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We are very much grateful for your interest and concern in and about Elizka Relief Foundation.

Elizka Relief Foundation was established in 2000 and officially incorporated as an NGO in 2007 with a thematic scope of capacity building and human empowerment.

Currently the organization is in the United Nations Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) Special Consultative Status since 2015 and also a member of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA).

It must be emphasized that the organization has participated in the activities of the Local Network of UN Global Compact in Ghana and the organization continues to pledge its support to the UN Global Compact and its Principles and Activities globally.

The general aim of the organization is to promote sustainable and social integrated development by assisting and advising community development practitioners, voluntary groups, and needy communities, popular networks, and individuals seeking for social and sustainable development to identify, mobilize and gain access to right sources of resources to enable them access and benefit from good education, health, environment, vocational training, credit, micro finance, cultural diversity and charitable support toward the development of a better world.

- To support and promote strategic partnership involving civil society organizations, voluntary groups and individuals working together for the development of communities by collecting, analyzing, linking and disseminating information about the sector.*
- To advice and assist non-profit, non-governmental organizations, popular networks, voluntary groups and individuals seeking for relief-in-need to identify the right trusts, gain access to right sources of funding and mobilize the requisite resources by sharing and developing their skills, knowledge and experience through workshops, seminars, conferences, symposium, etc organized on our own or with partners.*
- To assist and encourage CSOs to achieve their aim of having a real social progress and transformation.*
- To assist in or undertake community based development projects.*
- To promote the growth of civil society organizations and voluntary groups through information and practice exchange among community development practitioners by networking.*
- To advocate constructively for an enabling environment for the growth of the sector towards achieving a better world.*

Values

The organization believes in working together for:

- Economic and social justice;*

- *Respect for human rights and democracy;*
- *Gender equality;*
- *Peace and non-violence;*
- *Sustainable use of natural resources;*
- *Respect for cultural diversity; and*
- *Development with equity*

Elizka Relief Foundation since 2011 has focused on developing policies and programs that address the complexities and practical implications of the socio-economic development of Africa, and foster appropriate relations between International Development Actors in the Post 2015 process. Moreover; Elizka has sort to advocate, promote and strengthen the Africa's role in development by creating a perfect window of opportunity for engagement.

In lieu of this, Elizka Relief Foundation became a member of the UN Global Compact on January 30, 2012 to help builds its capacity in the field of integrated sustainable development.

Elizka in conjunction with its partners – both locally and internationally - initiated and organized the first African Local Summit (now African Summit) – www.dev4africa.org - in 2012 at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science; Kumasi –Ashanti Region; Ghana.

The theme for the summit was “Empowering Africa to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015” (the UN Challenge to End Poverty by 2015).

With program partners and speakers ranging from village artisan cooperatives to the UNDP Country Director (Ghana), not only did it source solutions and unite cross-cutting issues from across the continent and beyond, but participants in the first African Local Summit made their voices heard.

The general objective of the summit was to achieve sustainable and equitable development in Africa by attaining the Millennium Development Goals in Africa through the application of best practices (globally recognized professional standards) and innovative tools, and also promotes enough participation of Africans in the Global events through the establishment of a sustainable and vibrant development oriented network.

Creating communities which are able to optimize their indigenous resources in sustainable ways to build economic stability, and thus thrive socially, politically, and culturally was the specific objective of the summit.

The key activities for the summit were keynote presentations, panel discussions, workshops, technology expo, innovative solutions, launching of the "Impact Investment Fund" and the Millennium Development Goals Ambassadors Award.

Thought provoking Keynote Addresses were delivered by prominent personalities including Mr Kamil Kayode Kamaludeen, UNDP country director of Ghana; Honourable Kojo Yankah, Founder & President of African University College of Communications (AUCC); (Ghana); Professor Peter Donkor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (Ghana), Ms Theo Sowa, Executive Director of African Women Development Fund (AWDF); (Ghana); and Chief Ambassador Justin I Agudosi, President of the Millennium Development Council (Nigeria).



From left to right: Kofi Kankam, Founder & Executive Director of Elizka Relief Foundation, Mr Kamil Kayode Kamaludeen, UNDP country director of Ghana; Honourable Kojo Yankah, Founder & President of African University College of Communications (AUCC); (Ghana); and Ms Theo Sowa, Executive Director of African Women Development Fund (AWDF); (Ghana) delivering their speeches at the 2012 African Summit.

