

PROJECT: PANKO YOUTH CENTER

Tamale, Northern region, Ghana



Newsletter

PANKO Project



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INTRODUCTION

To our cherished readers, we the Ghanaian Team together with our able and hardworking German Partners (Christiane Wimmer and Dr. Gitta Zimmermann) is pleased to present to you our November, 2020 Edition of PANKO Newsletter. Our goal is to use this medium to communicate, inform and to share with you the exciting work we are doing here in Northern Ghana to improve the lives of vulnerable and destitute children. We are happy to share with you our success stories on our exciting journey to finding better lives for children in Northern Ghana and beyond and we are hopeful you will join us in this life-enriching, joy and fulfilling journey.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS, November, 2020

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Key Achievements over 6 months

- ✚ The kids' literacy skills have increased through an average of 225 hours of literacy sessions in 6 months.
- ✚ Kids' sports skills and level of physical fitness has increased through sports training. The kids are learning a new sport (volleyball) for the first time.
- ✚ Improved hygiene practices through regular hand washing and personal hygiene lessons.

Panko Starts Cooking with the Kids

Panko started cooking with the kids to teach and promote healthy eating and care for the environment. Apart from getting to eat lunch, it is an opportunity for the kids to learn lifetime skills through practicing basic maths skills such as counting & measuring; they will also gain social skills by working together and communicating during cooking. The cooking helps the kids to accept responsibility because each child has a task to complete to contribute to the meal preparation and cleanup.

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Time for Harvesting Vegetables and Learning

Harvesting our learning garden was a rewarding experience for the kids. We were able to harvest 2 kg of tomatoes, 3 kg of garden eggs, 3 kg of sweet potato, ½ kg of carrot, five heads of cabbage and no harvest from watermelon and cucumber as they were heavily attacked by insect pests. The kids decided to sell some of the vegetables to learn how farmers grow food and sell them at the market. The remaining of the vegetables was eaten as desert and others were included in the participatory cooking, where the kids learn about healthy eating habits. We learn about the soil; cultural practices; yield and the challenges of going organics; and how some crops are more susceptible to pests and diseases than others among other learning.



Kids participating in cooking

PANKO Starts to Recruit more Kids Against January 2021

Panko has started to enroll additional kids against January, 2021. Despite the plans to enroll more kids, we are still challenged with inadequate structures to accommodate more kids. So we are looking forward to an immediate solution of putting up temporary shed/structures and hoping that in the near future we will be able to put up permanent structures for smooth running of the center.

MEET OUR TEAM

Meet our enthusiastic and energetic team behind the exciting work we are doing here in Northern Ghana from the picture below.



Covid-19: Ghana's Situation

As at 9th November, 2020, Ghana recorded a total of 47,726 COVID-19 confirmed cases with 49,202 recoveries and 320 deaths 1,156 active cases. In the case of Northern Ghana, 547 total cases have been recorded, 535 recoveries and zero (0) active cases.

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