

Project format

Why so many questions? Part of the questions relate to our criteria. Others are also about being able to show iMPACT direct donors (both individuals and organisations) that their donations are making an impact in people's lives.

Tip: Try to answer in a concrete and concise way.

iMPACT direct will use this information to edit a text for your project-page (and we'll ask your consent before publishing!)

Project details

1. What is the project title?

COMMUNITY MANGROVE RESTORATION PROJECT

2. The project contributes to

- SDG1 (poverty reduction/economic development)
- SDG2 (food security)
- SDG4 (higher education)
- None of this

3. What is the project you want to stage at our website? Please summarize:

The title of the project is Community Mangrove Restoration Project being carried out in the Gomo Dago fishing community in the Central Region of Ghana. Mangroves found in this community are there for their ecological purposes and also the livelihood purposes of the community members. However, the communities use the mangroves as firewood to smoke their fish. They say that their fish is tastier and better preserved when smoked with mangrove wood.

Based on this background, the community has harvested their mangroves over the years leaving the coastal and river sides degraded. This led to low fish catch that dwindled incomes and affected the livelihoods of the fisherfolk. To address these challenges, an approach was designed by both ACEC and the community to increase awareness on the impacts of their actions on the sites and their livelihoods, as well as to restore the mangroves that have been destroyed. The results to be derived from this project are improved livelihoods of Dago community members, increased resilience against climate change, and improved knowledge on mangrove conservation and sustainable utilisation of natural resources within the project area.

4. What is the problem? And how is it addressed in this project?

Gomoa Dago is a fishing community located in the Gomoa West District in the Central Region of Ghana. The coastal areas of Dago are endowed with mangrove biodiversity among other wildlife resources. The community has experienced a continuous decline of mangrove resources over the years through anthropogenic activities such as charcoal production, firewood extraction, bush burning, unsustainable farming practices and illegal hunting. This presents ripple effects on both natural resources and livelihood options available to the people who depend on the resources. ACEC Ghana in collaboration with the community members of Dago have undertaken several activities as part of efforts to restore the ecological integrity of the coastal area of Dago fishing community as well as improve the livelihood of people within the community. The activities include conservation education and public awareness campaigns (CEPA) as well as community training on nursery establishment and

sustainable natural resource conservation and management. This will contribute to ACEC's efforts in building communities resilience against climate change in Ghana.

**5. Are your beneficiaries involved in the intervention?
yes| no**

If yes, how?

ACEC conducts all our interventions in a participatory manner. The community members acknowledge the problem and are calling for a solution with ACEC's help. It has been observed that most times, the communities themselves know the solutions to their problems but only lack the capacity and resources to carry out the solutions. This is why ACEC is coming in to help by providing the capacity and resources while the community contributes with their acquired knowledge and cultural solutions. This will ensure the results of the intervention are achieved with both parties playing crucial roles.

6. What is the number of lives improved in the project?

Five thousand (5,000) lives will be impacted by the end of the project. This includes men, women and children.

7. What will be longer-term results of this project? Example: ACEC distributes cook stoves, and that contributes to women having more income because they need for less firewood.

The long term benefits of this project include increased knowledge on mangrove conservation and behavioral change toward resource utilization in the community. The planting of mangroves along the coastal line and tree species along lagoons and rivers would facilitate the improvement of habitat condition and ultimately the ecological integrity. The mangroves will also support spawning of fish thus increasing fish stock and enhancing fishing and livelihood of fisherfolks in the Dago fishing community.

8. What could be (unexpected) challenges the project could run into?

The rise of the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic could pose a challenge to the smooth implementation of the project. Precautionary measures such as social distancing and temporary lockdowns will hinder the realisation of results under the project. In addition, limited resources could stall the project. The activities under the project should be constantly funded in order to achieve the set targets and results. A block in funding will be a block to achieving the projects results leading to increased poverty and unemployment in the lives of the beneficiaries.

9. What is the best testimonial from a beneficiary of your NGO (best related to this project):

Ama Tantan, community member and fishmonger in Dago fishing community- *“ACEC is creating awareness on the need to conserve and protect mangrove resources owing to its importance to wildlife and the environment. I think this is commendable because it has revived my livelihood of fish mongering. I will be able to provide for my family now.”*

10. What is the expertise your team brings? Summarize the strengths of your team:

As an organisation, ACEC is made up of individuals who have manifold experience in the development sector. ACEC’s team members are people who have worked with a number of high ranking organisations such as Fairtrade, UTZ/Rainforest Alliance, USAID, West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change, Solidaridad, International Fertilizer Development Center, among others.

In each of the projects implemented by ACEC team members, they were mainly involved in its development, project management and coordination. This has equipped us with the wealth of experience in managing many projects in the subject matter and related fields. These experiences cumulatively have constituted the work force and expertise of ACEC.

Budget

11. What is the budget needed for this project? (in your own currency)

GHS 42,000.00

Explain where you will use the donations for in few sentences.

The donations from IMPACT Direct will augment ACEC’s efforts in mangrove restoration within the target community. The purchase of propagules (mangrove seedlings) and training for the nursery workers will be obtained from the donations received.

12. What difference will the donations through iMPACT direct make for this project?

Donations from IMPACT DIRECT will enable the target community see a facelift of their coastal lines. The ecological integrity of the area will be vastly improved. This will contribute to the community’s resilience against climate change.

13. Are there other sources of income used for this project?

yes | no

If yes, please elaborate:

ACEC will deploy internal funding for the other activities associated with the project. For example, ACEC will use its own resources to conduct community education and awareness

programs within the community. ACEC will fall on contributions from IMPACT DIRECT for activities associated with the mangroves restoration and nursery establishment.

I completed the application questions fully and truthfully and signed in accordance with the Terms & Conditions: <https://impactdirect.eu/terms-conditions/>

Date / Location: **19th November 2020 Accra**

Signature: 

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Please, send your project format to info@impactdirect.eu by indicating in the subject line: 'application + name of your organisations'.

And don't forget to send some pictures for the website and socials:

- 3-5 pictures that represents the project
- Links to videos you already have and can be relevant.
- If there will be someone else then you doing the updates o the website, please let us know his/her name and contact details.

Pictures should be around 2MB, preferably more - or largest possible.

Please send it through WeTransfer to info@impactdirect.eu

Thank you very much for your efforts!