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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Defence for Children International-Ghana has been promoting and protecting the rights of children in Ghana for more than twenty years through various child protection programs and activities. In the year under review, DCI-Ghana implemented three main projects namely; the Girls Advocacy Alliance, Combating Child Trafficking and Safe and Protective Environment for Adolescent Development Project with funding from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through DCI-ECPAT, Netherlands, Agir Ensemble/FDH and UNICEF as donors respectively. The Girls Advocacy Alliance and Combating Child Trafficking projects were implemented in three districts in the Ashanti Region of Ghana namely; The Kumasi Metropolis, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi Municipality while the Safe and Protective Environment for Adolescent Development Project was also implemented in three districts in the Ashanti Region of Ghana namely; Bosome Freho, Adansi South and Amansie Central District. Key strategies used during project implementation involved linking & networking, Lobbying, advocacy, campaign and capacity support. Key activities for the year 2019 under Girls Advocacy Alliance and Combating Child Trafficking projects involved awareness raising, campaigns, capacity support for networking, life planning skills sessions and provision of socio legal protective services using the child protection and communication for development tool kits developed by the Department of Community Development/UNICEF. Key activities under Safe and Protective Environment for Adolescent Development Project (SPREAD) for the year 2019 involved Selection of Project communities; Identify and introduce the project to Key Stakeholders; Capacity Building for staff DCI-Ghana on the New adolescent toolkit; Identify and train community champions to support community-based adolescent clubs and to identify child/adolescent abuse and exploitation cases in their communities and refer them to Social welfare, DOVVSU, Ghana Health Service, Ghana Education Service, CHRAJ, and DCI-Ghana for redress; Form and Strengthen adolescent clubs for out of school children to sensitize adolescents on SRH in 25 communities; Stakeholder Advocacy meetings and lunching of the

SPREAD Project; Provide mentorship and skills training for out of school girls as peer educators; Conduct radio programs on local FM stations to sensitize the public and raise awareness on SRH and adolescent girls' empowerment; Distribution of IEC materials on SRH and adolescent empowerment in 25 communities; Provide socio-legal support to abused adolescent girls; Conduct Community outreach and education on SRH and adolescent girls' empowerment issues; Conduct baseline survey for the SPREAD project.

Some achievements in 2019 from the projects implemented included; strengthening of referral networks in Kumasi Metropolis and Obuasi municipalities; awareness raising to estimated 500,000 households; capacity building for some 50 government officials, 1952 children and 225 community leaders; lobbying and advocacy with 20 government officials and 40 CSOs socio-legal protective services to some 120 girls, boys and young women through mediation, referrals and counseling. Monitoring of the living conditions of 150 ex-trafficked children in Ghana. Twenty-Five (25) new communities have trained and functional champions to provide gender and age appropriate ASRH and protections services particularly to vulnerable adolescent girls in Bosome Freho, Amansie Central and Adansi South. The SPREAD project successfully launched in 25 communities in 3 selected districts – Bosome Freho, Amansie Central and Adansi South. One hundred and forty-nine (149) stakeholders participated in stakeholder advocacy meeting and pledged their support for the SPREAD project. Twenty-five (25) community-based adolescent clubs formed and strengthened in Bosome Freho, Adansi South and Amansie central districts. Three (3) of 4 identified socio - legal cases have been successfully managed in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare under the SPREAD Project. A baseline survey conducted in 25 communities in Bosome Freho, Amansie Central and Adansi South.

## **1.0 Introduction**

Defence for Children International (DCI) is an independent Non-Governmental Organization and a global movement for children's rights. It has been promoting and protecting children's rights on a global, regional, national and local level for over 34 years. Defence for Children International is represented through its national sections and associated members in some 35 countries worldwide, with an International Secretariat based in Geneva, Switzerland. Defence for Children International Ghana is the national section of DCI in Ghana.

DCI Ghana operates to defend the rights of the child by advocating for and disseminating policies that protect the rights of children, building the capacities of child protection institutions and structures at national, district and community levels as well as empowering children for their self-protection and overall development. DCI-Ghana aims at promoting and protecting the rights of children as enshrined in the UN Convention on the rights of the child and the Ghanaian laws that concern children, with the vision of having a Ghana where children's rights are fully known and respected by all. Considering this, DCI-Ghana's objectives are as follows:

- To influence the development, enforcement and implementation of policies that protect the rights of children
- To foster sustainable cooperation and solidarity with government, UN and other agencies on children's rights
- To sensitize the public on the rights of the child
- To highlight child rights violations at national and international level in order to promote accountability and access to justice for the victims
- To facilitate the rehabilitation and reintegration of children from prisons, child victims of abuse and other vulnerable children

The focal areas of operation include: Juvenile/Child Justice, Sexual Gender-Based Violence against Children, Child Trafficking and Gender equality.

In the year 2019, DCI-Ghana promoted and protected children rights, child justice, child protection, girls' adolescent sexual and reproductive health, prevented and responded to sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) concerns in the Ashanti Region through the implementation of the Girl Advocacy Alliance Project, Child Trafficking Project and Safe and Protective Environment for Adolescent Development Project (SPREAD).

## **2.0 Brief Details of the Projects Executed in 2019.**

### **2.1 Girls Advocacy Alliance Project (GAAP)**

The Girls Advocacy Alliance Project (GAAP) which began in 2016 continued in 2019 to end in 2020. DCI-Ghana, Ghana NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child (GNCRC) and Plan International Ghana are the Alliance partners implementing the project in Ghana with financial support from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Dutch Alliance partners comprising Defence for Children International/ECPAT Netherlands, Terres Des Hommes and Plan International. DCI-Ghana is implementing the project in 40 communities in Kumasi, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities in Ashanti region, Ghana.

