

Anniversary Edition



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Two Foundations and a City; an alliance of opportunities for development

If you are familiar with the phrase that preaches taking two to knit a bargain, you most likely have wondered if there is a third party and or beneficiary lurking. Questions like these, unless obvious, are often left unanswered. They say for every rule, there is an allowable variation. In this story, you are certainly satisfying your curiosity about who takes the bargain. This is a story of Fondation Botnar and STAR-Ghana Foundation knitting a bargain for and with the city of Koforidua, so you would be absolutely right to say two “Foundations and a city” is an exception of the knitting rule because it is a three-way bargain...[more](#)



Head of Finance and Operations, Mary Sabbah educating prospective partners of the AfYD project on finance requirements.



GfC Alliance Gathering 2023: Key Takeaways from STAR-Ghana Foundation

The Giving for Change (GfC) Alliance gathered in the beautiful Kenyan city of Kisumu in August for its annual gathering. The annual gathering is an important calendar event. It is the one platform that brings together all eight countries, across Africa, Asia, Southern America, and the Netherlands to exchange experiences in the quest to introduce and embed community philanthropy as a critical approach and tool for sustaining civil society and promoting civic space. This year, 2023, marked the mid-point in the five-year initiative, and so, the gathering was not only to celebrate the progress made but also to reflect, and re-strategize for the next two and a half years....[more](#)



Giving for Change (GfC) Alliance annual gathering participants in a team bonding activity

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STAR-Ghana Foundation at 5 - Commits to deepening work around rights to services, strengthening of civil society, peace, security, inclusive and accountable governance.



Somewhere in Ghana, a country known for its vibrant democracy, culture and rich history, a Foundation was birthed out of the STAR Ghana Programme. Driven by the vehicle of Convening inclusive dialogues, catalysing active citizenship, Coordinating, and supporting strategic partnerships and Learning, STAR-Ghana Foundation continues to work diligently in supporting civil society to engage with government and drive forward a development agenda that leaves no one behind through Local Philanthropy and Active Citizenship for meaningful change....more

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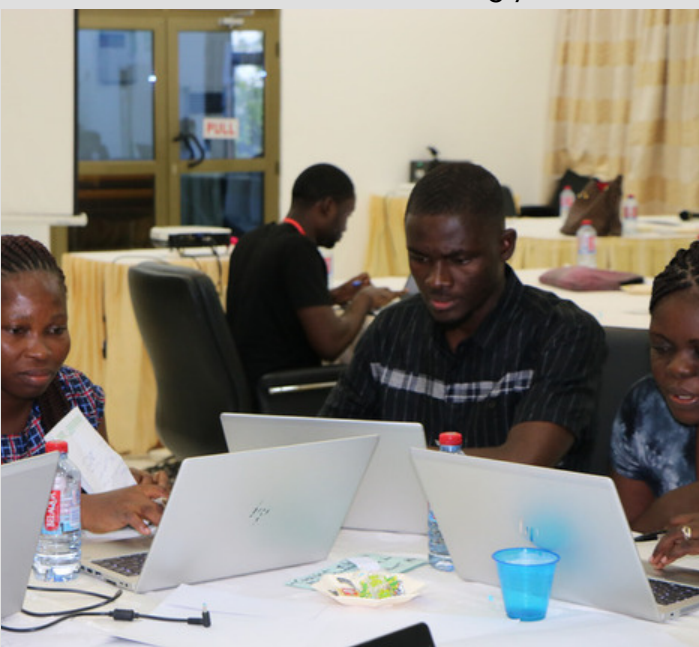


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Programmes Plan Area Workshop

STAR-Ghana Foundation has expanded its portfolio since its transition from STAR-Ghana Programme. This has resulted in an increase in the staff strength and therefore require continuous capacities strengthening of staff to reflect on some key policy documents and align their work on that of the foundation accordingly.



Members of the Programmes Workstream at Plan Area Workshop

Finance and Admin Workstream Reflection



Mary Sabbah- Head of Finance and Operations

STAR-Ghana Foundation Finance workstream held a reflection meeting during the quarter.

Capacity Building: Policy Brief Writing workshop for Staff

STAR-Ghana Foundation has organized a capacity building training on Policy Brief writing for staff. The training sought to educate and equip the targeted staff with the fundamentals of good policy briefs and critical skills for tailoring policy documents to achieve the intended result.....[read more](#)



The 3-day reflection meeting was to reflect on better ways of synchronizing and synergizing the responsibilities of the Finance and Grant workstreams. Day 1, was dedicated to grant process discussions, Day 2, for internal controls and the final day was on detailed discussions of the Foundation's procurement processes, updates on ISO certification processes and policies.

UPDATES

SGF holds Project Development Workshop with Partners under SING Project.



Northern Sector Projects Manager, Aaron Atimpe presenting some project data to participants

STAR-Ghana Foundation has held a Project Development Workshop for partners under its Security in Northern Ghana Project phase II. The Peace and Security funding portfolio started with funding from the FCDO which was later expanded to IOM. The SING Project is implemented at different levels which includes working with local partners at the sub-national level and the National Security Ministry, National Development Planning Commission, and other related ministries and commissions at the National level.

SECURITY CORNER

Safety Tips for rain and floods

Check for regular updates from Ghana Meteo Agency

It is very important to check with the Ghana Meteorology Agency for regular updates on the weather daily.

Stay indoors or somewhere safe

When the rains come, Identify a safe place for shelter until it is safe for you to head out or continue your journey.

Always carry along a protective gear

Back up plans are always handy. This is because weather predictions may be altered sometimes. Having a rain jacket/coat, umbrella or any useful apparel when heading out is important.

Avoid driving in the rain as much as you can

As much as you can, avoid driving in the rain. If you decide to drive, please ensure you have good tires and lights. You should also be mindful of moving toward flood and muddy areas.

National Security Ministry Campaign on terrorism



Upcoming Activities

AVID LEARNING EVENT & FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

The Actions for Voice, Influence and Inclusive Development (AVID) Project will hold a learning event for partners under the project. The FCDO funder project will also convene a Focus Group Discussion to collate issues around thematic areas of the project.



Project Manager for AVID, Sarah Adjei in a meeting with partners

Programmes Workstream Reflection

STAR-Ghana Foundation Programmes workstream held its first reflection meeting. The meeting served as a platform to create a collective vision for the workstream's programming. Stepping away from the projects, the meeting enabled the Programmes team to understand new challenges and how best to position the workstream to respond to these challenges. The meeting presented the opportunity to align running projects to the Foundation's strategic plan. The meeting also provided an opportunity to identify gaps and consequently generate ideas on the best ways to fill those gaps identified.

CIVIL SOCIETY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME/STP



For the last quarter of the 2023 work year, the Civil Society Strengthening Programme(CSSP) will hold the underlisted activities

- Learning session on Safeguarding for Catalyst Fund Partners
- Call for partnerships for the Civil Society Strengthening Programme(CSSP)
- Partner visits

SECURITY IN NORTHERN GHANA PROJECT

The Security in Northern Ghana Project will for the last quarter of the 2023 work year, carry out the underlisted activities

- Dialogue of state and non-state actors on Security in Northern Ghana
- CSO's Pre-Summit for Northern Ghana Development Summit
- Northern Ghana Development Summit

