

PROPOSAL FOR BICYCLES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN, HEALTH WORKER FARMERS,  
TEACHERS, SCHOOL DROPOUT AND RELIGIOUS COUNSELORS

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## INTRODUCTION

Pro-link is non-profit community based organization established in Ghana in 1993 but started full operations in 2000. Starting from a small beginning Pro-link aims at making people at the grassroots the main authors of their own development. Pro-link has now over 16 projects in 7 project sites in the Volta, Central, Ashanti and Greater Accra Region of Ghana namely Hohoe, Kadjebi, Aflao and Mafia-Kumasi in the Volta Region, Obuasi in Ashanti Region, Mankessim in the Central Region, and Danfa in Greater Accra Region with its Head office based in Accra. These projects are fully funded by donor organization and managed by highly experienced and professional staff. Pro-link has on several occasions also donated bicycle received from Technik und Solidaritaet e.V./Fahrraeder fuer Afrika to many deprived community teachers, farmers and students, religious counselors, orphans and other organizations with similar interest. Through the donations, many of our beneficiaries are able to go about their daily activities effectively and are greatfull and wish that many more people in the communities benefit from the donations.

## CURRENT REQUEST FOR BICYLES

Demand for bicycles are in increase as we shear bikes to beneficiaries. Pro-link would like to request for seven (7) 40 feet containers to donate to Farmers, Teachers, School children and Health and Religious counselors in VOLTA, CENTRAL, EASTER, BRONG-AHAFO, NORTHERN AND THE WESTERN REGION.

It is hoped that donation would go a long way to improve the socio-economic status of the beneficiaries as this would reduce their cost of transportation and transporting of food staff to their home and the market for sale which will yield income for living.

## PROJECT GOAL

To reduce poverty, encouraged education and provide means of transport to the disadvantaged in society, and also create job opportunity for the unemployed.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To support and school children in the deprived communities to enhance and monitoring of academic performance.
2. To proved means of transport for farmers in the remote communities.
3. To support, motivate and provide means of transport for health and religious counselors.
4. To create a form of recreation for children from poor homes.
5. To provide wheel chairs for disables to make then to mobile and better able to perform in their living.
6. To train school dropout and create a source of income for future venture and permanent job.

## TARGET BENEFICIARIES AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR REQUEST FOR BICYCLES.

### TEACHER AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

Many of the school children and teachers in Ghana work and live in the deprived communities: they have to walk or travel long distance on foot to school. They therefore get to school late thus affecting the academic performance of the school children. These bicycles would serve as a means of transport and motivation to school children and teacher who are refusing to accept teaching appointment to this deprived communities get to school early.

### FARMERS

Farmers are target beneficiaries of bicycles because most farmers in the deprived communities in Ghana lack good road to their communities. Some don't have access to road that vehicles can use. Therefore these bicycles, would help reduced cost of transportation for their activities and provide means of transport for them and their families as a whole.

### HEALTH AND RELIGIOUS COUNSELORS

A lot of counselors in Ghana limit their services to the people in the cities and town, because of means of transport to the deprived communities. However, it is the people in the deprive and the remote communities that require the service of counselor more than those in the town and cities due to lack of Health facilities and other social amenities. It is hope that these bicycles will provide means of transport and a form of motivation for counselors to reach people in the deprived communities.

### SCHOOL DROPOUT/UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

School dropout youths in Ghana are so desperate looking for job, some are searching for jobs that require more than what they can offer for it. Although their strength and the little knowledge they have can contribute much to the job at stake majority of them are not given the chance. Pro-Link will train the school dropout who are interested in bike repair and give them bikes witch some would use for hiring and the income may form a basis for entering into a bigger business and support for live.

## LOCATION/REGIONS OF PROJECT

The bicycles would be distributed in six (6) regions:  
VOLTA, CENTRAL, EASTERN, BRONG AHAFO, WESTERN AND THE NORTHERN REGION of Ghana.

Proposed bicycles require for the target groups

| TARGET GROUPS                     | NUMBER OF BIKES REQUIRED  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Teachers and school children      | 600   |
| Farmers                           | 600   |
| Health and Religious Counselors   | 500   |
| School Dropouts/ Unemployed youth | 600   |
| Disable wheel chairs              | wheel chairs and tricycles {which ever number that is available } |
| Total                             | 2,300 bicycles, wheel chairs and tricycles                        |

## BICYCLE RACING:

There will be a bicycle race in HOHOE in the Volta region among the unemployed youth from 50 communities to promote healthy use of bike. This will involve 100 participants, as such we are proposing for 100 helmets or more for the participants.

## MAINTENANCE OF BIKES

Pro-link would provide the beneficiaries of the bicycles with basic bike repairs training before and during Distribution sessions and give necessary tools to enable them do maintenance work on their bikes, especially teachers, school children and farmers in the remote communities. Pro-link would also identified the already existing bike mechanics in the areas of distribution who the organization would support with tools and Advance training to ensure sustainable use of the bicycles.

## MONITORING

Pro-link already has a system in place that takes record and data of all beneficiaries of bicycles. This Makes monitoring easy with the photographs of the beneficiaries receiving bikes, other necessary Information and guarantors are required from the district and the local level to ensure that the bikes are use for the intended purpose. However after distribution, Pro-link staff would pay regular visit to beneficiaries to ensure effective use of the bicycles and collection of success stories from beneficiaries.

## EVALUATION

Pro-link would evaluate the bicycles project after distribution to ascertain the usefulness of the project.