



Annual Report 2008 & Actual Situation 2009 Change4Africa Foundation

Change4Africa replaced former ICT3o/ICTvoorAfrika in May 2007, by installing a new board and revitalizing its structure and programs, and building on main activities in Ghana West Africa. This update of the track record describes briefly Change4Africa's objectives, strategies, programs and achievements.

The weave process as metaphor for change.

Respect for the African culture and African countries' own policy for socio-economic development, *the warp threads*, are a pre-condition for partnership in development, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life for all.

The woof threads, like integration of ICT in education, more equal participation in governance and stimulating qualitative entrepreneurship, are the change that **Change4Africa Foundation** would like to bring.



Mission

Change4Africa Foundation in The Netherlands is a NGO focusing on poverty reduction through capacity building in Education, Governance and Entrepreneurship in Africa. Change4Africa is an organization without pursuit of profit. For the realizations of the Programs Change4Africa is dependent on donations, gifts or sponsoring.

Vision	Projects reflect vision
<p>Using <i>ICT as a tool in Education</i> will bring more broad-based and equal learning for all pupils, teachers, managers and scholars, improve the quality of education and strengthen the social pallet of society.</p>	<p>The EQIP (Education Quality Improvement Programme) is a participative effort to improve education by using ICT and involving several parties concerned.</p>
<p>'<i>Good</i>' <i>Governance</i> is two way street and should enable equal participation based on respect and mutual interest on local and national level. This governance should bring demand based services and strengthen social and civic responsibilities on either side of the desk or counter.</p>	<p>The Citizen Oriented Local Government Programme will introduce a more level playing field between citizen and government as well as more effective local government through a front desk – back office structure.</p>
<p><i>Improving the quality of Entrepreneurship</i> at the local level, in particular in the ICT sub-sector of Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) will allow more freedom in economic development and have a direct effect on poverty alleviation.</p>	<p>A Programme creating a pool of Technical Service Providers (TSP) will enhance the performance of the emerging ICT sub-sector.</p>

Strategy

The strategy of Change4Africa is twofold concentrating on a knowledge centre and a programme platform. This means on one hand mobilizing people, companies, institutions, which have specific knowledge in the fields of education, governance and entrepreneurship into a dynamic centre of expertise and development. On the other hand the strategy is directed towards creating and organizing partners into programme or project platforms to implement activities in the fields of education, governance and entrepreneurship.

Change4Africa Foundation Programs & Achievements

Understandably in 2007 much effort was spent on revitalizing the objectives, strategy and programs of the former organization ICT3o/ICTvoorAfrika and moulding it into what Change4Africa now stands for.

During the preparation phase of replacing ICT3o/ICTvoorAfrika into Change4Africa experts of Change4Africa, in collaboration with the Dutch 'ICT for schools', were awarded the tender for rewriting the '*Feasibility Study for ICT in Education for 38 Teachers Training Colleges in Ghana*' by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of Ghana. This study was originally drawn up by the Dutch Company Ordina. The result was a comprehensive, though detailed report suitable for presentation to donors.

'Redeveloping EQIP'

Change4Africa continued collaboration with the IESA Foundation in Ghana in redeveloping the EQIP (Education Quality Improvement Program) and making preparations for the execution of a *Second EQIP Pilot* starting with an 'Evaluation Study Report First EQIP Pilot Ghana 2005-2008'. Change4Africa developed and oversaw the evaluation of the first EQIP Pilot in Tema Ghana and used the results as input for the Second EQIP Pilot.

The three years First EQIP Pilot started in October 2005 at the Tema Parents School, the Rosharon School and the Deks School in Tema Ghana. Refurbished computers, donated by Change4Africa (formerly ICT3o), have been delivered to these pilot schools and the ICT Technical Team of IESA Foundation in Ghana has carried out routine maintenance. This initiative was only about equipment and maintenance of computers. The *new EQIP approach* Change4Africa developed focus on an integrated implementation of ICT in education: training, equipment, maintenance and education capacity building improvement.

'First training of TSP's'

Parallel on '*Redeveloping EQIP*' Change4Africa assisted in developing the Technical Service Providers Program (*TSP's*), which resulted in a first batch of seven TSP's fully trained and certified in installing and maintaining ICT hardware and software in institutional, corporate and private settings.

Change4Africa in Balance approach

Change4Africa has developed knowledge about the use of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) in Innovative Programs to improve Education, Good Governance and Good Entrepreneurship in Ghana. The Programs for Ghana have been developed by the NGO Change4Africa Foundation in The Netherlands in collaboration with some NGO's in Ghana. The Programs focus on developing a conceptual framework for an integrated implementation of ICT in Primary Business Processes. Nucleus of this approach, for instance in the field of Education, is to build a sustainable infrastructure on Knowledge, Education and ICT needed for an effective and sustainable implementation of ICT in Education in Ghana. This approach is based on the 'Four in Balance' methodology (Engelen, M., Ludeking, B. & Myk, A., 2006. *Dutch ICT-tools, for a balanced use of ICT in the Netherlands*. The Hague: Ict op School.).