Others were Christ Hart, Chief Strategist at Investment Solutions(South Africa); Mr Byron Nana Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, CSR Foundation (Ghana);Mrs Marilyn Owusu, Executive Director, Ace Consult (Ghana); Mr Yaw Adu-Gyamfi, Executive Director, Kumasi Centre for Lifelong Learning (Ghana), Dr Raphael Ogar Oko; Executive Director, Global Educators for All Initiative (Nigeria); Dr F. Asiedu-Bekoe, Deputy Ashanti Regional Director, Ghana Health Services (Ghana); and Oliver Withers, Executive Director, Sarpam (South Africa).



From left to right: Christ Hart, Chief Strategist at Investment Solutions (South Africa); Oliver Withers, Executive Director, Sarpam (South Africa), and Dr Raphael Ogar Oko; Executive Director, Global Educators for All Initiative (Nigeria).



Section of Participants at the African Summit 2012



From left to right: Chief Ambassador Justin I Agudosi, President of the Millennium Development Council (Nigeria), Charmaine Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Infundo Consulting (PTY) Limited (South Africa), Professor Peter Donkor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (Ghana) delivering their presentations during the 2012 African Summit.

Furthermore, cross-cutting global issues such as Education, Economic Growth and the Private Sector, Climate and Environment, Water and Sanitation, Health, Food and Nutrition, etc. affecting the continent were notable among the presentations and workshops delivered by diverse group of people such as Dr Jibo Nura of African Climate Research Centre (Nigeria); Mr Femi Oye, Executive Director of Carbon Credit Network (Nigeria); Mrs Sakeena K.Bonsu, National Coordinator, Evergreen Club of Ghana (Ghana); Charmaine Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Infundo Consulting (PTY) Limited (South Africa).Others included Wm. Tim Bailey, Professor Peter Dwumah, Nana Owusu Akyan Agyekumhene II, Rev. Justice Kofi Agyemang Ofusuhene, all from the Patriensa Pure Enterprise (Ghana); and Dr. Raphael Ogar Oko, International Coordinator of Global Educators for All Initiative and Initiator of the Millennium Development Ambassadors Program (Nigeria).

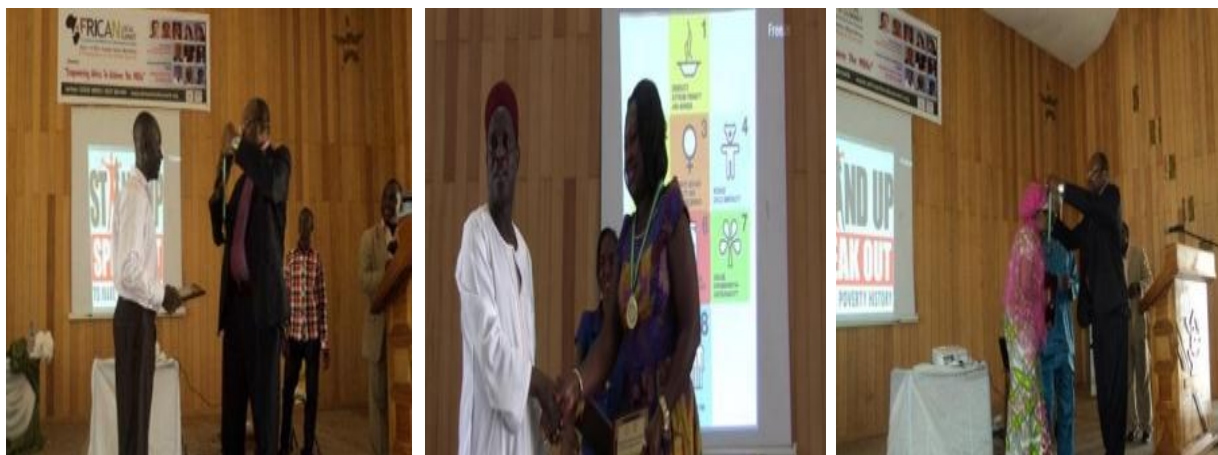
Adam Klaybor and Quentin Franks; Social Workers from the University of Texas Austin, specialized in Mentoring and Educational Reform and currently on internship at Hope Children's Home in Accra (Ghana); Michael Kissi Boateng; Planning Assistant, ICT & Development, National Development Planning Commission (Ghana); and Mrs. Joyce Mensah; Person living with HIV and HIV Advocate (Ghana) completed the list of presenters.



