director(left)

Shift the Power: Norsaac engages STAR-Ghana, others for consultations on Participatory Grant Making Model in Ghana

As calls for power shift between the global north and south in areas of development deepen, International NGOs continue to fashion out ways to prepare the south for a paradigm shift in power. In Ghana, Norsaac is modelling Participatory Grants Making (PGM) with a core country team including STAR-Ghana Foundation, Oxfam and WACSI providing support. The pro-marginalized and policy influencing organization (Norsaac), is one of two CSOs selected in Ghana to roll out prototypes aimed at providing the needed power shift. [Read more....](#)

Translating the RTI Law into Action is critical to the promotion of Active Citizenship

To promote and encourage Active Citizens' engagement toward national development, an effective and seamless implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Law is required. This is according to Executive Director of STAR-Ghana Foundation, Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu. He told a gathering of the Civil Society representatives, public interest individuals and a cross-section of state institutions during a forum to reflect on the implementation of the RTI Law that,...[read more](#)



Amidu Ibrahim Tanko- Executive Director for STAR-Ghana Foundation

STAR-Ghana Foundation holds Sensemaking workshop on Operationalisation of Active Citizenship Strategy



Some Participants at the sensemaking workshop interacting

STAR-Ghana Foundation (SGF) held a policy dialogue on its Active Citizenship strategy under the theme "Channeling our local philanthropy towards supporting social justice, social protection, and social accountability - Strategies & Tactics".

Active citizenship (AC) is at the heart of STAR-Ghana Foundation's mission and work- from its description of itself as a national Centre for active citizenship to its vision of a well informed and active citizenry able to lead processes for inclusive community and national development. The Foundation has institutionalized the Annual National Dialogue on Active Citizenship which provide space for national and regional conversations around the promotion and strengthening of AC in all facets of national development.

The one-day sensemaking workshop, brought together experts and practitioners (individuals and institutions/organizations), the private sector and policy makers is proposed to support SGF explore the dynamics around the focus areas of the Active Citizenship strategy and make recommendations for further action. The Sensemaking workshop also served the purpose of providing inputs for the finalization of the operational strategies of the Active Citizenship.

#WeBeCitizens
#WeNoBeSpectators

WHY #REDMONDAY ?

If we do not demand accountability, we will be taken for granted and corruption will get worse!
We are picketing to demand accountability

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Join us

WeBeCitizens: STAR-Ghana, others join forces to form Social Movement

STAR-Ghana Foundation joined 33 other Civil Society Organizations and 10 individuals of high repute to form a social movement for Democratic Accountability and Inclusive Governance. The CSOs include; the Ghana Integrity Initiative, the Centre for Democratic Development Ghana, Media Foundation for West Africa, Africa Centre for Energy Policy, IMANI Africa, Africa Education Watch, SEND Ghana, Trades Union Congress, Institute for Democratic Governance, One Ghana Movement, Citizens Movement Against Corruption, The Fourth Estate, etc...

Ghana Police Service Safety Tips

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National Security Ministry Campaign

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APNAssembly2022: STAR-Ghana Foundation participates as Speaker in dual sessions on community philanthropy.

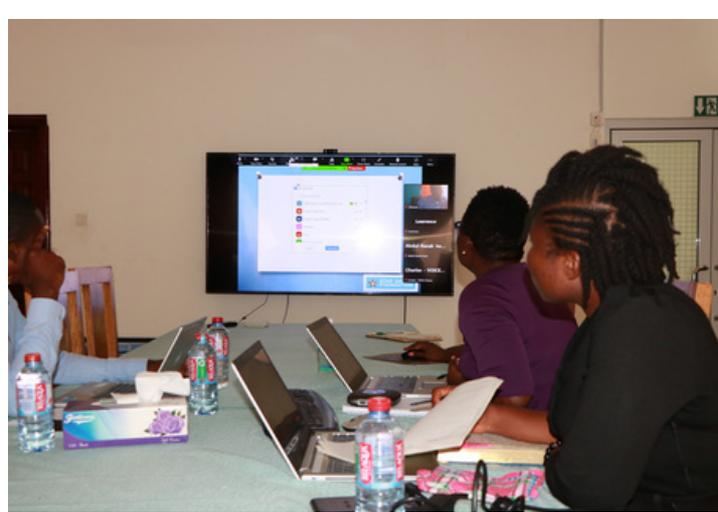
Building the African narrative and practice in local philanthropy has become imperative in pushing for harnessing philanthropy as an additional tool for development in Africa. This quest has brought together hundreds of delegates from Africa and other parts of the world in Uganda to share experiences, new knowledge and collectively reflect on finding concrete actions to unlock philanthropy's potential in driving social and systemic change at the 2022 African Philanthropy Network Assembly. As a member of APN, STAR-Ghana Foundation's...[read more](#)



Results & Learning Manager for STAR-Ghana Foundation, Frank K Amoateng(right) at the 2022 APN Assembly in Uganda

Message from the Executive Director of STAR-Ghana Foundation on the Occasion of World Mental Health Day

October 10th every year has been declared World Mental Health Day, to help raise public awareness of mental health concerns globally and to motivate society to support mental health. This theme for this year's commemoration "Make Mental Health and Wellbeing for All a Global Priority" is a wake-up call for us in Ghana. While significant progress has been made particularly with the enactment of enabling regulatory and policy frameworks and the setting up of institutions and systems, a lot more still remains to be done if we call ourselves a nation that prioritises mental health. [Read more...](#)



Information session for prospective AVID project partners ongoing

AVID Project holds an information session for its partners

Prospective applicants of STAR-Ghana Foundation's Action for Voice and Inclusive Development (AVID) Project, have been enlightened on processes[SA1] and requirements for submission of their proposals. The virtual information session was organized by the Foundation to, among other objectives, clarify and address concerns from organizations seeking to partner in the implementation of the project, which targets minority and underserved groups. A total of 91 organizations comprising of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Representatives of the Fulbe groups, and organizations working with women and person with disabilities joined the session. [Read more...](#)

STAR-Ghana Foundation engages border communities on social cohesion and livelihoods support to build resilience to border security threats



Some Service personnel and other participants of an IOM inception meeting

Residents of selected border communities in Ghana's Upper East region have identified among other interventions, the promotion of dialogue between community members and border security agencies, as well as the provision of livelihood support schemes as effective strategies for strengthening border management and building resilience. [Read more...](#)



Jacobs Foundation Visit



Senior Management of STAR-Ghana Foundation in a group picture with Jacobs Foundation delegation after a successful meeting

A delegation from the Jacobs Foundation paid a working visit to STAR-Ghana Foundation. The visit was to among other objectives firm up on partnership and working relations between the two Foundations. STAR-Ghana Foundation will implement a project focused on strengthening the ecosystem for education service delivery that supports children to thrive. The Foundation is also expected to oversee the implementation of Ghana Country Strategy in development of research and learning agenda for Ghana in alignment with set strategies. Also, STAR-Ghana Foundation will play an additional role of representing the Jacobs Foundation in the West African nation.

2022 Staff Retreat; A journey of lessons, reflections, wellness and memories

As part of activities to end the year, staff and management of STAR-Ghana Foundation participated in a retreat to reflect on and access the 2022 work year. The Holy Trinity Spa and Wellness Centre in Sogakope hosted this year's retreat. Staff spent the period on learning, bonding with other team members, and making plans for the coming year. At the end of the retreat, staff left renewed commitment and zeal to work even harder for organizational advancement. The busy corporate executives and junior staff also participated in health screening routines, workout sessions, as well as horse and boat rides.

Workouts/medicals



Workstream sessions





Boat ride/ Dinner