### **2.2 Child Trafficking Project (CTP)**

DCI-Ghana continued the project on combating trafficked children in the Kumasi metropolis, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi with the financial support from Agir Ensemble and Foundation Pour Les Droits Humanins in 2019. The project was integrated into the on-going projects on Girls Advocacy Alliance. Some 150 ex-trafficked children benefited through sensitization, withdrawal and monitoring visits.

### **2.3 Safe and Protective Environment for Adolescent Development Project (SPREAD).**

DCI-Ghana started the implementation of SPREAD project in July 2019 and will end it on December 2020 since is a 9 months project with financial support from UNICEF. Other Strategic partners include Ghana Government, Global Affairs Canada (generously supporting this initiative through the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on Empowering Adolescent Girls on their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights - 2018-2020), and Ghanaians against Child Abuse. DCI-Ghana implemented the project in 25 communities in 3 districts in the Ashanti Region thus: 10 communities in Bosome Freho, 5 communities in Adansi South, and 10 communities in Amansie Central district. The Objective of the SPREAD project is to

1. Build the capacities of adolescent girls and boys (10-19 years) and communities (including its structures and duty bearers) to create an environment that supports child and adolescent protection; prevents and responds to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) concerns; promotes adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights .
2. Aims at addressing some of the key child protection and SGBV concerns linked to adolescent sexual and reproductive health dimensions including child commercial sexual exploitation and transactional sex involving adolescent girls.

The SPREAD Project is a Community-based intervention where DCI-Ghana worked with partners such as the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development, Ghana Health Service, DOVVSU and the District Coordinating team in:

- community-based engagement and skills building with adolescent girls and boys;
- engagement with family, community members and community leaders
- direct service provision
- girls' referrals to other service providers

DCI-Ghana engaged beneficiaries through the following to address socio-cultural norms, beliefs and practices that perpetuate child abuse and exploitation, sexual and gender-based violence and negative practices affecting adolescent health, wellbeing and development, particularly for adolescent girls.

- ❑ Used the Child protection community facilitation toolkit produced by UNICEF and GACA Campaign tools and materials produced by Ghana Government through its community outreach programs and radio programs.
- ❑ Used the concept of **community champions, adolescent peer educators** and **community-based adolescent clubs in the project implementation.**

Again, DCI-Ghana promoted and protected the rights of child victims and survivors of abuse and exploitation through its socio-legal defence centers and psychosocial counseling outreaches.

### 3.0 Summary of Activities and Achievements for 2019

Activities	Number of beneficiaries	Details
Direct interventions/assistance to children	600 abused children	Socio-legal protective services to children on cases of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- child marriage</li> <li>- child neglect</li> <li>- child maintenance</li> <li>- sexual Reproductive health</li> </ul>
Advocacy and lobbying	CSOs 40	Dialogue and lobbying meetings with CSO representatives on child protection
Advocacy and lobbying	69 government officials	Dialogue and lobbying meetings with government official’s representatives on child protection, GBV, child marriage and Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Rights.
Awareness-raising	Estimated 31,000 households	Public campaigns conducted through media and community outreach programs (radios, community information centres, and durbars) on GBV, ASRH, and child protection, support for child protection,.
Capacity-building	40 government officials 5,400 children and 100 community leaders	Training and sensitization programs for community leaders, children, government officials, traditional leaders and religious leaders on child marriage, sexual violence and Child , ASRH, girls empowerment



Research and monitoring	285 adolescents 9 community leaders 6 service providers ( thus: DOVVSU and DSW)	Conducted a baseline survey for the SPREAD project
<b>Thematic areas/Areas of intervention</b>	<b>How Implemented</b>	<b>Details</b>
Juvenile justice	Integral part of on-going projects	Motoring of juveniles in detention for socio-legal defence and representations
Violence against children	Integral part of on-going projects	Lobbied and advocated for effective implementation of laws on child protection as well as positive values and practices on child protection using the child protection community facilitation toolkit developed by UNICEF. Lobby meetings were organised by DCI-Ghana with key stakeholders such as Department of children, Department of Gender, social welfare and community development department, Traditional leaders, religious leaders, the MMDAs and DOVVSU to ensure that their roles in making the laws on child protection work are done and done well. Regional, District and community advocacy radio programs were organised from January to December 2019.

Children deprived of Liberty	Integral part of on-going projects	Legal defence and representations
Gender (Girls & Young Women)	Integral part of on-going projects	Lobbying and advocacy in favour of girls and women's rights
Child Participation	Integral part of on-going projects	Children mobilised, trained and supported to promote and protect their rights through child rights clubs, life planning skills sessions, campaign activities and dialogue meetings. For instance on June 2019, DCI-Ghana held focus group discussions with school and out of school children in Kumasi metropolis, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities to solicit children's views and experiences to be included in the amendment of the Children Act, Juvenile Justice Act and the Criminal Offences Act. (545) children between the ages of ten (10) and seventeen (17) participated in the discussions of which some were Members of the Child Right Clubs, girls and Youth Advocates, school children in the Junior High school and out of school children. DCI again supported 5 children from the Ashanti Region to participant in the National Children's parliament at Accra on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Child Trafficking / Exploitation / Slavery	Integral part of on-going projects	Identification, withdrawal and rehabilitation of children in trafficking and advocacy in favour of trafficked children. DCI-Ghana organized community sensitization program for 40 communities in Kumasi, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities on the negative effect of child trafficking in nation building. 40 community sensitisation radio programmes were organized in Kumasi, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities. Estimated 41,000 households benefited from the radio sensitization programmes
Child Labour	Integral part of on-going projects	<i>Awareness creation programs were organised on radio stations and in project communities to educate communities, parents, traditional leaders and religious leaders on the issues of child labour since most children are engaged in petty trading in Kumasi, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi.</i>
Sexual Reproductive Health and girls empowerment	Integral part of on-going projects	- <b><i>selection of Project communities identified and introduced the project to key stakeholders in 3 Districts</i></b> (Adansi south, Amansie Central and Bosome Freho)