Networking was at its best during the 2012 African Summit

The highlight of the summit was the induction of Millennium Development Ambassadors (MDA) by Ambassador Chief Justin I Agudosi, President of the Millennium Development Council, (Nigeria).

Personalities inducted at the summit as Millennium Development Ambassadors were Kofi Kankam, Chairperson of African Local Summit, Co-Chair The Global Summit 2012, and Chief Executive Officer of Elizka Relief Foundation; Gifty Anti, Director of GDA Concepts (Ghana), Nana Kwabena Dwomoh Sarpong, Founder and Executive Director, Friends of Rivers &



Personalities inducted among others at the summit as Millennium Development Ambassadors were from left to right: Kofi Kankam, Chairperson of African Local Summit, Co-Chair The Global Summit 2012, and Chief Executive Officer of Elizka Relief Foundation; Gifty Anti, Director of GDA Concepts and Deputy Director; Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (Ghana and Hajiya Aisha Abdulkadir Yau (Nigeria).

Water Bodies (Ghana); Dr. Wiafe Addai, Executive Director, Peace & Love Hospital (Ghana); and Dr. Michael Agyekum Addo, Chief Executive Officer of KAMA Group of Companies (Ghana).

Others included Architect Ifeanyi Humphrey Odedo, National President, Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship International (Nigeria); Honourable Barrister B. I. Nkememena, Executive Chairman, Ekwusigo Local Government Council of Anambra State (Nigeria) and Hajiya Aisha Abdulkadir Yau (Nigeria).

There have been plans to hold the African Summit in August 2013 and 2015 outside Ghana. However, due to circumstances beyond our control – especially; financial limitations, we have to cancel the event and postpone them subsequently.

Currently, Elizka is rendering consultancy and coordinating services to bodies such as Japan International Research for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) on their study “Improvement of Micro Reservoir Technologies for Enhancement of Rice Production in Africa (IMRT for Rice)”, which is currently underway in Ghana and spanning from 2014 – 2018.



From left to right: Kofi Kankam with Masaki of JIRCAS working on water level at Amoakokrom in the Ahafo Ano South District of the Ashanti Region, Ghana. (2nd image: Kofi Kankam in a pose with Dr Naoya Fujimoto, Project Leader, JIRCAS at JIRCAS rice study site at Sokwai in the Atwima Nwabiagya District of the Ashanti Region) (3rd Image: Kofi Kankam in a pose with a team from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana; Crops Research institute, Ghana; Soil Research Institute, Ghana and JIRCAS study team at study field at Sokwai in the Ashanti Region, Ghana).

Moreover, Elizka have signed partnership agreement with Got Produce - a United States of America based organization which specializes in the use of Hydroponics to produce food; www.gotproduce.us – to set up a Hydroponics Green House Facility at Atwima Wiowso in the Atwima Nwabiagya District of the Ashanti Region of Ghana by 2015. This is in conformity with the organization’s policy of using Information Communication Technology for Agricultural Development in Africa (ICT4AD).



Furthermore, as part of the organization's policy to run executive courses and seminars, Elizka concluded agreements with Training Centre in Communication (T.C.C.) Nairobi, Kenya to partner in running Executive Management Courses for diverse stakeholders in Ghana and its neighboring countries.



Training Centre in Communication

Elizka have planned to run a lot of course in lieu of this beginning the last quarter of 2016. The organization is currently updating its websites – www.elizka.org and www.dev4africa.org to provide up-to-date information on the organization, and also enable interactive training and education facilities to stakeholders who otherwise would not have access to valuable resources to attend physically our training and educational programmes.

The organization is also engaging in extensive research, recruiting grant-writing assistance, online donations, and making full use of volunteer resources available. Moreover, the organization is also establishing an ongoing program of capacity building through regular telecommunication and networking to ensure all stakeholders pursue a collective vision, aimed at providing peer-to-peer education services.

