

MASTER CRAFTSMEN EMPOWERED AT CEED

80 master craft persons from the North, South and Central Tongu Districts of the Volta Region of Ghana are being empowered to enhance their skills in cosmetology and fashion design & garment construction to improve productivity at the Centre for Empowerment and Enterprise Development (*formerly International Needs Vocational Training Centre, INVTC*).

The training programme is the first phase of a series to be held at the Centre under the Ghana TVET Voucher Project (GTVP).



MCPs put on their end products



Master Craftsmen at training

The Project, an initiative of the Government of Ghana is funded by the German-Ghanaian Financial Cooperation through the German Development Bank, KfW and implemented by the Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (COTVET).

The Centre is now fully accredited by COTVET to provide Competency Based Training (CBT) for Master Craft Persons as well as Senior Apprentices in Cosmetology and Fashion Design & Garment Construction.

The project is an initiative of the Government of Ghana aimed at increasing access of master craft persons, workers and their apprentices to training vouchers for further training leading to skills development and productivity improvement.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL ADOLESCENT GIRLS

Participants of the “Promoting Adolescent Girls Safe Spaces” (PASS) project, have been trained in bead designing, to empower them economically to make them self-reliant; they were trained in bead designing to make them self-reliant to avoid dependence on men for survival.

The participants were from Ekon in the Cape Coast Metropolis and Kissi in the Komenda / Edina / Eguafo / Abrem Municipal Area. The girls were also enlightened on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, sexual and gender-based violence and child rights among others.

PASS is a 15-month intervention to empower adolescent out-of-school girls to make informed decisions about their life choices regarding relationships, childbirth and marriage among others. The project targets out of school girls aged between 15 and 19 years and provides livelihood empowerment for them and is a partnership between International

Needs Ghana, UNFPA and UNICEF. It is being implemented in twelve (12) communities in the Cape Coast Metropolis and the Komenda / Edina / Eguafo / Abrem Municipal Area



Where are they now?



In this edition, Jemimah Dawutey, a beneficiary of International Needs Child Assistance Programme (INCAP) shares her story

“The joy that feels your heart when you are suddenly delivered from an uncontrollable situation is overwhelming. It brings a new life to your face, as your lips refuse to resist an incoming long smile; that is my story.

My name is Jemimah Dede Dawutey, the first born of a family of five children. I had a passion for education and had a lot of praises from my teachers. After taking my Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) I found myself at home with no hope of making it to the Senior High School, because my parents could not afford it. International Needs is the miracle that happened to me.

My wonderful sponsor, Dr. Cynthia L. Haig decided to help out. It was a dream come through. And better things were in store for me, when I completed Senior High School.

By God’s grace, I gained admission into the University of Ghana to study Nutrition and Food Science. International Needs made it happen again. I am now in level 300, and I am enjoying my studies because International Needs provides my tuition fee and book allowances. I have come to learn that sometimes when Gods wants to bless you, He gives you someone. That someone He gave me is International Needs.”



Jemimah beams with joy