		<p><b><i>organised capacity building training on the New adolescent toolkit for DCI-Ghana staff</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Identified and trained 75 community champions to</i></b> support community-based adolescent clubs and to identify child/adolescent abuse and exploitation cases in their communities and refer them to Social welfare, DOVVSU, Ghana Health Service, Ghana Education Service, CHRAJ, and DCI-Ghana for redress.</p> <p>Formed and strengthen adolescent clubs and sensitised adolescents on sexual reproductive health in 25 communities.</p> <p><b><i>Organised stakeholders Advocacy meeting to establish common</i></b> understanding and collective responsibility of the stakeholders for the success of the SPREAD project.</p>
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**PROGRAMMES / PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES**

<b>Programme / Project / Activity - Justice for Children</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Socio-legal defence for children in Ghana
<b>Main objective(s)</b>	To increase the understanding of the content of the Justice for children policy among CSOs and to join actions together to fight for the rights of Children
<b>Duration – please provide starting and finishing dates</b>	July 2016 – December 2020
<b>Partner organizations</b>	Defence for Children International, Ghana, Ghana NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child and Plan International Ghana
<b>Donors</b>	DCI-Ghana
<b>Geographical scope</b> <i>[national, (sub-) regional, international]</i>	Sub-national
<b>Thematic focus</b>	Child Justice
<b>Key activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of CSOs and Government officials on the Justice for Children Policy</li> </ul> <p>Lobby meetings with government and CSO decision makers</p>

<p><b>Impact/Achievements/Number of beneficiaries</b> – <i>(if no exact numbers, please provide estimates)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The network of CSOs and government was strengthened through the capacity support in Kumasi metropolis, Asokore Mampong municipality and Obuasi municipality</li> <li>• This was to also help strengthen networks dialogues between CSOs and government partners in child protection</li> <li>• 40 Government officials</li> <li>• 20 CSOs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Programme / Project / Activity</b> - <i>Please specify the topic</i> <b>Child Trafficking</b></p>	
<p><b>Title</b></p>	<p>Combating Child trafficking in Kumasi metropolis, Asokore Mampong municipality and Obuasi Municipality in Ghana</p>
<p><b>Main objective(s)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To withdraw 50 new children in trafficking in the Kumasi, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities for one year.</li> <li>2. To monitor the conditions of at least 100 ex-trafficked children in the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly, Asokore Mampong municipal Assembly and Obuasi Municipal Assembly for one year</li> <li>3. To advocate for the promotion and protection of the rights of trafficked children in the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly, Asokore Mampong Municipal Assembly and Obuasi Municipal Assembly for one year</li> </ol>

<b>Duration</b> – <i>please provide starting and finishing dates</i>	November 2018 – October 2019
<b>Partner organizations</b>	Department of children, Department of Gender, Ghana Police Service, District Assemblies
<b>Donors</b>	Agir Ensemble and Foundation for Human Rights
<b>Geographical scope</b> [ <i>national, (sub-) regional, international</i> ]	Sub-national
<b>Thematic focus</b>	Child trafficking
<b>Key activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ sensitization of the communities and the public on child trafficking</li> <li>✓ Follow-ups visits to monitor the situations of the withdrawn ex- trafficked children to ensure the children are enrolled in schools and others in vocational training as a means of reintegrating them back into the society</li> <li>✓ Withdrawal of Trafficked Children</li> <li>✓ Advocacy actions</li> <li>✓ Integration of the project into existing projects</li> </ul>

<p><b>Impact/Achievements/Number of beneficiaries – (if no exact numbers, please provide estimates)</b></p>	<p><b>Public sensitization:</b></p> <p>DCI-Ghana organized a sensitization program for 40 communities in Kumasi, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities on the negative effect of child trafficking in nation building. A total of 70 community radio programmes were organized in Kumasi, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities. An estimated number of thirty-one thousand (41,000) households benefited from the radio sensitization programmes.</p> <p><b>Follow ups to monitor the situation of the ex-trafficked children:</b> A total of 150 cases were followed up in Kumasi, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi.</p> <p><b>Repatriation of Trafficked Children within Ghana:</b> 20 identified trafficked children at Kumasi and Asokore Mampong municipalities were repatriated to their home towns.</p> <p><b>Integration of the project into existing projects:</b></p> <p>Child trafficking project was incorporated into existing projects of DCI-Ghana. Child trafficking project activities were executed alongside the Girls Advocacy Alliance project which is currently on-going.</p>
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<b>Programme / Project / Activity - Please specify the topic SPREAD Project</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Safe Protective Environment for Adolescent Development (SPREAD)
<b>Main objective(s)</b>	To create an environment that promotes girls' adolescent sexual and reproductive health, supports child protection, and prevents and responds to sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) concerns in the Ashanti Region.
<b>Duration – please provide starting and finishing dates</b>	July 2019 – December 2020
<b>Partner organizations</b>	DCI-Ghana, Department of Social Welfare and Community Development and the District Coordinating team
<b>Donors</b>	UNICEF
<b>Geographical scope [national, (sub-) regional, international]</b>	Sub-national
<b>Thematic focus</b>	Girls' and communities' empowerment on adolescent protection and sexual and reproductive health and rights