The organization has also created a standard membership services available to all stakeholders globally. Membership is open to the public, especially those who share the vision of ELIZKA in advocating for a better world by working towards the attainment of the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

By Kofi Kankam – President & Chief Executive Officer

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1. About Us

1.1. History

Elizka Relief Foundation was founded by Kofi Kankam, the current President and Chief Executive Officer; in the middle of the millennium. Kofi Kankam, after having successful instincts with civil societies; notably by serving in diverse capacities with organizations like the Center for the Development of People (CEDEP), Hear Our Voices organization, Women's Development Organization and Awura Abena Foundation all non-governmental organizations which are based Kumasi, Ashanti Region – Ghana realized there was the need to advocate for the civil society fraternity to compliment the efforts of one another in their developmental activities and not to be competing over scanty resources within the sector.

He realized that the release of information or making available resources which could lead to availability of funds or resources for developmental resources was a huge problem within the sector, especially in Ghana and Africa at large.

He therefore in conjunction with other like-minded practitioners at a meeting resolved to establish a non-profit non-governmental organization which will have as its core responsibility making available useful resources to other bodies to enable them access the requisite resources for developmental activities. .

This name was subsequently used for the official registration of the organization and in June 2007, the organization was officially registered by the official government body, the Registrar General Department as a Non-Governmental Organization. It was subsequently issued with the Certificate of Incorporation and Certificate to Commence Business on June 27, 2007.

Elizka was therefore officially established as a non-governmental organization with a thematic scope of capacity building and human empowerment.



Kofi Kankam, founder and executive director in a pose with Mr DeBortol Konrad former country director (Ghana) of GIZ and Ms Theo Sowah, executive director; African Women Development Fund (Ghana).

1.2. Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the organization is seeking to purposefully create and manage opportunities for connection and communication across sectorial, identity and geographical boundaries to promote social and sustainable integrated development by enhancing capacity to network.

1.3. Vision

Central to our activities is the epoch when civil society organizations and popular networks are sufficiently empowered-economically, materially, politically, culturally, socially and technologically -to take greater control of and determine confidently the direction and scope of their own development.

1.4. What We Do

The organization ensures to work towards the direction of the five agreements which were made during the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro which are as follows:

- Agenda 21

A global plan of action for sustainable development, containing over 100 programme areas, ranging from trade and environment, through agriculture and desertification to capacity building and technology transfer

- The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development

A statement of 27 key principles to guide the integration of environment and development policies (including the polluter pays, prevention, precautionary and participation principles)

- The Statement of Principles on Forests

The first global consensus on the management, conservation and sustainable development of the world's forest.

- The Framework Convention on Climate Change

A legally-binding agreement to stabilize greenhouse gases in the atmosphere at levels that will not upset the global climate system

- The Convention on Biological Diversity

A legally-binding agreement to conserve the world's genetic, species and ecosystem

diversity and share the benefits of its use in a fair and equitable way.

Moreover; the organization promotes sustainable development which aims at achieving a quality of life that can be maintained for many generations because it is:

- Socially desirable, fulfilling people's cultural, material and spiritual needs in equitable ways.
- Economically viable, paying for itself, with costs not exceeding income, and Ecologically sustainable, maintaining the long-term

The organization's overall sustainable development programme optimizes the realization of the society's many and different social, environmental and economic objectives at one and the same time through an adaptive process of integration, whilst striking bargains (trade-offs) amongst the different interest groups concerned.

1.5. Programs and Activities

Inconformity with the organization's priority areas which are Information Communication for Development (ICT4D), Research for Development (R4D), and Community Development and the areas of special interest to the organization, thus; (i) Arts (Youth and Culture), (ii) Cultural Diversity (Exchange Programmes), (iii) Child Survival and Development, (iv) Water and Sanitation, (v) Small and Medium Scale Enterprises, (vi) Rural Infrastructure Development, (vii) Women in development and (viii) Climate Change; the organization attain and achieve its aims via the following processes below:

- Organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia, etc.
- Community Action group projects – clean up exercises, tree planting, inter-community games for awareness creation, protection of the ecosystem, provision of portable drinking water, theatre performance for awareness creation.
- Formation and running of the "change for a better world" club - a development oriented youth club in schools and communities.
- Formation and running of Information Sharing and Partnership Network for Civil Society Organizations.
- Running an Environmental Resource Center.
- Disseminating information on sensitive issues about the sector and create awareness on issues via its Newsletter (Better world) and Publications.
- The organization will conduct and facilitate short courses and trainings in the area of social and sustainable development to CSOs, the public and private sectors, academic institutions, individuals and groups. These will be conducted through face-to-face and e-learning bases and will be knowledge enhancement courses. In future, the organization will establish qualification training in these key areas at the levels of Certificate, Diploma, and Advanced Diploma. A special Training Centre will be established for this purpose.

- To undertake independent and objective research of both national and global interest in order to deepen knowledge and understanding of sustainable development, the needs, problems, challenges and innovative solutions.
- The organization shall contribute to sustainable development at national, regional and global level, through social equity, economic efficiency, technology and policy analysis/research.
- To promote and disseminate research findings to the community using peer-reviewed and other publications.
- Promoting activities of farmers and assisting them in trading their products through Information Communication Technology.
- Developing ICTs at the service of rural communities.

Moreover; the organization renders the following managerial services to support in the capacity building of its members.

- Fundraising
- Development Consultancy
- Community Development
- Executive Search (Funder finder, Strategic partnership)
- Gender training
- Cross cultural understanding and
- Qualitative research, using participatory rapid appraisal (PRA)

2. Overview of Operations and Projects (2000-2014 Achievements)

2.1. ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2000 - 2004: In partnership with Virtual Activism; a United States of America based civil society organization – www.virtualactivism.org – Elizka Relief Foundation assisted and developed websites for over twenty (20) Civil Society Organizations and Educational Institutions in Ghana to ensure they have online presence.
- 2004: Organized and ran the first Time To Get Online workshop in Africa – an ICT4D training programme involving Web 2.0 – for Civil Society Organizations across Africa in Kumasi – www.timetogetonline.org or www.kabissa.org/group/trainerss
- 2008 to date – Secured sponsored membership on eFresh Portal – www.efresh.com – from Get Foundation – www.getfoundation.org – for farmers in Ghana to trade their products internationally online.
- 2009: Organized and ran the first Kabissa – www.kabissa.org – Meet up in Kumasi for civil society organizations – www.kabissa.org/group/trainers



Pictures from the Kabissa – www.kabissa.org – Meet UP Meeting in Kumasi

- 2010 – 12: Served as a consultant and coordinator for Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) on their study project “Development of Improved Technologies for Rice Production in Africa”.
- 2012: Organized and hosted the first African Summit (formerly African Local Summit) with the theme “Empowering Africa to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015” in Ghana – www.dev4africa.org



Some images from the African Summit 2012

- 2012: Elizka partnered with Empowerment Works – www.empowermentwoks.org – to organize The Global Summit in London; United Kingdom – www.theglobalsummit.org in 2012.

- 2013: Signed Partnership Agreement with Got Produce – www.gotproduce.us – a US based organization to set up a Hydroponics facility in Ghana for food production by 2015 in Ghana.

In partnership with Got Produce (US) - www.gotproduce.us - Elizka Relief Foundation is partaking in the US Government Programme "Empowering Agriculture Technology Solutions". The programme seeks to implement agriculture technology and nutrition education to developing regions. Agriculture has come under attack in Ghana and West Africa at large in recent years due to inefficient use of water, possible overuse of pesticides and herbicides, and deleterious impacts to downstream water supplies. Additionally, while input costs for traditional farming have skyrocketed, returns have decreased or at best, remained stable. Implementation of this project will allow for the production of substantially more food production while using approximately 1/10 of the water, a fraction of the minerals and 1/ 3 to 1/10 of the space. Elizka Relief Foundation is therefore currently partnering with Got Produce to set up a Hydroponics facility in the Atwima Nwabiagya District of Ashanti Region; Ghana.

