

Growing up in a small place with little opportunity makes it tougher to thrive. I always wanted something different for myself and my family. I have 4 siblings and lived with my parents for a while and when I was 15, I got the opportunity to travel with some Americans to Kumasi where I stayed with them and embarked on my education. They helped me a lot to pursue my education and to be a better person. I always travelled back during vacations to unite with my family. It always felt special to hear the voices of my parents and siblings after being away for a while.

I have been a part of Teach on the Beach for a long time, I was a scholar during the time when it was managed by people from abroad. I was a good scholar and what I liked the most was learning about leadership. I was dedicated to serve people in the organization, the kids in the community and international volunteers. I worked very hard so I was chosen to be the Ghanaian director at a young age.

I fell in love with the work the organization was doing to help needy children in the community. They have helped a lot of kids pursue higher education and has sponsored a lot of people in their university education. There are a lot of children from poor homes who need real support in their education. Someone who can guide, mentor and provide them with real love and support. I have experienced firsthand what such support means and how it can change one's life.

Teach on the Beach has been in operation for the past 11 years but in 2016, the organization was officially shut down. The team abroad sent an email to everyone to inform them about such news. I was by then at the University. It was a difficult time for myself and few of the scholars and most of all the kids in the community since the organization could not efficiently and sustainably operate.

I felt if someone was to do something about it then it had to be me. I didn't lose hope and started to brainstorm with Benjamin Baba Haruna who is the assistant Director now about what we can do immediately. With little resources, Ben and I continued to operate by providing academic needs to the children in the community. We taught over 100 kids who needed support in their education during after school hours and we were able to find sponsors to continue sponsoring the education of the scholars until completion of both primary, secondary and tertiary education.

Also, I met Lisa, Mirjam and Helene and discussed with them about the challenges of the organization and they have been very instrumental and provided immense support to the project. They have been amazing and loving.

From 2016-2021, Teach on the Beach is still in operation and hosting international volunteers. We have been working with over 200 children in the community who come to our facility for daily support in their education and we also give out scholarship to needy kids. We provide children our time, expertise and above all love and care every day.

In the times of the pandemic, it was one of the toughest situations for a lot of people around the world. NGOs such as ours and among others were going through a lot of problems. It was tough for us in terms of sustainability. Teach on the Beach relies on international donations to continue its operations and Schwerte Hillft has been always around to offer generous donations for the organization. However, Teach on the Beach did not hesitate to run its operation, we actually had a volunteer booked to come

even in times of COVID-19. We were able to offer academic support for smaller groups of children and took all COVID-19 precautions seriously.

Teach on the Beach plans to build a safe eco-friendly center for children in the community at our own land in Busua. A safe place for kids to freely learn and be taught various subjects, a place to identify needy kids who needs mentorship and scholarship, a safe space to encourage creativity, a place to allow kids to learn about how to grow their own food and protect the environment. We want to build a safe community where kids are provided real support at any time, engaged in various after school activities and trained to become change makers in the society.

Teach on the Beach has evolved to become a community for international volunteers that are supported daily during their volunteer service in the community. We want to be able to give the best experience to volunteers to settle in well among our local community with kids that will need their support daily to enhance their development.

We want to build our dream eco-friendly center for kids and that will require a lot of funding and expertise. We plan to give back to the community by employing locals to do most of the work on our planned structure. Teach on the Beach is appealing to Swerte Hillft in terms of helping to fund our dream project for the sole purpose of supporting the children through Teach on the Beach in the community.

Our goal is to reach out to even more children in the future where we can support kids in other communities through Teach on the Beach programs. Our programs are shaped to provide a safe space for kids and ensure a better future for them.

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