**Key activities**

- Project launch and inception in 25 communities
- Form adolescent clubs in the communities to sensitize adolescents on SRH in all 25 communities (Strengthen existing clubs, where available)
- Provide mentorship and skills training for community-based girls as peer educators (5 girls per community;  $5 \times 25 = 125$ )
- Conduct Community outreach and education on SRH and adolescent girls empowerment issues
- Distribute IEC materials on SRH and adolescent empowerment in 25 communities
- Provide psycho-social support to abused or pregnant adolescent girls (1 counselling sessions per community per quarter)
- Support health facilities to provide medical support to adolescent girls
- Identify and train community champions to receive and address cases of adolescent abuse and exploitation and provide counselling
- Provide socio-legal support to abused adolescent girls
- Conduct baseline (25 days fieldwork, data analysis and reporting for baseline)

<p><b>Impact/Achievements/Number of beneficiaries – (if no exact numbers, please provide estimates)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is increasing sensitization and support for the adolescent girls on their SRH and empowerment by key stakeholders on child protection including Department of Social Welfare and Community Development, DOVVSU/Ghana Police Service, Ghana Education Service and Ghana Health Service as well as community members in the project Districts (Adansi South, Bosome Freho and Amansie central) in the implementation of the SPREAD project. During the stakeholders meeting on the SPREAD project, all the 3 District Assemblies of the Adansi South, Amansie Central and Bosome Freho pledged to include Child protection programs in their 2020 Annual plan and budget to help reduce Teenage Pregnancy and other child/adolescent protection issues in the district.</li> <li>• Adolescent girls have shown interest and commitment to exercise their agency on sexual reproductive health and protection issues in the communities in the 3 project districts.</li> <li>• Duty bearers (parents, caregivers, traditional and community leaders, service providers) are accepting to receive information and to develop skills on adolescent development, ASRH, gender and GBV to support adolescent girls make informed choices and be better protected in the 3 project districts.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities have strengthened structures to provide gender and age appropriate ASRH and protections services particularly to vulnerable adolescent girls in the 3 project districts.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twenty-Five (25) communities have trained and functional champions to provide gender and age appropriate ASRH and protections services particularly to vulnerable adolescent girls in the 3 project districts.</li> <li>• The SPREAD project successfully launched in 25 communities in the 3 selected districts – Bosome Freho, Amansie Central and Adansi South</li> <li>• One hundred and forty-nine (149) stakeholders participated in stakeholder advocacy meeting and pledged their support for the project</li> <li>• Twenty-five (25) community-based adolescent clubs formed and strengthened in Bosome Freho, Adansi South and Amansie central districts.</li> <li>• Three (3) of 4 identified socio -legal cases have been successfully managed in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare. One defilement case is still under investigation</li> <li>• Data collection for baseline survey conducted in the 25 communities in the 3 districts. Data entry and analysis completed, and production of report is in progress</li> </ul>

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**3.2.8 Capacity building for staff:** In the Month of September 2019, all DCI-Ghana staff participated in 5 UNICEF online courses which were Prevention against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), Prevention against Sexual Harassment and Abuse of Authority (PSHAA), Ethics & Integrity at UNICEF, Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT) and BSAFE. On 7<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Two DCI-staff participated in a training of trainers' workshop on the New Adolescence toolkit at Anita Hotel-Ejisu. The training was organized by the Office of the Head of Local Government Service ( OHLGS) in conjunction with the Department of Community Development and UNICEF. Again on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019, three DCI-Ghana Staff participated in a training on the Harmonized Approach to cash Transfer which was organized by UNICEF at Anita Hotel-Ejisu.

**3.2.9. Technical Support:** DCI-Ghana continued to enjoy technical support from Defence for Children International/ECPAT (DCIECPAT) and UNICEF in the project implementation through regular communication, progress reporting, monitoring visits and capacity sessions. This enhanced the capacity of the organization in project implementation, assessment, learning and linking on project outcomes

### **3.3 Advocacy, Linking and Networking**

#### **3.3.1 Strengthening CSO Networks:**

DCI-Ghana organised and participated in the regional and national network meetings of CSOs to build linkages between Human Rights advocacy CSOs and NGOs to network and to facilitate debate and joint policy making with decision-makers (linking) on the follow up actions for the UPR recommendations. The meetings also fostered collaboration between the government and CSOs on the implementation of the UPR recommendations in Ghana. For instance, series of networking and campaign meetings were held between NGOS/CSOs and the government ministries and parliamentarians to push for the passage of the Rights to Information Bill which was stuck at the parliament for close to two decades. The RTI was particularly important for CSOs to obtain the relevant information to hold the government accountable on issues including the SGDs and child protection in the country.

