

**PROPOSAL FOR BICYCLES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN, TEACHERS, FARMERS,  
UNEMPLOYED YOUTH, ORPHANS, AND HEALTH/RELIGIOUS COUNSELORS**

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## INTRODUCTION

Pro-link is non-governmental, non-profit community based organization established in Ghana in 1993 but started full operations in the year 2000. Starting from a small beginning. Pro-link aims at making people at the grassroots the main authors of their own development. Pro-link has now over 18 projects in the Volta, Central, Ashanti and Greater Accra Region of Ghana where the head office is located. These projects are fully funded by donor organizations and managed by highly experienced and professional staff. Pro-link has on several occasions also donated bicycle received from Technik und Solidaritaet e.v./Fahrraeder fuer Afrika in Germany to many deprived communities in Ghana. Teachers, school children, farmers, health/religious counselors, orphans, unemployed youth and other individuals and organizations with similar interest. Through the donations, many of our beneficiaries are able to go about their daily activities effectively and are grateful and wish that many more people in their communities benefit from the donations. In current development, Pro-Link now add mentainance training and tools to the beneficiaries of the bicycles received from Germany. For over ten years now bicycles have been distributed in almost all the ten regions in Ghana, over eight thousand (8,000) people have benefited from bicycles, sewing machines, wheel chairs, walking aids and other item. The bicycles and other items have transformed many lives, economically and socially. These bikes are used for transporting food crops from farm to the market center, and others use their bikes for fetching water. Teachers and school children in deprived communities where no or less assess to vehicle, have develop in their learning and teaching because of the bicycles received from Pro-Link, making them mobile to school, hence the grate change in their academic performance. Many people in the rural communities through the bicycles have the service of the health and the religious counselors. Apart from job the bicycles have created for the youth and some adult in Ghana, there are countless benefits that the individuals in other sectors different from the above mentioned have derived from the bikes distributed so far that captured in the evaluation report.( previous and yet to written evaluation reports) There is now a complete set up of bicycle school in Mankessim the Central region to train some unemployed youth in bike mechanic which they will use as a profession. We hope that by this proposal, volunteers will come from Germany to enable us start the school this year.

## **REQUEST FOR CURRENT BICYCLES**

Pro-link would like to request for 1,200 bicycles to donate to Farmers, Teachers, School children, orphans and Health/Religious counselors in **ASHANTI, VOLTA, CENTAL, EASTEN AND THE BRONG AHAFO REGIONS OF GHANA.**

The bicycle donations would improve the socio-economic status of the beneficiaries as this would create job, provide means of transport for transporting food staff to their home and the market for sale which will yield income for living .Teachers and school children who walk to school would ride and save time for effective teaching and learning which will result in good academic performance.

### **THE GOAL OF THE PROJECT**

To reduce poverty, encouraged education and provide means of transport for those in the deprived communities where no or less assess to vehicle, create job opportunity for the unemployed youth and also save as recreation for children especially the orphan.

### **THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT**

1. To support school children and teachers in the deprived communities to enhance teaching and learning and good academic performance.
2. Provide means of transport for farmers in the remote communities.
3. To support, motivate and provide means of transport for health and religious counselors.
4. To create a form of recreation for children especially orphans
5. To provide wheel chairs for disables to make them mobile and better able to perform in their living.
6. Train unemployed youth/school dropout and create a source of income for future venture.
7. To train women and school girls in bicycle riding and provide them with bikes for their daily activities.
8. Provide sewing machines for under training to help them learn and establish in future.

### **TARGET BENEFICIARIES AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR REQUEST:**

#### **SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS**

Many of the school children and teachers in Ghana work and live in the deprived communities: They have to walk or travel long distance on foot to school. They therefore get to school late thus affecting the academic performance of the school children, especially the school girls.

These bicycles would serve as a means of transport and motivation to school children and teacher who are refusing to accept teaching appointment to this deprived communities get to school early.