- 2013: Secured a twenty (20) acre land at Atwima Wiowso in the Atwima Nwabiagya District of Ashanti Region; Ghana for the set up of the Hydroponics facility in Ghana.
- 2013: Signed Partnership Agreements with Training Centre in Communication (T.C.C.) Nairobi, Kenya to run Executive Management Courses for diverse stakeholders in Ghana and its neighboring countries. Elizka has planned to run a lot of courses in lieu of this beginning the last quarter of 2014.
- 2014: Signed Memorandum of Understanding with Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) to provide consultancy and coordinating services for their study project "Improvement of Micro Reservoir Technologies for Enhancement of Rice Production in Africa (IMRT for Rice)", which is currently underway in Ghana and spanning from 2014 – 2018.



3. Overview of the action agenda according to the Strategic Plan

The vision of Elizka is the epoch when civil society organizations and popular networks are sufficiently empowered-economically, materially, politically, culturally, socially and technologically - to take greater control of and determine confidently the direction and scope of their own development.

As part of measures to attain this is by becoming the voice of change and a platform for dialogue among the African people as well as involving the international audience to be part in helping the Africa continent to promote the ideology of sustainable development. In this sense, its aims are to reintroduce innovative attitudes and to reform structures that Mitigate sustainable development by enabling a participatory process that involves and includes all stakeholders.

Sustainable Development has been a major policy direction of the United Nations. This has led to the growth of a new emphasis on sustainable development and participatory development in an attempt to address both the Millennium Development Goals and post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals. The link between participation in the attainment of these Goals and the United Nations has been seen as an important means of improving the effectiveness of services and empowering the major stakeholders in the development processes.

Elizka's new development concept emphasized on the territorial dimension of development since its stakeholders is immediately affected by the diversity and dynamics of the local realities in which they operate daily.

Thus, the territory emerges as a suitable framework to promote sustainable development, building upon local potentials and the exploitation of local resources - including human, physical, natural and financial resources.

The networked system of territorial development is based not only on economies of scale but also on a process of learning and organizing that arises from interdependence and mutual exchange. A society that wants to take advantage of local external economies so as to improve its competitiveness or efficiency must itself participate in these collective learning and organizing processes and establish roots in the locality. The new organization approach includes building local development centres that take into consideration the need for proximity and diversity.

In this light, Elizka have played the role of development programme facilitator at the international level, and shall link communities and groups to supporting agencies which could reach the local communities with developmental and capacity building programmes and projects.

With this incentive, Elizka is focusing on:

- Efforts to develop institutional structures and policies related to operation and maintenance of member support service at all levels.

- A suitable administrative mechanism to be developed for facilitating service provision to members.
- A high powered management board and committee at the international level, a development support cell with officials from international and local stakeholders.

In order to achieve the above objectives, Elizka developed the Action Agenda for the period 2012- 2016.

The current status of its implementation is described in Table 1.

3.1. Table 1 - Action Agenda 2010-2016 and Implementation Status as at the end of 2013

Actions Achievements 2013 Status

3.1.1. Objective 1 - Develop a range of activities to attract funding and non-funding partners and members

- Research types of projects that are currently receiving grants, and potential funding sources
 - Hydroponics Project: Model Project in partnership with Got Produce – www.gotproduce.us
 - Ecovillage Project: Model Project in partnership with Empowerment Works – www.empowermentworks.org
 - Documents prepared and are available for potential donors;
 - Online Volunteers are being recruited to support these activities.
- Formulate an on-site voluntary service programme for Elizka targeting potential and future National / Local Agencies, with volunteer resources recruited to supporting agencies in their activities of facilitating local development.
 - The volunteer service programme is included in the model projects to benefit from future fund-raising research: On-going
- Design funding modalities for participation of Elizka representatives attending relevant stakeholders' and training events.
 - Model document is currently being prepared.
- Recruit grant-writing resources (potentially seek support via United Nations Volunteers)

- Resources recruited via UN Online Volunteering Service: Ongoing
- Collect donations on website, or promote Elizka events and items (Artifacts, summits, courses, etc.):
 - ongoing
- Partner with private sector consulting providers to create commercial services units:
 - Ongoing

3.1.2. Objective 2 - Establish a program of capacity building to enable the Elizka staff and members to develop a collective vision, and specific organizational arrangements to effectively deliver and maintain services

- Provide international peer - to- peer education, support and collaborative self-help activities through networking activities and special events:
 - Ongoing
- Provision of 1 year Distance Course: Management of Local Development for staff via the Delnet Programme of the International Training Center of ILO in Turin: Yet to start
- Host a monthly or quarterly teleconference (perhaps using VoIP – voice over internet protocol – technology such as Skype) to gain updates on activities, discuss issues and share best practices: Ongoing

