



Progress report to the Kitchen Table Charities Trust

Summary

In February 2023 the Kitchen Table Charities Trust kindly funded EduSpots with £6,000 towards improving the conditions of 10 of our community-owned and led library education centres called 'Spots'. Spots enable disadvantaged children to access books, resources, lessons, literacy clubs and homework support to raise educational aspirations and attainment. Thank you to the trustees for their support. We are writing to update you on the progress so far.

Overall Objective

Improve educational outcomes for some of the poorest children in rural Ghana. In order to ensure the long-term viability of our Spots we have reached a stage where investment in upgrading furniture and essential repairs is beyond the means of our communities local fundraising capacity. Following an audit of all Spots we drew up a list of resource provision and repairs urgently needed at ten centres which will enable them to improve conditions such as new chairs, tables, bookshelves and essential repairs to continue supporting the poorest of the poor to access quality educational opportunities.

Background

The last few months have been an incredibly busy time for EduSpots and our team as we have launched our Ignite programme. This has involved leading 5 conferences to train over 260 Spot volunteers across the network in the last 6 weeks, which has been an unusual period for the organisation.

This training will ensure that all of the Spots will be run by local volunteers who are trained in Spot operations and safeguarding, with the skills and systems needed to run quality education clubs stretching cross girls' empowerment, early years literacy, Junior High School literacy and STEM and sustainability education.

We are also now ensuring that all communities do our three-stage child safeguarding strategy implantation locally, and giving us quarterly Spot information, before going ahead with grant transfers.

Project Update

A transfer has been made to Cape 3 Points Spot for 6370 cedis. This was to:

- Connect the electricity to the Spot / Junior High School
- Refurbish one small office to become a resource room/library including plastering, painting, fans, electricity, doors, Louvre blades, window fittings etc.
- Provide materials to create 2 tables, 4 benches, a book box and bookshelves (pictured below).



In addition:-

1450 cedis approved for the purchase of chairs at Sakasaka Spot, northern Ghana.

1600 cedis approved for solar battery and chairs at Ekawsaw Spot, eastern Ghana.

1000 cedis approved for benches at Takuve Spot, Volta region

1500 cedis approved for roofing repairs at Dulugu Spot, northern Ghana

Total cedis approved so far: 11,920 cedis (£800)

Looking forward

We have a list of communities with grant requests not yet approved, where we need to see additional information. We have also recently sent out another grant applications list and will be reviewing shortly now that the conferences are over.

Thank you again to the trustees of the Kitchen Table Charities Trust for their support of this project. We look forward to reporting to you again in the Autumn when we have approved further grants to our community Spots.