**The effect of the meeting is that** Parliament has finally passed the RTI Bill into law and signed by the President in May 2019. Government is therefore working on the budget for the effective implementation of the law

Source: <https://citinewsroom.com/2019/03/parliament-finally-passes-rti-bill/>

#### **3.3.2 Strengthening of Local Child Protection Teams (LCPTs):**

During the reporting period, DCI-Ghana organised series of dialogue meetings with community, religious and traditional leaders within Kumasi and Obuasi to ensure that measures are put in place by these stakeholders to eliminate or stop child marriage, GBV and commercial exploitation in their communities. The dialogue meetings involved the champions of change and the youth advocates to lobby the key leaders to support the transformation of social norms in favour of girls and young women in their communities. Among the targeted key leaders reached with the lobbying actions are chiefs, queen mothers, unit committee members, Christian pastors and Islamic Imams. Key issues and social norms affecting girls and young women in the communities were highlighted to the key leaders and after which discussion on how they could help denounce the practices and lead in the campaign of transforming the social norms in the communities ensued. The targeted

key leaders pledged their support for GAA objectives and actively participated in the public campaigns as well as processes of social norm transformation. This was very important because, as custodians and duty bearers, the active participation of the key leaders in the transformation of the community and social norms is imperative.

Traditional leaders are putting Actions in place to eliminate or stop child marriage, GBV and commercial sexual exploitation in their communities. Example, a traditional leader and a Champion of change, Nana Owusu Akyaw who is the chairman of all sub chiefs in Obuasi included the issue of child marriage, GBV and commercial exploitation in one of the sub chiefs meetings and sensitised other chiefs to also become agents of change to their communities. During the meeting he also encouraged chiefs to form child protection committees in their communities to handle issues of child marriage, GBV and commercial exploitation and this agenda was accepted by the sub-chiefs within the jurisdiction of Nana Owusu Akyaw. DCI-Ghana is following up to ensuring the process of strengthening the community child protection teams formed in the concerned communities. Nana Owusu Akyaw was part of the traditional leaders who issued communiqué on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at M Plaza hotel in Accra and called on Government, MMDAs, Colleague Traditional Authorities, Religious Leaders, Media, parents, care Givers and all relevant stakeholders to help create an enabling environment for the general protection of women and children in Ghana –

Source: <https://www.atinkaonline.com/fm/abolish-all-forms-of-negative-practices-group-to-traditionalreligious-leaders/>

### **3.4 Child Protection and Child Justice**

**3.4.1 Socio-Legal Protective Services:** Social-legal assistance were provided to 500 persons, of which 315 were girls and young women representing 63% and 185 boys, representing 37% in the Kumasi metropolis, Asokore Mampong municipality and Obuasi Municipality. This was achieved through the two (2) socio-legal defence centers for children in Kumasi and Obuasi. The nature of violence cases reported included child maintenance, child marriage, defilement, rape, indecent assault, child neglect, child labor, child trafficking, murder, fighting, truancy, stealing, among others. Services provided to the victims/survivors were counseling, mediation, referrals, medical treatment, tracing of families, withdrawals and monitoring.

**3.4.2 Withdrawal of Trafficked Children:** fifty (50) child victims between the ages of 7 and 17 years, were identified through outreaches to areas prone to trafficking by field staff as well as information received from Community Child Protection Committee members and the public. Victims identified were from the three northern regions of Ghana, part of Brong Ahafo and Central Region. Families of these victims were traced and the victims were reintegrated into society through formal education, vocational training and reuniting with their families. Some of the ex-trafficked victims are still with their employers who have enrolled them in schools and vocational training to advance their living conditions. Field staffs frequently monitor these children who are living with their guardians to ensure that they are not exploited again.

**3.4.3 Follow Ups on ex-trafficking:** Follow-ups were made to monitor the situations one hundred and fifty (150) ex-trafficked children withdrawn from 2013 to 2019 project periods. The field staff and the social workers conducted several follows - up activities, by visiting the ex-trafficked children in their various communities or camps, to monitor their living conditions and to ensure that their rights are being protected. During the visits, it was identified by field staff that the ex-trafficked children are either enrolled in school and vocations of their choice and others living with their parents. Families and guardians were provided with education and social counseling on the rights of children and protection against violence and discussed



their welfare issues with them. The project staff interacted with the families to examine the living conditions of the re-integrated children it was comprehended during the various discussions that though most families are financially unsound but they are putting in their best to seek for the survival and the development of the children.

**3.4.4 Strengthening Child Protection Committees & Networks:** The organization continued to participate in the district, regional and national networks, committees and consultative groups to strengthen child protection systems in Ghana. DCI-Ghana also supported Regional Child protection committee members and Obuasi Child protection committee on their work plans through provision of logistics in a form of transportation to execute their work plans.

**3.4.5 International Advocacy:** DCI-Ghana participated in the international advocacy through collaboration with the international Secretariat of Defence for Children International, and the Girls Advocacy Alliance Partners, Ghana NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child and Plan International Ghana. Joint submission on sexual violence, child abuse, child marriage, commercial sexual exploitation of children and economic empowerment of girls and young women were submitted for the Universal Periodic Review by the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva. DCI-Ghana and its Girls Advocacy Alliance partners are following up on the outcomes of the review for national advocacy in favour of girls and young women.

#### **4.0 Special Event**

#### **4.1.1 FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS HELD TO SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF CHILDREN ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE CHILDREN ACT, JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT AND THE CRIMINAL OFFENCES ACT.**

##### **Introduction**

“No person shall deprive a child capable of forming views the right to express an opinion, to be listened to and to participate in decisions which affect his well-being, the opinion of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the Child”, The Children’s Act 1998 (Act 560). The well-being and protection of children are ensured by these Acts, Children Act, Juvenile Justice Act and the Criminal Offences Act and others. Since these Acts are under amendment, Children views are to be considered in the amendment of these Acts since they are protecting the Children.

As part of the effort for children’s view to be considered in the amendment of the Children Act, Juvenile Justice Act and the Criminal Offences Act, DCI-Ghana organized focus group discussions for children to solicit their views and experiences on issues, Laws and things they will like to be included or amended in these Laws.

