

a different life 

2024



Annual REPORT

A DIFFERENT LIFE YOUTH HUB PROGRAM

2024 Milestone Achievements and Vision Forward



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Founder's message

When we first dreamed of *A Different Life youth hub program*, we envisioned a place where every young person, regardless of background, would find opportunity, inspiration, and belonging. In 2024, that dream took a major leap forward. We proudly completed the construction of the *Youth Hub* in Agona Nsaba, a vibrant space built to ignite possibility in the hearts of the next generation.

This Youth Hub stands as a promise that when communities unite, when vision is pursued with relentless commitment, and when we believe in the power of young people, change is not only possible but inevitable.

Alongside the Hub's completion, we strengthened our team by bringing on a full-time Programs Manager to champion our daily operations and programs. We established a dynamic, passionate Board of Directors, and were honored to have Professor Kwabena Asomanin Anaman as our Patron, a guiding light whose leadership continues to shape our future.

We witnessed the magic of collective impact during our first-ever Spelling Bee Competition, where 40 young participants took the stage to demonstrate courage, intellect, and ambition. Over 500 community members, including the Chief of the Agona Nsaba Traditional Council, gathered to celebrate this milestone with us, a beautiful reminder that this work belongs to all of us.

Now, with strong roots planted, we are poised for even greater growth. In 2025, we will launch our Library and Literacy Activities and establish an Information Technology Center, bridging the digital divide and opening new worlds of opportunity.

I am filled with gratitude for every hand that has built with us, every voice that has encouraged us, and every young dreamer who dares to hope. Together, we are not just building a hub, we are shaping futures.

The journey continues, and the best is yet to come.



Dr. S. Kofi Abrokwa, MSc

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Founder, A different life Ghana

Introduction

2024 was a landmark year for *us*, a year where our vision evolved into reality, setting the stage for long-term impact. It is with immense pride, gratitude, and renewed commitment that we present our 2024 Annual Report, capturing the milestones, growth, and community spirit that defined this transformative year.

At the heart of our achievements stands the completion of the *Youth Hub*. This state-of-the-art facility stands as beacon of opportunity and change for young people across Agona East District. It represents our belief that when equipped with the right tools, spaces, and support, every child and youth has the potential to create a different, better life for themselves and their communities.

2024 was about building a strong foundation for sustainable growth. We expanded our operational capacity by appointing a full-time Programs Manager to drive the development and delivery of our youth-centered initiatives. We also strengthened our leadership by forming a 10-member Board of Directors, composed of diverse professionals passionate about our mission, and appointed a distinguished Patron, Professor Anaman, whose guidance has already proven invaluable.

We proudly hosted our first major community event, a Spelling Bee Competition — which brought together 40 brilliant young participants aged 10 to 13, and attracted an audience of over 500 people, including the Chief of the Agona Nsaba Traditional Council. This event was a powerful demonstration of community engagement, enthusiasm for education, and collective investment in the future of our youth.

Looking ahead, 2025 promises even greater strides. We will be launching our Library and Literacy Activities, providing children and youth with critical access to books, reading programs, and educational support. Additionally, we will establish our Information Technology (ICT) Center, designed to bridge the digital divide and equip young people with the skills they need for a competitive future. We also plan to host our first annual *Female Empowerment Forum* in celebration of International Women's Day, collaborating with leading female voices in the Agona East District to inspire, mentor, and uplift the next generation of women leaders.

With strong foundations laid, unwavering community support, and an unshakable belief in the potential of every young person, we step boldly into a future of growth, transformation, and lasting impact.

We thank all our partners, donors, board members, staff, and community leaders for standing with us. Together, we are building a different life.

Our mission

Create a supportive and inclusive environment where young people can access essential skills, educational resources, creative opportunities, and holistic health services, empowering them to lead confident, healthy, and fulfilling lives.

Our vision

Empower youth through education, skills, and opportunities, enabling them to thrive, create positive change, and shape a better future.

Milestones 2024

- Completion of the Youth Hub
- Employment of Programs Manager
- Formation of Board of Directors and Patron appointment
- First Spelling Bee Competition
- Community Mobilization and Engagement Activities

Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

We remained committed to aligning our efforts with key United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Library and literacy and educational initiatives



Annual female empowerment dialogue with practical solutions



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Collaborating with local leaders, donors, and community stakeholders.

