

REPORT ON BICYCLE DONATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION



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PRO-LINK ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR BICYCLES

NO	INSTITUTION	NO. OF BICYCLES/ CONTAINER	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NO.	REMARKS
1.	The AIDS Support Association(TASA)	One container	Mr. Gladstone Attipoe	024-4684009	Transport for members of support group.
2.	RIDE	One container	John Addaquay	024-4360457	-
3.	Northern Sector Action On Awareness Center	100	Alhassan M. Awal	024-4818936	Donation to school children
4.	Enterprising Women In Development	50	Hajia Hajara Telly	020-8166670	Transport for children
5.	Regional Advisory (RAINS)	50	Samed Abdul Seidu	071-23406/024-4445798	Transport for girls , to promote girls education in northern Ghana
6.	Girls Growth and Development (GIGDEV)	30	Pang Thomas	024-494630	Transportation for girls, to promote girls education in vocational skills in Northern Ghana.
7.	Centre for Promotion of Youth and Development (CPYDE)	30	Alhassan A. Salam	024-4170501	Transportation for girls, to promote girls education in Northern Ghana.
8.	Dawa Academy	30	Ibrahim A. Karim	024-3241750	Transportation for girls, to encourage

					the education of needy but brilliant girls in Northern Ghana.
9.	Action For Needy Children And Women Development	30	Abdulai Fuseini	024-4763710	For use by school children.
10.	Mariam International	30	Mariama Nasiam	024-4818936	For use by school children
11.	Moslem Women Against AIDS in Ghana (Ghana)	30	Miriam Yussif	024-2147090	Transport for members of support group
12.	Pro-link office Hohoe	50	George Amenyo	020-9158716	Strengthening of the street youth project and for use at tourist site.
13.	Pro-link office Kadjebi	50	Mawusi Tsaku	0242634576	For use by field officers
14.	Pro-link office Mankessim	40	Davidson Adzraku	0246449853	For use by field officers
15.	Pro-link office Aflao	40	Monica Vinyoh	096231184	For use by field officers
	TOTAL	560			

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INTRODUCTION

Since 2002, Pro-link organization received bicycles from Stuttgart/Germany. This was aimed at providing Pro-link project staff with cheap and efficient means of transport for HIV/AIDS education in the rural communities.

In September 2006, this time around Pro-link cleared 5 containers of bicycles and bicycle parts. 3 of the containers were to be given out to three partner organisations namely, TASA, RIDE and one for The German mission in Ghana. A total of 560 bicycles and parts were donated to partner Community Based Organisations of Pro-link working in northern part of Ghana. Bicycles were also distributed to Pro-link's offices and other Associations of persons living with HIV/AIDS in the some rural communities in Pro-link's program areas.

DONATION TO PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

1. The AIDS Support Association(TASA)

TASA received one container of bicycles, which was distributed to all its members to ease their transportation problems. Members are now able to attend their meetings regularly without problems. The group also sold a few bicycles to contribute to their clearing and transportation cost. AIDS Orphans were really happy to have bicycles to help them go to school and to further build their self-esteem among their peers. The association is generally grateful to VCD for its contribution to HIV/AIDS support programme in Ghana.



One truck of bicycle to support TASA's activities



TASA distributing bicycles to its members

2. Northern Sector Action on Awareness Centre (NORSAAC)

Pro-link organization donated 100 bicycles to Northern Sector Action on Awareness Center (NORSAAC) as part of its Youth Bicycle project. NORSAAC is currently setting up a bicycle repair and maintenance centre for needy students and out of school youth to learn how to maintain bicycles and thereby earn some income to take care of their educational needs. Students who were members of NORSAAC's school clubs, patrons and field officers of NORSAAC received the bicycles after a short presentation ceremony by its Board Chairman, Alhaji A.B Yakubu.



Students taking delivery of their bicycles



A beneficiary with her delighted father trying the bike

3. Enterprising Women In Development

The Enterprising Women in Development, (EWID) a local NGO operating in the Northern Region of Ghana with its head office in Tamale with district branches donated 50 bicycles to schoolgirls at Alipe in the Central Gonja District of the Northern region. Its first donation of 30 bicycles was made to school children in the Sawla-Tuna-Kalba District. The Executive Director, Madam Hajara Telly, in a newspaper publication (Daily Graphic, 21st November, 2006) said the donation formed part of the organisation's commitment to the promotion of girl-child education in the region. She stated that the bicycles would enable the beneficiary girls to commute to their schools, thereby refraining from truancy. She further expressed her appreciation to VCD and Pro-link for its support to her organisation.



A line up of school children (beneficiaries) with their bicycles



Youth receiving his bicycle from Madam Terry

4. Action for Needy Children and Women Development (ANCWD)

Action for Needy Children and Women Development (ANCWD) was presented with 30 bicycles to assist students go to school regularly. All bicycles were also given to poor and needy children whose schools are far from their homes and their parents cannot afford bicycles for them.



A needy child receiving her bicycle to her go to school



Students from Nantong riding their bicycles home from school.

5. Girls Growth and Development (GIGDEV)/ Centre for Promotion of Youth and Development (CPYDE)

This time around two community based organizations, Girls Growth and Development (GIGDEV] and Centre for Promotion of Youth and Development (CPYDE] all located in the Northern Region of Ghana which focuses on vocational skills training for the youth especially girls also benefited from the donation. Each organization received 30 bicycles for distribution.



Youth under vocational training at Jisonayili receive their bicycles.



Young girls begin trying their bikes

6. Mariam International/Dawa Academy

Two schools all located in the Northern Region also benefited from bicycle donations this time, this includes the Mariam International School and Dawa Academy all private schools in Tamale with needy students. Each school received 30 bicycles to be distributed to its students.



Student girls from Mariam International trying their bicycles after presentation

7. Pro-link project sites

To boost our education on health related programs and HIV/AIDS in schools and communities, a number of bicycles and parts were sent to all the project sites located in the Volta, Central and Greater Accra Regions.

- ❖ **Hohoe:** 50 bicycles were sent to Pro-link office at Hohoe. Out of this number 20 were used to strengthen the existing street youth project being undertaken for street children and school dropouts in the Hohoe district, 10 was used to support the eco-tourism project at Tafi-Atome and 10 were donated to members of Pro-link's local advisory board. 10

bicycles were used in the office by the field officers and volunteers in their usual educational trips, monitoring and supervision

- ❖ **Kadjebi:** 50 bicycles were given to Kadjebi office and out of this number 20 were donated to the Kadjebi AIDS Support Association (KASA) to ease their transport to meetings.
- ❖ **Aflao:** 50 bicycles were also sent to Aflao for use in the communities.
- ❖ **Mankessim:** A total of 50 bicycles were sent to the Pro-link office at Mankessim. The office is about to set up a bicycle maintenance and repair centre along side the youth centre activities thus 20 bicycles are being used to start the centre the remaining bicycles are being used in the office.

Proposed plans for new bicycles

In our last report we planned to increase the number of beneficiaries in the northern region, we have been able to do that with the increased number of bicycles for the Organization.

The organization has already begun setting up maintenance and repair centres in especially the Northern and the Greater region. Pro-link already has a centre in Hohoe. In Accra a centre would also be open at Pro-link's Vocational Institute located at Danfa in the Abokobi District to provide employment for the youth under training.

Pro-link would be able to undertake its new projects if we have three containers this year.



He has devised a local way of straightening rims

Conclusion

On behalf of all the beneficiaries of the bicycles and Pro-link Organization, we wish to say a big **thank you** to all who have made it possible for the bicycles to reach us here. For this kind gesture a smile has been put on a face.