This report covers discussions held with Five hundred and forty-five (545) in and out of school children at Kumasi metropolis, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities.

##### **Focus Group Discussions**

Five hundred and forty-five (545) children participated in the focus group discussions. These discussions were meant to solicit the views of children to be included to be included or amended in the amendment of the Children Act 1998, (ACT 560) Juvenile Justice Act, 2003 (ACT 653), and the Criminal Offences Act . These children between the ages of ten (10) and seventeen (17) were selected from Kumasi Metropolis (Tafo), Asokore Mampong Municipality (New Zongo), Obuasi (Antobuasi, Ahansoyewodia, Estate) communities. Out of school children were selected randomly at lorry parks, markets and recreational centers, whilst the school children were selected from the Child Right Clubs existing in the schools

Within the five mentioned communities. Out of every 10 children whose views were solicited, 6 were females whilst the remaining 4 were males. This was because the female population

was higher than the male population in the selected areas. DCI-Ghana staff facilitated the discussions and took notes on the views and experiences expressed by the children. Consent was sought from the families of children whose families could immediately be traced, Headmaster, Teachers and focal persons of children of the child rights clubs, friends in the case of the out of school children in the streets whose families could not immediately be traced and the Children themselves. Efforts were made to present the views and experiences expressed by the children without focusing on how they expressed the views and experiences.

### **Views and Experiences on the amendment of the Children Act 1998 (ACT 560), Juvenile Justice Act 2003 (ACT 653), and The Criminal Offences Act**

Some of the views and experiences of the children in their schools, homes and communities are presented in this section.

“My mother doesn’t allow me to go to school but rather makes me sell ice water and when am late coming home after selling she abuse me physically and verbally” (Girl age 12, Antobuasi)

“My Mother makes me to sell cola nut and snuff after school and late in the night around 10pm to 11pm,” (Girl age 14, Ahansoyewodia)

“In my community, there is a girl who is not 18 years but catering for herself due to lose of parents and has engage in commercial sex” (Girl age 15, Ahansoyewodia)

“I have a friend in my community; her mother has been using her to do commercial prostitution for the name of taking care for the family” (Girl age 16, Antobuasi)

“My father was not taking care of me and because of that I engage myself in illegal mining (Galamsey) to feed myself but I was arrested by policy and put in an adult cell” (Boy age 16, Estate)

Source: <https://www.tntnewspaper.com/2019/06/26/children-want-38-amendments-in-juvenile-justice-act-2003/>

## **5.0 Conclusion**

In the year 2020, DCI-Ghana will participate in the scheduled mid-term evaluation of the Girls Advocacy Alliance Project to assess its effectiveness and needed improvements in the strategies. Lobbying and advocacy campaigns targeting the government, community leaders and CSOs would be intensified. Organizational capacity development and institutional strengthening will also feature prominently in 2020.

**MSC Title of Story: No more going for money from boyfriend to buy pad.**

**Domain: Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights**

**District: Amansie Central**

**Community: Adinkra Community**

My name is Aba (**pseudonym**). I am 13 years old. I am a shy girl and do not like to discuss any personal issue with my parents, so when I had my first menstruation. I went to see a friend and told her I had just experience my first menses but didn't have money to buy pad, and I also don't know how to manage it, she gave me a pad and added she was going to get me a boyfriend who can be buying me pad. The second time I had my menses again, she went to the boy and collected money to buy the pad for me, but I told her I wasn't interested in the boy and do not want to be his girlfriend because most of the girls who end up with teenage pregnancy is as a result of this. The boys will buy them pad for say twice and the next time he says he is not doing it for free and that you have to sleep with him. If you are not lucky, you will end up getting pregnant, which can lead to school drop-out, teenage pregnancy and even child marriage. God being so wonderful, just around that time, DCI-Ghana came into our community and form adolescent girls club of which I joined the club.

During our club meetings they taught us how to use pad when we are in our menstrual period. They also educated us on sexual reproductive health and Rights. They advised us that adolescents go through a lot of challenges in life and so we need to have courage and trust in our parents to tell them our problems.

After our club meeting, I had the courage to inform our club patron, Hon. Alberta Serwah Nsiah about my situation. She was very nice to me and escorted me home to inform my parent about my current situation. She advised my mother to always discuss issues of sexual reproductive health with me. She then advised my mother to always provide me with pad every month.

I now have confidence to discuss my menstrual issues with my mother. Last month my mother bought me a pad to use and I now discuss my personal issues with my mother. I have stopped seeking advice from friends. I am glad I have learnt so much about my rights and how to take good care of myself. I don't need to go for a boyfriend again to get a pad during my menstrual period.

I now advise my friends to also join the adolescent club in our community.

I thank DCI-Ghana for introducing this adolescent club in Adinkra Community.

**MSC Title of Story: I can still go back to school.**

**Domain: Teenage pregnancy**

**District: Adansi South**

**Community: Sobriso Community**

My name is Bee (**pseudonym**). I am 16 years of age. Things are little tough for my parents. I was advised my class mate to go for boyfriend so he can provide me with money. I had Maxwell Ofori who was a galamsey worker in our community as my boyfriend. He provided me with things of which my parent knew nothing about it.

He one day invited me to his house and we had sex. Since that time we had sexual relationship which has ended me with pregnancy. I went to his house with my parents to inform him about my pregnancy. Unfortunately for me he has left the community since the Galamsey has gone down. I have now stopped schooling. I was in JHS 1.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 I was in my house and Madam Janet Boabeng gave to our house and introduced herself as DCI-Ghana Champion of change in their community. She asked my name and promised me she will come and see my parents. She came back to meet my father. She told my father she will inform DCI-Ghana staff of which they can help me with my situation.

