





EMARAABA NOTHERN GHANA (WELCOME TO NORTHERN GHANA)

ABOUT US

EMARAABA NOTHERN GHANA is a non-profit and non-government organization registered in Ghana. Our funding is through donations, and we are about to sell fairly produced shea butter with the help of local women living in the Tichalle village.

The organization was founded in December 2014 as an NGO (Non-governmental Organization) and is based in Tamale. The board of directors consists of Nyess Jallo Failu from Ghana and Luisa Väth from Germany.

The aim of the organization is to support education through school initiatives and the daily life of the children in the village of Tichalle and surrounding areas.

We are supporting schools by renovating and constructing classrooms which are needed to provide a child-friendly learning environment.

Our NGO was founded out of private motivation originating from our everyday challenges and life experiences living and working in the area. In order to find solutions we found ourselves constantly searching for help and resources.

In 2008, Failu (Board of Directors) noticed, that in his uncle's village (Chief of Tichalle, passed away in 2017), basic resources to run a functioning school were not in place.

The school was in very bad condition and the families could not afford school uniforms or materials. As a consequence, the children were sent away to farm the land around the village instead of going to school.



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Failu was born in Tamale and knows the difficult situation of being allowed to get an education. It is a daily challenge for the children around him and therefore he wants to help change this pattern. Failu has always been guided by a strong sense of justice which motivates him to try to support people in various situations. In this case he wants to help the children gain access to an education to improve their lives and the community.

In 2009 Failu got to know the German volunteer Luisa Väth. Luisa stayed in Tamale twice to work in a private school. In 2014 she moved to the capital of Ghana and together they decided to register the EMARAABA NOTHERN GHANA NGO.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In Ghana, there are public schools and private schools.

Compulsory education in Ghana, which is actually financed by the state, lasts eleven years and starts at the age of four. Children spend the first two years in kindergarten (pre-school), then attend elementary school for another six years and followed by junior secondary school for another three years. After that, there are further opportunities to go on to secondary schools and even university for some.

The public-school teachers and the school buildings in which the children are taught are provided by the state. Schools, that are deep in the bush and far from major roads or cities, are very often in a way worst condition then schools located in urban areas.

In rural areas the nearest schools are sometimes too far away and the children would have to walk long distances daily to be attend class.

Instead of making this tenuous journey, children are sometimes put to work at home.

Most of boys take up farming or fishing while the girls carryout household work like taking care of siblings, washing the laundry and cleaning among many other tasks not counted as labour.

About 21% of Ghanaian children between the ages of 5 to 17 are involved in child labour and 14% are even engaged in hazardous forms of labour. This occurs twice as much in rural areas.



PROJECTS

The following projects were already achieved since we started working with the Tichalle village.

- 2010-2020 sharing of clothes, school supplies, toys and sports equipment.
- 2010 constructing a classroom for the nursery.





• 2011 construction of the library



• 2011 installation of a water tank to improve hygiene.





2018 construction and equipping of three new classrooms.



- 2020 re-construction of a roof after collapsing.
- 2020 provision of Veronica buckets and soap to surrounding villages of Tamale to support hygiene measures during the corona pandemic.
- 2020 coverage of the medical bills, treatments and hospitalization of a villager suffering from Meningitis.
- 2020 installation of an adequate toilet system for the Meningitis patient.

THE CURRENT NEED

Due to climate change, rain is increasingly falling more heavily and over a longer period. This year of 2021, it even hailed in the northern region of Ghana.

The extreme climate has had a severe impact on the school buildings.

The roofs have collapsed and the buildings themselves are very dilapidated.

The doors can no longer be locked.

Animals go in and out and foul the classrooms. The school desks are broken and the 234 children are taught on the floor if they can even attend school at all.

With that said, there is an urgent need for the re-construction of the classrooms in order to improve the conditions for the students to stay in school.





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