

REPORT ON YIEDIE SENSITIZATION AT WIAMOASE
ON 31ST AUGUST, 2017



**YOUTH INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURIAL
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR
EMPLOYMENT**

INTRODUCTION

YIEDIE: Youth Inclusive Entrepreneurial Development Initiative for Employment is a five-year project to create economic opportunities in Ghana's construction sector for the economically disadvantaged youth. YIEDIE will directly reach at least 23,700 youth with training in technical, life and entrepreneurial skills leading to employment.

A 3-6month apprenticeship based skills training paired with integrated foundation and soft skills training. Apprenticeship training in 16 trade areas which are: Masonry, Plaster of Paris (POP) design, Tiling, Plumbing, Metal fabrication, Carpentry, Filling station canopy fabrication, Machine operations, Craftsmanship Electrical work, Painting, Fiberglass & Aluminium fabrication, Survey technical assistance, Interior décor, Road signal installation and steel bending.

ACTIVITIES

The program started at 11:05a.m. with a prayer from Very Rev. Kingsley Kyei Baffour. A representative of the Chief of Wiampoase, the Queen mother, elders, linguist, Mr. Simon Antwi, Mr. Samuel Kyeremateng, about 70 youth, 13 mastercraftmen and 4 Assemblymen. The team from Kumasi consisted of Very Rev. Kingsley Kyei Baffour, a Superintendant Minister from Ahinsan Methodist Circuit, Ms. Perpetual Konadu, a Senior Administrative Assistant from Otumfuo Osei Tutu II Charity Foundation, Mr. Kwaku Ofori Agyapong, the project coordinator from Global Communities and James Avoye, a driver from Global Communities.



The team from Kumasi greeted the represented chief, Queen mother, Assemblymen and other elders through handshake as tradition demands. The Queen mother asked the linguist to offer us seats. The above mentioned leaders of Wiamoase greeted the team from Kumasi and welcome us to their humble abode. The Queen mother signalled the linguist to ask our mission.

Very Rev. Kingsley Kyei Baffour formally introduced the team from Kumasi to the elders.

Ms. Perpetual Konadu introduced herself and where she works. She briefed them about the work His Royal Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II has been doing and said HRM, the Asantehene is aware of YIEDIE and has given His full support since he want the youth of Wiamoase to learn a trade and acquire requisite skills to develop themselves so that they do not become burden to the

society. The Senior Administrative Assistant ended by briefing the house about the activities of YIEDIE and its impact on the youth.



Furthermore, Mr. Kwaku Ofori Agyapong, a project coordinator from Global Communities gave detailed information about YIEDIE to the house. He talked about how YIEDIE will benefit the youth, the impact it will have on them and how the stakeholders of YIEDIE have joined hands to contribute to make it a success. The project coordinator talked about the roles and responsibilities of each partner and the 16 trade areas. He informed them on about job matching and networking, that is how they will link the youth to jobs and contracts after acquisition of skills and technology.

Very Rev. Kingsley Kyei Baffour also advised the youth to take advantage of this opportunity because it will help them acquire skills which will help them in future. Ms. Perpetual Konadu advised the young ladies not to view the trade areas as work for only males but they should rather learn since ladies with knowledge and skills in the trade areas mostly get opportunity than males.

Time was allocated for questions and most of the youth asked relevant questions. The masters too asked questions as well as some elders. All questions asked were thoroughly answered to the satisfaction of the people. One of the Assembly members advised the youth to embrace YIEDIE since it has a good vision for the youth. The Queen mother encouraged the young women among them to take this opportunity and avail themselves. The representative of the Chief thanked us and was very pleased about YIEDIE and encouraged the youth to embrace it.

IMPACT

- The youth showed keen interest about the project.
- The Queen mother embraced YIEDIE project since it will give the youth employable skills for trade.
- The Masters were happy to train the youth in the town.

CONCLUSION

A special vote of thanks was given by Very Rev. Kingsley Kyei Baffour, he thanked Almighty God, the Queen mother, Chief Representative, Elders, Assembly members present, the youth, mastercraftmen especially, Mr. Simon Antwi and Mr. Samuel Kyeremateng who together mobilised the youths and the masters and also organised the palace to make the program a success. The program ended at 12:45p.m. with a prayer from Very Rev. Kingsley Kyei Baffour.