







2006 – EDUCATION A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT

Education invites you to ask questions about what you know and don't know, about what you feel and don't feel, about what you hope and fear. Individuals can exercise none of their civil, political, economic and social rights unless they have received education.

In 2006 To Be Worldwide envisioned ways to help deliver on this fundamental human right.

The Takoradi Educational Resource Centre was proud to open her brand new computer lab with 44 (Pentium 3) computers in November of this year. We can now offer children the opportunity to work individually on a computer. This personal space has had a positive effect on girl child participation. Registrations for the computer courses are up, with a recent registration of 17 children at once. Dedicated teachers from our partner schools are taking a much bigger role in supporting the children and their education and are contributing to the reading programs and projects at the Centre.

Efforts to develop an effective partnership with the local government education bodies have been successful. Their support is important to our relationship with the community. We have also taken first steps towards recognition on a national level, always looking at government policies and how we can align our mutual goals.

The work in 2007 continues. Our 5-year development plans focuses on our future goals. We have set ourselves the task of opening another two centers in this period. Takoradi and Komenda will take us to the proof-of-concept phase of our goals, after which, the process of documenting our standards on delivering quality facilities and curricula, will facilitate the opening of more centers.

We are very proud of what we have been able to achieve but even prouder of what the children are achieving. They are learning to reach out and grab opportunities presented. It is our pleasure to introduce you to some of them in this document.

Your support, the support from the Ghana Education Services, dedicated staff, teachers and the community has made all this possible. We sincerely thank you.

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To Be Worldwide





ABOUT TO BE WORLDWIDE

TO BE WORLDWIDE is a Foundation that helps children in developing countries realise their full potential, so that later they can help build their communities. We build educational facilities that complement the existing school structure. Each facility offers a library, a computer Centre and an activities program to stimulate the development of children's creative and technological skills.

Our facilities operate in partnership with the local schools for basic education (primary- and junior secondary schools). During school hours, children visit the facility with their class where they follow a basic computer skills or reading development course. After school, children use the library or sign up for after-school activities such as computer training, creative reading or arts & crafts. The facilities aim to become self-supporting and are accessible after hours to the local community.

Our Centre in Takoradi, Ghana has become a fixture in the community and services more than 2000 children from local schools. We have seen over 50 children graduate with a Basic Computer Skills diploma. Whilst library visits are becoming a regular part of children's life. The on-going commitment from local government and most important the enthusiastic response from the children and families we serve assures that we continue to strive for excellence and are committed to opening additional facilities throughout Ghana at present.

TO BE WORLDWIDE is a foundation with minimal overhead, run directly by people intimately involved in Ghana and other developing countries. We strive to use virtually every contributed dollar and euro on helping children and their communities directly.

TO BE WORLDWIDE is supported by Unicef Ghana, the European Union (Ghana), Foundation Les Paquerettes, Net4kids Aid Foundation, NOTS Foundation, Wilde Ganzen, InterimIC, American Book Centre, HR Werk, and other organizations and individuals.



Organisation

Looking forward, the Board in Ghana and in Amsterdam is committed to a 5-year (2007-2011) development plan to define direction and growth for the organisation. The objective of the 5-year plan is to have the To Be Worldwide concept proven & ready for roll out in Ghana (Ghana 1st) and other developing countries.

Strategies to achieve this are:

- Create 'proof-of-concept' - Takoradi & Komenda
- Test proof-of-concept - Open 2 satellite centers
- Consolidate government/school partnership
- Secure funding via government, NGOs and foundations while advancing sustainability

Included in these strategies is the documentation process of all the necessary standards To Be Worldwide considers an essential part of her concept. These include standards on location, building criteria, curricula and staff.

2011 goals:

- To operate 4 centers in Central and Western regions of Ghana
- Serve 25,000 children (5% of school age children)
- Achieve 40% of To Be Worldwide children enrolment in Junior Secondary School (vs. 35% national average)

Our task a head also involves strengthening the To Be Worldwide organisation in Ghana. We foresee their role in rolling out the concept of the Educational Resource Centre in Ghana as essential.

From credibility to credit

In 2006 we were able receive committed funding from some of our existing funders such as Net4kids Aid Foundation, InterimIC and Les Paquerettes, thus creating a structural source of funding. We are very proud of their support.

