

**PROPOSAL FOR BICYCLES FOR FARMERS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL
CHILDREN, HEALTH AND RELIGIOUS COUNSELORS**

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INTRODUCTION

Pro-link is non-profit community based organization established in Ghana in 1993 but started full operations in 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 16 projects in 7 project sites in the Volta, Central, Ashanti and Greater Accra Region of Ghana namely Hohoe, Kadjebi, Aflao and Mafia-Kumasi in the Volta Region, Obuasi in Ashanti Region, Mankessim in the Central Region, and Danfa in Greater Accra Region with its Head office based in Accra. These projects are fully funded by donor organization and managed by highly experienced and professional staff. Pro-link has on several occasions also donated bicycle received from: Verkehrsclub Deutschland/Landesverband Ba.-Wü. (VCD), Technik&Solidarität e.V.(T&S e.V.), Friends of the Earth(BUND)Kreisverband Stuttgart, to many deprived community teachers, farmers and students. Through the donations many of our beneficiaries are able to go about their daily activities effectively and are great full and wish that many more people in the communities would benefit from the donations.

CURRENT REQUEST FOR BICYCLES

Demand for bicycles are in increase as we shear bikes to beneficiaries. Pro-link would like to request for six (6) 40 feet containers to donate to Farmers, Teachers, School children and Health and Religious counselors in **VOLTA, CENTRAL, EASTER, BRONG-AHAFO AND THE WESTERN REGION.**

It is hoped that donation would go a long way to improve the socio-economic status of the beneficiaries as this would reduce their cost of Transportation and transporting of food staff to their home and the market for sale which will yield income for living.

PROJECT GOAL

To reduce poverty, encouraged education and provide means of transport to the deprive in society.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To support and school children in the deprived communities to enhance and monitoring of academic performance.
2. To proved 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 from poor homes.
5. To provide wheel chairs for disables to make then to mobile and better able to perform in their living.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR REQUEST FOR BICYCLES.

TEACHER AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

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. 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 to their communities. Some don't have access to road that vehicles can use. 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 AND RELIGIOUS COUNSELORS

A lot of counselors in Ghana limit their services 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.

LOCATION OF PROJECT

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

VOLTA, CENTRAL, EASTERN, BRONG AHAFO and the WESTERN REGION of Ghana.

Proposed bicycles distribution list

TARGET GROUPS	NUMBER OF BIKES REQUIRED
Teachers and school children	700
Farmers	500
Health and Religious Counselors	600
Disable wheel chairs	20 wheel chairs and 10 tricycles
Total	1,800 bicycles and 20 wheel chairs, 10 tricycles

MAINTENANCE OF BIKES

Pro-link would provide the beneficiaries of the bicycles with basic bikes repairs training during distribution sessions and give necessary tools to enable them to 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

Pro-link already has a system in place that takes record and data of all beneficiaries of bicycles. This makes monitoring easy with the photographs of the beneficiaries receiving bikes and other necessary information, 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.