

How Support from STAR-Ghana has contributed to the development of WAAF and the communities we work in.

HEALTH PROJECT

WAAF WEST AFRICA AIDS FOUNDATION

STAR-Ghana International Technical Assistance and Organizational Development

Strengthening HIV Programming among the Key Populations using ICT and improving quality of Treatment & Care for the key Population, through effective Management.

NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION

- * Building Capacity for health workers on the reduction Stigma and discrimination against key Populations & providing quality Treatment Service.
- * Effective HIV referral System establishment.
- * Building Capacity for Key Populations using ICT



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OIL & GAS PROJECT

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SOCIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS OF HIV IN THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY IN GHANA

WESTERN REGION

SEKONDI TAKORADI MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY, AHANTA WEST, ELEMELLE.

TERMATIC AREAS:

- * IN - SCHOOL EDUCATION
- * PEER EDUCATOR PROGRAM
- * KEY POPULATIONS
- * OUT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
- * TESTING & COUNSELLING



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As the Executive Director of the West Africa AIDS Foundation, It is with great pleasure that I put these words down as I reflect on the wonderful experience WAAF has shared with STAR-Ghana for the past 2 years.

As an NGO working in this part of the world where you literally are on your own to ensure you are able to keep your doors open, it can be very challenging. This many a time leads to organizations focusing solely on looking for funds, trying their hands on every proposal opportunity and hardly sitting back to think if one truly has the capacity to indeed do the job. Have we ever sat back to assess our own organization? Do we know our strengths and weaknesses? How are we doing in terms of involving beneficiaries in the work we claim to be doing on their behalf? How are we doing in terms of ensuring effectiveness and efficiency in the projects we are implementing and how are we doing with documentation, the only proof that we are indeed working? These may all seem ordinary things and not all that important but the enormous growth WAAF has experienced just by ensuring that such things are in place and adhered to, are certainly proof of how important these are and we certainly cannot express our gratitude to STAR-Ghana for helping us improve in these areas.

Not just a donor providing adequate funds for a project to be implemented and then quietly waiting to get reports, give some feedback and come on a quick monitoring visit but one that was literally involved from the back stage in ensuring that its grant partners indeed executed the project well, STAR-Ghana continued to provide technical assistance and capacity building to ensure that WAAF will do a great job during their funded project implementation and better still be able to handle other such projects later on, in the same capacity, on its own.

Worthwhile mentioning also is STAR-Ghana's effort in assisting it's implementing partners in creating linkages with other Grant Partners/NGO's, provision of sessions between Parliamentary subcommittees and NGO's which have all led to WAAF being able to bring pertinent issues to duty bears and collectively fight for change.

WAAF as an organization has stepped up to the next level. From expressing the desire for analysis of data from past projects to see if things are working and how they can be improved, is truly reflective of the main differences between a great NGO and a decent one-ongoing reflection and improvement. Not simply spewing the numbers and generating the graphs to please donors, but to truly absorb the statistics, attach faces to the numbers and always feel the uphill battle, WAAF owes this to STAR-Ghana. With the confidence now existing in putting a project proposal together, using a results based monitoring and evaluation framework, ensuring to involve beneficiaries and stakeholders at all stages of the process, WAAF truly feels we have moved to the next level and the increased recognition from beneficiaries, stakeholders, member NGO's, developmental partners and more over the past few months is evidence of that.

WAAF therefore takes this opportunity to thank STAR-Ghana sincerely for this opportunity and looks forward to working together again in the future.