I was there one day when 3 men and 1 woman together with Madam Janet Boabeng came to our house. One of the men introduced himself as a social welfare officer and the other 2 introduced themselves as DCI-Ghana Staffs. The other woman said she was the girl child education officer in our district. They met my parent and discussed my current situation with them.

They advised me a lot and also advised my parents to take good care of me. They introduced me to a nurse in our community CHPs compound and told me to always go the healthy facility for maternal care. They also advised me I can go back to school even with my pregnancy and that they will go and tell my head teacher to accept me back.

They encourage me to join the adolescent club in our community. Madam Janet Boabeng was assigned to always check up on me.

I am very happy to have all these people at my aid that this time of the situation.

I now have the courage to go back to school since I have the support of all these people.

It is not easy for pregnant girls to go back to school in this community but with this entire people at my back. I can now go back to school.

I Thank DCI-Ghana for bring SPREAD project to Sobriso community.



**SOME SELECTED PICTURES OF 2019 ACTIVITIES**



Celebration of the international day of the girl child at Kumasi which was chaired by traditional leaders' celebration.



Figure 3 & 4: Girls and boys advocated against Child marriage, GBV and commercial sexual exploitation during 16 days of activism against Gender-based violence



DCI-Ghana organized focus group discussions with school children in Kumasi metropolis, Asokore Mampong and Obuasi municipalities to solicit children's views and experiences to be included in the amendment of the Children Act, Juvenile Justice Act and the Criminal Offences Act.





DCI-Ghana sensitized Child Right Club members on the effect of teenage pregnancy and child marriage on their education with the aid of UNICEF Child protection facilitation tool kit.



DCI-Ghana Organised regional workshop training for Champions of Change in Kumasi



Champion of change sensitized girls to advocate against GBV, Early marriage and Commercial sexual exploitation during the international day of the girl child celebration in Obuasi



Youth advocates and champion of change were supported by DCI-Ghana to advocate against the use of children as bus conductors in Obuasi municipality.





Champion of change & Traditional leaders lobbied Obuasi Municipality Assembly and Obuasi East District Assembly to include in their 2020 Annual plan and budget child protection programs to eliminate Child marriage, GBV, Commercial sexual exploitation and Economic exclusion.



Figure 19 & 20: Youth Advocates and Child right club members released a press conference on the children's voice on the amendment of the Children Act, Juvenile Justice Act and the Criminal Offences Act.



DCI-Ghana trained Obuasi east District Assembly Social welfare and community development staffs on how to use UNICEF Child protection community facilitation toolkit to enable them to use the toolkit to start implementing child protection programs in their district





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ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2019

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**DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL – GHANA**  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**OFFICIALS**

PRESIDENT	Nana Akomanyi Essandoh V
VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs. Stella Owusu Boatemaa
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	George Oppong Appiagyei Ampong
TREASURER	Mrs. Mary Atwenewaa Duah
ORGANIZER	Timothy Yaw Boakye
CHILD PARTICIPATION OFFICER	Isaac Osei Agyemang

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**DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL – GHANA SECTION**  
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**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Executive Council has pleasure in presenting to you this report with the audited financial statements of the operations of Defence for Children International (DCI) – Ghana for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The members of the executive council are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for each project financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Defence for Children International – Ghana and of the surplus/deficit for the period. In preparing these financial statements, the council selected proper accounting policies and then applied them, made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and followed Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The council members are responsible for ensuring that the DCI (GHANA) keeps proper accounting records that show with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organization. The council members are also responsible for safeguarding of the assets of organization and taking steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The DCI (GHANA) is a non-governmental organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of the rights of the child. DCI (GHANA) believes that every child has socio-cultural, political and economic rights which must be respected, protected and promoted to ensure proper growth and development of the child.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The result achieved for the year is stated on page 5.

**BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

President.....

20/03/.....2020

Executive Director.....

20/03/.....2020



**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF  
DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL – GHANA**

**Opinion**

The summary financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2019, statement of comprehensive income for the year ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements for Defence for Children International – Ghana Section for the year ended December 31, 2019.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with the basis of preparation of the notes to the summary financial statements.

**Summary financial statements**

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by international Financial Reporting Standards and the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992). Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

**The audited financial statements and our report thereon**

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report. That report also includes the communication of other key matters. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period.

**Executive Councils' Responsibility for the financial statements**

The organisation's Executive Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Companies Act of Ghana 2019, (Act 992) and for such internal controls as the members of the Executive Council determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagement to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

### **Report of Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

The Ghana Companies Code, 2019 (Act 992) requires that in carrying out our audit we consider and report on the following matters. We confirm that;

- i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- ii) In our opinion proper books of accounts have been kept by the organization, so far as appears from our examination of those books; and
- iii) The Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account of the organization are in agreement with the books of account.



KAN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (ICAG/F/2019/332)  
SIGNED BY: Kwabena Anim Nyanteh (ICAG/P/1494)

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2020

**Defence For Children International - Ghana**  
**Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2019**

**Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure**

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>Note</u>	GH¢	GH¢
Income	2	<u>1,043,550.93</u>	<u>420,102.65</u>
<b>DEDUCT:</b>			
Programme Expenditure	3	614,939.04	239,765.34
Administrative Expenses	4	<u>348,889.58</u>	<u>150,495.98</u>
		<u>963,828.62</u>	<u>390,261.32</u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMMULATED FUND		<u><u>79,722.31</u></u>	<u><u>29,841.33</u></u>
<b>ACCUMMULATED FUND</b>			
		GH¢	GH¢
Balance at 1st January		48,672.65	18,831.32
Transfer from Income Statement		<u>79,722.31</u>	<u>29,841.33</u>
Balance at 31st December		<u><u>128,394.96</u></u>	<u><u>48,672.65</u></u>

The notes on pages 7 - 10 forms an integral part of the financial statements.