'COLG Ghana'

Change4Africa searched and found the Ministry of Local Government of Ghana as a suitable counterpart for the 'Citizen Oriented Local Government Ghana (*COLG Ghana*) program and introduced COLG Ghana to all other relevant Ghana Government Ministries departments, Agencies and Institutions. Donor organizations were not left out of this introduction either.

Change4Africa Foundation Partnerships

Change4Africa worked and is working with a great variety of partners in The Netherlands and Ghana, while contacts were made with others. At the start she continued collaboration with the ICT3o/ICTvoorAfrika partners:

Logica/CMG

Logica supported several missions of ICT3o/ICTvoorAfrika experts to Ghana to introduce the COLG to various Ghanaian authorities.

Amsterdam City Council/DPG (Population register)

DPC provided logistic support at their offices in Amsterdam for meetings and production of documents. N.B. Amsterdam has a city twinning relationship with Accra in Ghana.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

ICT3o made an application for financial support on one of the NGO subsidy programs.

Peak IT

Peak IT organised an award program, February 2007, for good practices in development cooperation programs. ICT3o/ICTvoorAfrika came with the First EQIP Pilot on the second place and rewarded an amount of € 7,200.=.

Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Environment (MLGRDE) Ghana

MLGRDE concluded a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with IESA and Change4Africa (then ICT3o/ICTvoorAfrika) on COLG Ghana and enabled discussion with other relevant authorities.

After revitalizing its structure and programs Change4Africa looked for partners which fit in her strategy. The most important one of these were:

IESA Foundation, Ghana

The IESA Foundation entered into a strategic partnership with Change4Africa and provided logistic support and office space in Ghana to its visiting experts.

Ministry of Education, Science and Sports (MOES), Ghana

MOES awarded Change4Africa the contract to rewrite the feasibility study for ICT and Teachers Training Colleges in Ghana.

Ministry of Defence, The Netherlands

The Netherlands Ministry of Defence donated 60 laptops and 850 desktop computers for Change4Africa's programs in Ghana.

Topshare International Wageningen, The Netherlands

Topshare donated the software platform for the knowledge and communication environment of Change4Africa.

Van Soest Computers Veenendaal, The Netherlands

Van Soest computers donated 25 computers with 25 monitors.

CTA Wageningen, The Netherlands

CTA donated 20 computers and 30 monitors.

UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

The UN-ICTY donated 100 computers and 100 flat screens.

ICT4Kids & Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Change4Africa has given Guest Lectures as part of 'ICT Community Outreach Project' - Radboud University Nijmegen, Faculty Science Bachelor Programme Information and Computing Science – about her integrated approach on the implementation of ICT in Education.

University of Cape Coast: Institute of Education and Centre for Continuing Education, IE & CCE and University of Education Winneba: Institute for Education Development and Extension and ICT Centre, IEDE & ICT

The universities in Cape Coast and Winneba have the mandate to promote, co-ordinate and monitor the Training of Teachers and Distance Learning. The universities will form the backbone of the Knowledge infrastructure in the new EQIP approach.

Accra Teacher Training College and OLA Teacher Training College, Cape Coast

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Basic Education Division and Teacher Education Division of Ghana Education Service (GES)

The GES has the mandate to promote, co-ordinate and monitor the developments in Education in Ghana.

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Change4Africa is currently seeking to extend its links and collaboration with likeminded and complementary organisations and institutions in The Netherlands, Ghana and other African countries. The aim is to exchange experiences and build strategic cooperation.

The IESA Foundation, due to temporary lack of core funding, suspended all its activities as from 1st June 2009. Unfortunately this caused the implementation of the *Second Pilot of EQIP*, which was being implemented in cooperation with Change4Africa, has been suspended indefinitely. However all the arrangements which had been made through meetings with the two Universities and the Teacher training Colleges and the agreements with the participating schools remain in place and can be re-activated. This means that if a suitable donor can be found, Change4Africa will undertake all possible efforts to revive the Second EQIP Pilot Project.

The *COLG Ghana* is still under consideration of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Environment (MLGRDE) Ghana. Due to the change of government following the December 2008 elections, this will still take some time.

The *TSP's* (Technical Service Providers), which have been trained, are currently placed at four Polytechnics (Bolgatanga, Tamale, Ho and Koforidua) in Ghana to support and maintain the computers labs.

Policy regarding donations and strategic support

Change4Africa accepts donations in cash, kind or services for its programs and organisational support. Change4Africa will acknowledge all donations and support and use these for its institutional and program support according to its planning and the wisest usage possible. Donations may be in the form of strategic support, when a particular program is supported by various means. Change4Africa is conscious of sustainability and environmental awareness regarding ICT hardware. This means that only reusable computers and peripheral equipment will be shipped to Africa to be used in its programmes. Some of this equipment may be sold to support programs or institutional costs of Change4Africa.



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