3.1.3. Objective 3 - Continue expansion across Africa and the World at large by expanding the membership base

- Consider talking with the private sector network organizations locally and internationally:
 - Ongoing
- Start a network group on Social Media Networks:
 - Ongoing
- Develop a section on the Elizka website that enables filling out and submitting membership application:
 - Ongoing

3.1.4. Objective 4 - Research and adapt implementation related to legal, political and socio-cultural framework of local, national and international frameworks

- Develop a relevant sustainable development online course which shall be based on the support and expertise of UNOV:
 - Ongoing

- Develop a policy on engagement members Feedback and involvement of potential members in process required:
 - Ongoing
- Setup an on-site voluntary service programme to assist potential and current local staff and members:
 - Ongoing

3.1.5. Objective 5 - Create standard membership services

- Setup a Coaching/Mentor Service to support member projects with technical advice:
 - Ongoing
- Design and provide an online sustainable development leads and opportunities services:
 - Ongoing

The new website shall offer advertising opportunities services

- Provide e-newsletter service including tips or recommendations on improving sustainable development practices. The new website shall offer e-newsletter subscription facility:
 - Ongoing
- Develop paper brochure activities that could be handed out to individuals without easy access to the internet:
 - Ongoing

4. New Initiatives Undertaken During the Period 2012 - 2015

4.1. Advocacy Action

In 2013 the organization faced difficulties to participate in local and international events due to limited funding. Notwithstanding this challenge, the organization used Information Communication Technology Facilities to make up for this short coming. The organization hopes to continue with the efforts to take advocacy actions as an essential part of our activities.

4.2. Education and training

Capacity building of staff

In order to facilitate the creation of a strategic plan for Elizka and a model national-level Program the board of Elizka approved the sponsorship of its staff in the participation of one (1) year Distance Course: Management of Local Development which is being organized by the International Training Centre of ILO.

Training

One of the key achievements during 2013 is the approval of the board to run sustainable development and management courses online.

The course is expected to be developed with the support of UN Online Volunteers and shall be available online from the last quarter of 2016. The prime objective is to provide alternative training for young people from low-income families who are unable to afford the traditional classroom learning.

The specific objectives are:

- To give the possibility for the sustainable development and management theories to be assimilated through e-learning, before the practical part
- To bridge the gap for cross-cultural practices and personal diversity in order for Sustainable development to be established and maintained
- To give practitioners the possibility to revise and consult the course at all times
- To allow updates to the existing knowledge following changing circumstances
- To help learners build a development model that takes into account the challenges in Africa and build a system that enables them to overcome these challenges.
- To contribute to expanding access to sustainable development learning
- To remove barriers to development and management education and to allow students to study what they want, when they want and where they want; help course participants become more knowledgeable in what it takes to be a development practitioner.
- To create a platform for sharing of tacit knowledge

5. Proposed Activities for 2012 - 2015

5.1. Strategic Initiatives

Elizka intends to work on the development of a range of activities to attract funding and Non-funding partners and members. The organization is currently focusing on research type of projects, which we are currently seeking for grants and potential funding sources.

Elizka considers pursuing grants for:

- Building advocacy and community engagement
- Establishment of Hydroponic facility to support food production.
- Establishment of Eco-village
- Setting up of socio-economic incubators
- Organize and run the 2nd African Summit; hopefully in South Africa.

The above focal issues will be transformed into practical operations through a wide range of events and activities. The next section highlights the upcoming operations.

5.2. Operational Events & Activities

5.2.1. Community Advocacy and Engagement

The Community advocacy and engagement are proposed to be organized in rural and deprived communities to mobilize stakeholders and community leaders in meeting with development practitioners to talk and share ideas. These fora can help raise the standards of living in these communities by helping development practitioners gain insight and understanding of the problems and opportunities in the community, develop suitable products and solutions and help the community to redirect and release resources for sustainable development.

5.2.2. Fundraising Campaigns

In order to financially support our activities, we intend to recruit resources in fundraising and also embark on effective public relations activities. Online fundraising activities shall also be effectively considered.

