

# PROJECT: PANKO YOUTH CENTER

## Tamale, Northern region, Ghana



# Newsletter

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### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our **May 2020 Edition** of the PANKO's Newsletter. This edition would give you latest development and progress of construction works, installations and other administrative works. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued cooperation and support and for making this project a reality. The project seeks to bring closer, the advantages of education and recreation enjoyed in the city, to the most vulnerable children in the rural communities. So the project is setting up a learning space for literacy, NVC education and a playground for fun, joy and sporting activities for these kids.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS, May, 2020

#### Shed (Study Space) Completed

Hurray!! The Study Space is completed and well furnished. The rural kids for the first time would experience a facility like this, otherwise enjoyed by kids living in the city. For inadequate furniture in their various, some rural kids sit on the floor to study whilst others are overcrowded on the few desks, making learning very difficult for them. We are happy that PANKO's facility would give them a comfortable learning space that would help improve their learning, growth and wellbeing.

#### Playground Being Worked On

As we have started installing playground equipments and seeing a passing by rural kids get so excited to have such a facility for the first time in their community, we are extremely happy that we would put smiles on the faces of these kids. Instead of them playing in the bushes and engaging in dangerous adventures, PANKO's playground would give them a safe and lively place to play, have fun, and learn. So far, we have installed football Posts, a Swing, Playground Slide, Playground ladder and Volleyball Posts.

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#### Panko Outdoored Logo

Panko has outdoored its logo on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020. Special thanks to Abdulai Alhassan for designing this logo for us, free of charge. He has been a great asset for this project.





Picture of the completed Learning Space (Shed)



Picture showing learning space

### COVID-19: Ghana's Situation

As at 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020, Ghana recorded a total of 6,486 COVID-19 confirmed cases with 1,951 recoveries and 31 deaths whilst schools remain closed and ban on public gathering still enforced. However, government is currently in consultation with stakeholders on ways to reopen schools without endangering the lives of teachers, students and other school workers.

At the same time, many are worried about the difficulty in maintaining social distance at schools, couple with the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene logistical constraints in Ghanaian schools.



Picture showing Playground Equipments

### Project Challenges & Setbacks

**No Electricity at the Center:** Getting electricity and Water will help to provide some security and also to help us to be able to work more efficiently.

**No Water Source:** Getting clean water would solve the problems of sanitation and hygiene, especially in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic.

**Problem of Weeds:** Leveling, gravelling and compacting the site will help get rid of the weeds and dangerous creatures and beautify the center.

**Lacking a Restroom & Shed for Staffs:** Getting these structures will provide a shade as an office for staff and a private place for urinating.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING!!!**

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