

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

My Village Our World: My VOW realizes that there is great potential just waiting to be developed in Africa. MY VOW works to support resource development towards poverty alleviation 'one village at a time'.

The mission of My VOW is to secure the resources of Africa for the development of a sustainable Africa and a sustainable world 'one village at a time.'

My VOW has worked in Ghana and put in motion several industrial programs: Agriculture and Food processing, and Product Identification of products for export for private business enterprise (business development). Both of these efforts were to assist Private Ghana Businesspeople to take advantage of the AGOA (Africa Trade Opportunity Bill) trade benefit for Africa. According to the former United Nation's chief, Kofi Annan, "African Needs a Green Revolution". In sum helping Africa to become the primary beneficiary of its own resources and have access to trade eliminates poverty !



Since independence in the late 1950's and early 1960's very many villages in Africa still go without modern amenities: communication, electricity, sanitation systems, potable water, structured schools, and in-door bathrooms. While there is funding available to assist development many villages do not know how to access it. Generally, the Village people have NO knowledge about donor support available for improvement of their community and if they have heard do not know how to make full usage of donor willingness to participate.

With the majority of the decision makers in the village being uneducated, how to solve survival problems in the village become too challenging and the people are left with less than comfortable conditions and sometime suffer as a result.

Our technical team in MY VOW aware of the deficiencies and the efficiencies of village life: as we encourage use of natural resources and renewable energy, we are able to construct programs that qualify villages for donor support. At the same time we make the best use of donor participation to support poverty alleviation in the village matching donor objectives to village needs. Many mismatches occur and hamper village productivity and waste donor funds.

On a village need study, March 2007 a technical assistant found a 75 year old woman pounding millet into flour. The old woman tiredly said if she only had a grain mill, something she had only heard about. The development expert consulted with the chief only to find out that two-grain electric mills had been donated some five years ago and were still sitting in boxes collecting dust. Why? There was no electricity in the village

MY VOW prevents such waste of funding and energy: understanding the culture and level of development of the village, MY-VOW would have organized for the donation of manual milling machines. Training classes would have been organized to teach all the women of the village to use the machine. And thirdly, if there was an abundance of millet being produced, funding would have been sought for a storage and packaging facility for the millet which would increase the chances of the village becoming independent and self-sustaining from selling millet overall.

My VOW, likes to make the best use of Donor Support, while assuring that all donations and loans bring the most sustainable results to the village. We also aim to make the villages profitable through product development of its natural resources which in turn enhance overall future economic sustainability of the village.

Summary of Successful Development Support in Ghana:

2002-2004: Development of International Trade link Programs for Product and Human Resource Development in Ghana

2005-Ghana: Provided access to 100 farming women to a Governmental Agricultural Grant: this link allowed funding to be granted to small village women associations activating 100 farms: The grant helped them to purchase, land, equipment and buy machines to plant, harvest and process cayenne pepper for export to national and international trade markets.

Current Project Development:

2007: Development of a poverty alleviation program in Mali linking five villages in Mali and multilaterally to a grant for Poverty alleviation utilizing Agricultural development.

MY VILLAGE OUR WORLD Links with GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WORKING TO HELP EACH VILLAGE UTILIZE THEIR PRODUCTS and RESOURCES TO MANAGE THEIR NEEDS. WE LINK them TO TECHNICAL SUPPORT and DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FROM GRANTS AND LOANS TO DRIVE THEIR PROGRESS TO ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY!

DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FOR THIS PROGRAM BEGINNING AT \$500.00

THE PROGRAM USES DONATIONS FOR:

1. Operations of Program
2. Technical Assistance
3. Preparation of Need and Feasibility Studies
4. Training of Village Recipients