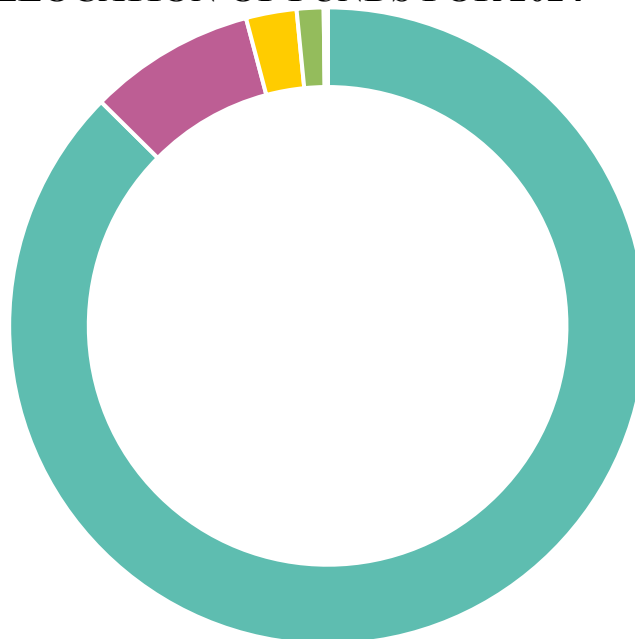
Financial Overview

Through the generous support of our donors and partners, we mobilized a total of **GHS 330,939.40 (\$ 23,990.7)** primarily directed toward the completion of the *Youth Hub* and the implementation of impactful community programming. Our financial operations were aligned with our mission to empower young people while ensuring transparency and sustainability in all our expenditures.

- **Youth Hub Completion:** Installation of windows, ceilings, electrical and internet wiring, external brick cladding, plastering, and painting. Installation of water closets, sinks, and related amenities to ensure full facility functionality.
- **Post-Storm Repairs:** Roofing repairs to address storm damage and maintain structural integrity.
- **Community Engagement:** Organization of the inaugural Spelling Bee Competition, including the procurement of educational materials, prizes, and event logistics.

Key Metrics	
Opening Balance	GHS 124.67
Total deposits	GHS 330939.40
Total withdrawals	GHS 330970.40
Bank charges	GHS 618.00
Closing balance	GHS 42.27

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR 2024



- Hub construction
- Project Manager
- Spelling Bee
- Running cost & Utility bills
- Bank charges
- Closing Balance

Our Donors

1. A different life e.V
2. Missionswerk St. Magnus Wernau
3. Fimshare e.V.
4. Stiftung Nord-Süd Brücke
5. Leapfrog
6. Nabs Group

Financial Health and Strategic Recommendations

Our closing balance highlights the necessity for a more robust financial buffer to sustain operational and programmatic initiatives. To strengthen financial sustainability moving forward, we propose the following measures:

- **Reserve Fund Development:**
Establish a contingency reserve equivalent to at least three months of operating costs (~GHS 30000.00) to safeguard ongoing activities.
- **Diversified Resource Mobilization:**
Deepen existing donor relationships while actively seeking new funding partnerships and grant opportunities to broaden our financial base.

Our Team and Governance

Core Team

Seth Kofi Abrokwa	Richmond Nii Acquaye	Ibrahim Todiib Gamba
Executive Director	Head of Operations	Programs Manager
Sarah Zupancic	Jennifer Saanuo Chongnuru	Jarne Krause
Marketing and Communication	Finance & Accounting officer	Marketing and Communication

Patron

Professor Kwabena Asomanin Anaman

Board of Directors

Dr. Jeffery Amissah	Dr. Kennedy Abrokwa	Dr. Edward Ohene Marfo
Kristian Volkers	Kweku Owusu Yeboah	Theophilus Quartey
Dr Gbensuglo Alidu Bukari	Ahene-Codjoe, Ama Asantewah	Owusu-Arko, Emmanuel
Dr. Natalie Abrokwa		

Moving Forward into 2025

As we reflect on the progress made in 2024, we are poised to take bold strides forward in 2025. Our primary focus will be to launch our Library and Literacy Activities, creating a vibrant learning environment where children and youth can cultivate a love for reading, improve their literacy skills, and unlock their potential. We will also establish our Information Technology (ICT) Center, providing critical digital skills training to equip young individuals for the opportunities.

Financial sustainability will be a key priority. We aim to build stronger financial reserves to support future growth, ensure operational resilience, and expand the reach and depth of our programs. In addition, we are proud to announce the introduction of our *Annual Female Empowerment Forums*, held in celebration of International Women's Day. These forums will bring together young women and leading female figures in Agona East to inspire leadership, empowerment, and gender equality.

As we move forward, we will deepen our community mobilization efforts to accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with particular focus on **SDG 4 (Quality Education)**, **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)**, and **SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth)**.

Acknowledgements

We extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible volunteers, whose time, energy, and commitment fueled our programs throughout 2024. Your dedication inspires us every day.

To our partners and donors, your generous support made the completion of the Youth Hub a reality. You believed in our vision and helped us turn it into a living, thriving space for youth empowerment.

Finally, we salute the Agona East community, especially the children and families who embraced our programs with enthusiasm and pride. Your support and trust drive everything we do.

Together, we are building *A Different Life* — one dream, one young life at a time.

Thank you for walking this journey with us.