This year we also expanded our fundraising activities in combination with schools. Our fundraising activities have become more cross border as we have received funds from a US based organisation

Our 2006 strategy and deliverables

Strategies and deliverables for 2006 involved positioning our organisation, tangible future plans and how to deliver on these. A strategic document "To Be Worldwide 5 year Development Plan" now focuses our efforts. Contributing more and more towards our goals of structuring the organisation and its activities. The results of the deliverables for 2006 were:

Deliverables for 2006

Strategic development

1. Complete the To Be Worldwide strategic document for the pilot phase.
2. Develop programs that will lead to structural fundraising

Komenda

1. Officially acquire land for the second Educational Resource Centre
2. Fundraise (budget range € 100,000 - € 150,000) for the building of the Komenda Educational Resource Centre and the operations of the TERC
3. Identify building timetable, budget & building partners

Takoradi

1. Further develop the programs of the Educational Resource Centres aimed at building technical- and creative skills, as well the student tracking system and the principles of "giving back".
2. Improve Internet connectivity speed
3. Set business plan for Internet Café to open in 2007

We are very proud of our Strategic Document, the To Be Worldwide 5 year Development Plan. Most other deliverables for 2006 were achieved. Fundraising for the Komenda- and Takoradi Educational Resource Centre looks promising. 40% of the budget for the new Educational Resource Centre has been raised and 100% of the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre budget. Plans for the Internet Café will be transferred to 2007, whilst further developing the programs of the Educational Resource Centres is a continual process.

Our 2006 Operations

2006 saw many highlights in the operations level within To Be Worldwide.

We have made a selection of the most memorable moments:

- January 2006 To Be Worldwide participation in Parent/Teacher Association Meetings of partner schools.
- February 2006 Automated library system with bar codes in implemented.
- March 2006 Visit to Ghana by One-Economy board members; saw designated land in Komenda for the first time.
- April 2006 Children participated in the UNESCO digital art program. Unfortunately due to a slow Internet connection they were not able to upload their work.
- May 2006 Fundraiser at the Willemsparkschool raised € 6000.- for To Be Worldwide.
- June 2006 Furniture for new computer classroom delivered by carpenter.
- July 2006 Summer holiday period resulting in a quite time at the Centre. End of school year party at Centre.
- August 2006 Finishing stage of building process for the new computer Classroom
- September 2006 Preparations are made with regards to wiring/networking for the new (Pentium 3 refurbished) computers
- October 2006 Shipment of computers for new classroom from Computers for Development arrived. Installing all computers. Fundraiser at St. Willibrord School in Deurne for the Komenda Educational Resource Centre, raised € 10,000 in co-operation with Wide Ganzen.
- November 2006 Visit to Ghana by Lea Ward and Nellie Kirschner-Timmer. Opening of new computer classroom. Final land search Komenda initiated
- December 2006 Francis Ackon, Computer Tutor of 2,5 year left the Takroadi Educational Resource Centre to further his education. Prince Buamah joined the team. 17 registrations in one day as a result of new classroom.



Our goals for 2006 were designed to give us focus. Focus as an organisation and with regards to our activities. With our 5-year Development Plan completed, we feel we will be able to deliver concrete results and systems to measure these results. We have also taken significant steps towards recognition by national government and the donor community of Ghana. Taking our level of talks to a form of partnership is a challenge we look forward to. We believe this will strengthen the role of our Ghana based organisation.

Deliverables 2007

Strategic development

- Obtain recognition on national level
- Fulfilling activities of Development Plan
- First draft of Standards of Performance Manual to be completed
- Strengthen Ghana based organisation
- Initiate search activities for location of 3rd Centre

Komenda

- Commence building of phases 1 & 2
- Continue fundraising for full amount to complete all phases

Takoradi

- Implement e-learning program in partnership with e-learning for kids
- Continue to work with Metro Board to increase schools partnerships.
- Set business plan for Internet Café to open in 2009
- Obtain degree of sustainability

Strategic action

- Continue talks with national government and donor community to consolidate To Be Worldwide role as an organisation that can contribute to government goals and policies on ICT. Talks should lead to a form of partnership in the future.
- Prepare time schedules, budgets ect. for 2007 as a result of the activities documented 5-year Development Plan.

- First draft of standards of performance manual to be completed. Each chapter will have an introduction identifying the user and the goal of the chapter.
- Identify Human Resource competencies and capacity required to strengthen Ghana bases organisation to undertake expansion of Educational Resource Centre concept in other regions of Ghana.
- Implement location criteria in the search for the location of the 3rd Centre This will be a satellite of either Takoradi or Komenda as stated in the 5-year Development Plan.
- Prepare to commence building of 2nd Centre at Komenda in June 2007. This also includes the fundraising activities for the full 3 phases of the project.
- Implement the e-learning program at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre in partnership with E-Learning for Kids. A focus group of children will test the courseware after which specified adjustments can be for the situation in Ghana.
- Recrute volunteer to undertake writing the business plan for and setting up the Internet Café at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre in order to obtain a degree of sustainability.





2006 is a transition year for To Be Worldwide with regards to the preparation of the financial documents.

We would therefore like to refer you to the Accountants document for 2006/2007 on our website under "About Us", and Financial reports.