## **FARMERS**

Farmers are target beneficiaries of bicycles because most farmers in the deprived communities in Ghana lack good road from farm to their communities. Some do not have access to road that vehicles can use to transport food stuff home and to the market. A lot of food get damaged in the farm causing financial lost to the Farmers especially the women. Therefore these bicycles, would help reduced cost of transportation for their activities and provide means of transport for them and their families as a whole.

## **HEALTH/ RELIGIOUS COUNSELORS**

Counselling services in Ghana is more limit to the people in the cities and town, because of means of transport to the deprived communities. However, it is the people in the deprive and the remote communities that require the service of counselor more than those in the town and cities due to lack of Health facilities and other social amenities. It is hope that these bicycles will provide means of transport and a form of motivation for counselors to reach people in the deprived communities.

## **UNEMPLOYED YOUTH/SCHOOL DROPOUT**

School dropout and the unemployed youths in Ghana are so desperate looking for job, some are searching for jobs that require more than what they can offer for it. Although their strength and the little knowledge they have can contribute much to the job at stake, majority of them are not given the chance. Pro-Link will train the school dropout who are interested in bike repair and give them bikes witch some would use for hiring and the income may form a basis for entering into a bigger business and support for live.

## **ORPHAN CHILDREN**

A visit to some of the orphanage homes has made Pro-Link to realized that some of this home lack recreational facilities for the children to play with. Therefore some of the bicycles would be donated to the orphanage home for recreation.

## **LOCATION/REGIONS OF PROJECT**

The bicycles would be distributed in five (5) regions:

ASHANTI, VOLTA, CENTRAL, EASTERN AND BRONG AHAFO REGION of Ghana.

## **SEWING MACHINES**

The sewing machines received so far has enable a lot of Ghanaian youth and some adult to learn vocation and also established themselves. Life has become more meaningful to most people who received machines from Pro-Link. We hope that more sewing machine will put many more people in a better position to overcome social challenges.

## **WHEEL CHAIRS**

There are a lot of disable people in Ghana who have never had assess to wheel chair right from birth. The cost of wheel chair is unaffordable to most of them, many of them got theirs through donations. We wish that more of the wheel chairs would help us change the status of the disable in our society.

### **Proposed bicycles require for the target groups**

TARGET GROUPS	NUMBER OF BIKES REQUIRED
Teachers and school children	300
Farmers	250
Health and Religious Counselors	200
Unemployed youth/School dropout	100
Orphan children	50
300 of the bikes that is coming would be sold for clearing and transporting bikes from port.	300
Disable wheel chairs	wheel chairs and tricycles {which ever number that is available}
Total	1,200 bicycles, wheel chairs and tricycles

### **RETURNS:**

The returns or the money that would be generated from the sales and the commitment fees after expenses will help the organization to:

1. Support the training and the establishment of the unemployed youth.
2. Others who are not interested in bike training may be supported in other fields of employment.
3. Pay allowances of the coordinator and others who work on the project.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

As an organization that is highly into the development of people, we propose that any other items that would be useful for improving the lives of people can be send to us for development.

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### **MAINTENANCE OF BIKES**

Pro-link would provide the beneficiaries of the bicycles with basic bike repairs training before and during distribution sessions and give necessary tools to enable them do maintenance work on their bikes, especially teachers, school children and farmers in the remote communities. Pro-link would also identified the already existing bike mechanics in the areas of distribution who the organization would support with tools and Advance training to ensure sustainable use of the bicycles.

## **MONITORING**

The new registration form do not have the photograph of the beneficiaries on it, yet the information's on it helps to trace the receivers of the bikes, other necessary information and guarantors are required from the district and the local level to ensure that the Bikes given to beneficiaries are use for the intended purpose.

However after distribution, Pro-link staff would pay regular visit to beneficiaries to ensure effective use of the bicycles and collection of success stories from beneficiaries.

## **EVALUATION**

Pro-link would evaluate the bicycles project after distribution to ascertain the usefulness of the project. This will take the form of one on one interviews where the direct users and people around them would be made to answer questions. These will involve school children, their parents, teachers of the school children and others who benefited from the bicycles. There will also be a focus group discussion of those who do not benefit from the bicycle. The aim of the evaluation is to assess first the project, the effective use of the bikes, receive feedback for further development.