5.2.3. Training of Staff and Members

We continuously strive to enhance the education of our constituents by supporting the staff and members in acquiring relevant skills and knowledge through training opportunities, and also encourage them to share their skills with others.

5.2.4. Consultative status with UN ECOSOC

Elizka has been a member of United Nations Civil Society Network and UNDESA and we hope to upgrade our membership by obtaining status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). Obtaining recognition and appropriate status with ECOSOC would assist Elizka to participate more effectively and actively at the United Nations.

5.2.5. Website Upgrade and Development

Elizka's website shall be upgraded with information on sustainable development and associated toolkits, web 2.0 features to make it interactive, online courses, coaching/mentor services to support members' projects technically, etc.

6. Governance Information

The governing structure of the organization was maintained with board of directors serving their 2nd term of office. This was approved at the organization's Annual General Meeting.

6.1. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on 2nd January 2014 in Kumasi, Ashanti Region-Ghana, with more than two-thirds of members attending.

6.2. Membership data & related information

Through our sustainable development activities in Ghana and globally, the organization as at 2013 have about four hundred and seventy-seven (477) registered members.

The organization intends to increase its membership base globally through the use of online facilities from 2014.

7. Partnership and Membership Affiliated Bodies

7.1. Membership Affiliated Bodies

- Member of United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) – Special Consultative Status since 2015
- Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch Member of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Member of the Office of Special Adviser on Africa to the United Nations (OSAA)
- Member of Vienna NGOs on Drugs and Crime
- Member of Partnership for Maternal and New Child Health (PMNCH)
- Member of United Nations Global Compact
- Member of United Nations Web 2.0 for Development Network
- Member of United Nations Civil Society Network
- Member of United Nations Addressing Inequalities Networked Alliance (AINA)
- Member of Foundation for Sustainable Development
- Member of stakeholder Forum
- Member of Healthy Newborn Network
- Member of the World We Want Network
- Member of Ghana Information Network for Knowledge Sharing (GINKS)
- Member of Ghana Network of Participatory Development
- Member of Accion
- Member of KIVA
- Member of Net Impact
- Member of Business Fight Poverty
- Member of Kabissa Network

7.2. Partnership organizations

- Next Global Generation Education – USA – www.ngge.org
- Got Produce – USA – www.gotproduce.us
- Empowerment Works – USA – www.empowermentworks.org -
- Phelps Stokes – USA – www.phelpsstokes.org
- Global Women's Empowerment Network – USA – www.gwennetwok.org
- Global Youth Innovation Network – USA
- Opportunity for Africans – USA – www.opportunitiesforafricans.com
- Awake Africa – Ghana – www.awakeafrica.org
- International Free and Open Source Foundation – www.ifossf.org
- Change Nepalese Mission – Nepal

- Women Foundation – Nepal
- Friendship Sports Association – USA – www.friendsfipsports.org
- A Better Community For All – USA – www.abc4all.net
- African Centre For Peace Building – Ghana – www.afcopb.org
- Global Media Foundation – Ghana – www.globalmediafoundation.getafricaonline.com
- Business and Financial Times – Ghana
- Worldview Mission – Netherlands – www.worldviewmission.nl

8. Financial Statements 2012 - 2014

Currency		\$ uses the USD
INCOME		
Sources of Income	Income in Home Country	Income in USD \$
Membership Dues		
Contribution from Members (Donations from Board of Directors and Members)	121,890	30,472.5
Funding from Government		
Funding from International Organization	45,000	11,250
Funding from Private Sector		
Income Generated from Contracts (Consultancy / Coordinating Services)	342,800	85,700
Total Income	509,690	127,422.5

EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure in Home Currency	Expenditure in USD \$
Administration	211,596	52,899
- <i>Salaries</i>	<i>266,400</i>	<i>66,600</i>

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- Allowances	30,120	7,530
- Meetings	32,400	8,100
- Stationery	6,000	1,500
- Utilities (Water, Electricity)	7,200	1,800
- Communication	4,680	1,170
- Postal and Courier Services	3,600	900
- Transportation	19,056	4,764
Projects	98,100	24,525
Other Expenditure	42,519	10,629.75
Total Expenditure	721,671	180,417.75

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