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**Statement of Financial Position**

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>NON - CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>Note</u>	GH¢	GH¢
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>
 <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Accounts Receivable		-	29,632.20
Cash & Bank Balances	6	<u>191,582.66</u>	<u>29,038.45</u>
		<u>191,582.66</u>	<u>58,670.65</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>191,584.66</u></b>	<b><u>58,672.65</u></b>
 <u>EQUITY &amp; LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Accummulated Fund		<u>128,394.96</u>	<u>48,672.65</u>
 <u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	7	<u>63,189.70</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY &amp; LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>191,584.66</u></b>	<b><u>58,672.65</u></b>


PRESIDENT

DATE:

  
 20/08/20

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE:

  
 20/08/20

The notes on pages 7 - 10 forms an integral part of the financial statements.

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**Cash Flow Statement**

<u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u>	GH¢	GH¢
Surplus For the year		79,722.31
Depreciation		<u>-</u>
		79,722.31
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable	29,632.20	
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	<u>53,189.70</u>	
		<u>82,821.90</u>
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		162,544.21
 <u>Investing Activities</u>		
Purchase of Fixed Assets		<u>-</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		<u><b>162,544.21</b></u>
 <u>Analysis of Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</u>		
Cash & Bank Balance at 1/1/19		29,038.45
Net Cash		<u>162,544.21</u>
Cash & Bank Balance at 31/12/19		<u><b>191,582.66</b></u>



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**Notes To The Accounts**

NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following Accounting Policies have been adopted by the NGO:

(a) Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on accrual basis in accordance with the Ghana Accounting Standards and the companies Code, 2019(Act 992).

(c) Depreciation

Depreciation and amortization are computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the asset.

The following rates have been used:

Motor Vehicle	20%
Furniture & Fittings	10%
Office Equipment	10%

(d) Foreign Currency Translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Money assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the statement of comprehensive income.

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Notes To The Accounts - Cont'd

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
NOTE 2: <u>INCOME</u>	GH¢	GH¢
Funds Received from Donors	1,041,366.93	419,317.65
Donations Received	1,409.00	-
Dues from members	<u>775.00</u>	<u>785.00</u>
	<u><u>1,043,550.93</u></u>	<u><u>420,102.65</u></u>

	GH¢	GH¢
NOTE 3: <u>PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE</u>		
Socio - Legal Services	51,170.00	-
Research, Lobbying & Advocacy	432,475.11	184,634.34
Monitoring & Evaluation	<u>131,293.93</u>	<u>55,131.00</u>
	<u><u>614,939.04</u></u>	<u><u>239,765.34</u></u>

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**Notes To The Accounts - Cont'd**

NOTE 4: <u>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</u>	<u>2019</u> GH¢	<u>2018</u> GH¢
Personnel Emoluments	160,340.89	87,824.00
SSNIT - Employers Contribution	10,637.57	10,776.00
Consultancy Fee	71,758.07	-
Repairs & Maintenance	12,048.00	6,971.00
Rent	23,400.00	14,400.00
Telephone & Internet	11,289.00	4,573.00
Electricity & Water	9,413.00	8,182.00
Cleaning & Sanitation	825.00	-
Office Expenses	1,640.00	-
Printing & stationery	14,714.00	7,339.00
Auditors Fees	16,445.70	5,000.00
Audit Expenses	14,000.00	5,000.00
General Assembly Expenses	200.00	-
Bank Charges	2,178.35	430.98
Depreciation	-	-
	<u>348,889.58</u>	<u>150,495.98</u>

NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

<u>COST</u>	<u>MOTOR</u> <u>VEHICLE/BIKE</u> GH¢	<u>FURNITURE</u> <u>&amp; FITTINGS</u> GH¢	<u>OFFICE</u> <u>EQUIP.</u> GH¢	<u>TOTAL</u> GH¢
Balance at 1/1/19	36,088.84	6,482.80	15,093.30	57,664.94
Additions	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31/12/19	<u>36,088.84</u>	<u>6,482.80</u>	<u>15,093.30</u>	<u>57,664.94</u>
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>				
Balance at 1/1/19	36,087.84	6,482.80	15,092.30	57,662.94
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31/12/19	<u>36,087.84</u>	<u>6,482.80</u>	<u>15,092.30</u>	<u>57,662.94</u>
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>				
At 31/12/19	<u>1.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>
At 31/12/18	<u>1.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>

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**Notes To The Accounts - Cont'd**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
NOTE 6: <u>CASH AND BANK BALANCES</u>	GH¢	GH¢
Zenith Bank (Ghana) Limited - EURO Account	147,757.98	24,907.45
Zenith Bank (Ghana) Limited - Cedi Account	41,840.68	3,871.00
Cash in Hand	<u>1,724.00</u>	<u>260.00</u>
	<u><b>191,322.66</b></u>	<u><b>29,038.45</b></u>
NOTE 7: <u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>	GH¢	GH¢
Creditors	32,744.00	-
Accrued Audit Fees & Expenses	<u>30,445.70</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
	<u><b>63,189.70</b></u>	<u><b>10,000.00</b></u>