

## **ASASE AFRICA FOUNDATION PROFILE**

Asase Africa Foundation (AAF) is a registered NGO, based in Accra that is dedicated to providing much needed resources to less endowed populations.

ASASE is an Akan word that connect us with the culture of Ghana, meaning motherly love or Mother Earth protection. Our journey with Africa's most vulnerable and neglected children became a reality in 2004.

We are building Africa's future leaders through community development.

In order to accomplish these goals in a manner that is sustainable in the long-term, we operate projects in Accra and replicate targeted at increasing youth participation in education and access to healthcare.

We are a local group forced to relocate a childcare facility project for the children in the biggest urban slum in Accra. The project needs a **Community Building** to be able to provide education and much needed care for over 600 children who are affected.

## **CALL TO ARMS**

Plight of children and under-served teens in Agbogbloshie.

Children in this urban slum wake everyday to a grim future. The child birth rate in this urban slum is outrageously high to irresponsible parents, percentage of children and under - served teens face a daily struggle to survive.

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

Since the 1st of July, 2021, the Metropolitan Assembly and Mayor's Office has launched a demolition and relocation exercise which affects Agbogbloshie and its environs. This action affects our CHILD CARE facility located in the heart of the slum in many ways, displace families, businesses as well as children patronizing our facility.

It is common to see scores of children and teens caught up in various forms of child labour and abuse. Hardship is the order of the day and survival is the goal.

Families, traders and inhabitants in this urban slum have been given eviction notices to eject by 1st November, 2021 or face the might of the authorities. We are racing against time to make sure we are able to secure a safe environment for these young and helpless teens.

The benefits of education to both children and broader society could not be clearer. Education can break generational cycles of poverty by enabling children to gain the life skills and knowledge needed to cope with today's challenges. Education is strongly linked to concrete improvements in health and nutrition, improving children's very chances for survival. Education empowers children to be full and active participants in society, be more informed, able to exercise their rights and engage in civil and political life.

## **OUR SOLUTION**

Asase Africa Foundation's core believes are built on GOAL 4 of the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals identified by UN).

Education is a powerful protection factor: children who are in school are less likely to come into conflict with the law and much less vulnerable to rampant forms of child exploitation, including child labour, trafficking, and recruitment into armed groups and gangs.

Today, children are fighting for themselves, but so many of our parents are busy indulging themselves. Change is everything, Asase Africa Foundation needs everyone's input for all of us to unleash mass change – we have shown that collective action does work. We need to escalate the pressure on society to make sure that change happens, and we must escalate together.

Our children enter their school lives prepared to do well in all aspects – academically, socially, and culturally. We need your help more than ever before to provide safe, secure and great learning environment to cause a mindset change for our future leaders. Our economy continues to spiral due to COVID-19 and poor economic decisions by our leaders, thus there's a major impact on small nonprofit organizations, in most cases a continued decline in grants, corporate support and individual giving levels.

Asase Africa Foundation Child Care Center certainly knows firsthand about this experience. Funding for childcare for working families is threatened and scholarship grants for them are less abundant.

Any level of support will continue to assist low - income families who desperately need childcare support. Many families need us to be able to provide scholarship support.

Quality childcare is expensive, as many of you know, we need to provide a standard child care facility to ensure that we can continue to provide the best care possible for children ages 12 months and older.

We simply don't have enough funds available. Your donation goes to work immediately. It allows us to serve our communities of all economic backgrounds by providing the best childcare possible to establish a strong foundation for each child's future.

Our current programs include for pre-school, before and after school and developmentally delayed children (our wonderful inclusion classes!) are so special.

We need your continued support to keep this community asset viable, and to help our children develop a strong foundation and true values for growth.

We thank you for your continued support.

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

It is our mission to serve children and underserved individuals in our communities. In order to meet our mission and provide services in our community, we rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support. Without the assistance of

community-minded individuals just like you, we wouldn't be able to serve those in our community each year.

We ask that you make a commitment to support our appeal by making a cash/ kind donation. Our goal is a **community building** serving children and teens with education and much needed skills to improve their wellbeing, and we hope that you will be able to make a contribution. Your generosity will make a difference in our community by allowing us to continue in our work.

Asase Africa has a pressing need to relocate to a secure space in Accra, a Community space conducive for early child learning. We are on a tight rope, our backs are hard pressed and time is against us.

Items we need your assistance with include the following:

- Land to build Child care facility
- 10 – 100 bags of cement
- 1 – 3 trips of sand and stones
- Metal rods
- Bricks
- Wood

Please make a (fully tax deductible) donation today!

Please help us continue to offer quality childcare.

Your contribution in any amount is important.

\$100 provides one month of hot lunches. \$325 supports one week of pre-school / toddler care. \$500 covers science, music lessons and creative movement classes for one month.

Any amount will help our children!

## **CONCLUSION**

Asase Africa Foundation has a track record of service to less endowed families living in Agbogbloshie and it's environs whom it has helped, and enabled others to help; for whom it has worked to secure more favourable conditions of living, education for children and more adequate provision for their needs; and service to the entire country, this path it has taken in improving lives of children using all kinds of charitable work and in forward movements designed to control causes of poverty, to raise the general standard of living and get a wider vision about life.