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While maintaining our core programs in Family Support Services, Special Needs, Foster Care in the Community and Young Adult Services, we intensified our ties with partners such as governmental agencies in charge of caring for children and non-profits promoting children's rights. We also diversified our fundraising efforts towards advocacy with a view to achieving an even greater number of beneficiaries.

Since 2002, 713 Alumni have graduated from our programs, 350 children have been successfully reunited and resettled within families, and 71% of children leaving inorphanges have at least one living parent. However, 4 in 5 children in orphanages have at least one living parent; however poverty drives them to send their children to orphanages in the false hope they will have better lives there.

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Robert Dakwa
CEO OAfrica

Message From The CEO

Facts At Figures

- Children with disabilities
- Children in need
- Less expensive
- 10X
- 16 yrs
- 10X
- 713 Alumni
- 350 children
- 4000 children
- 49%

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Our emphasis on advocacy reached new heights during 2018. In line with our long-term strategy of extending our reach and maximizing impact, the objective of the #KidsOurFuture initiative is to increase the awareness of child rights and the need for child protection in Ghana. Funded by the European Union, #KidsOurFuture aims to strengthen child protection mechanisms and address the gap between legislation and practice.

In 2018 the project focused on the issue of urban child begging, which keeps children out of school, separates them from their families, and exposes them to hazardous living conditions. In recent years, there has been a surge in the number of child beggars in Ghana, particularly from children from other sub-region countries, particularly Niger. Most importantly, we were able to prove strong links to child trafficking through research by Anas Aremeyaw Anas, a famous Ghanaian investigative journalist. This culminated in a short film, with an exclusive soundtrack by Stonebwoy, which was shown extensively on TV in Ghana.

A second pillar to this campaign is the Positive Parenting initiative, comprising locally produced videos that disseminate educational messages on topics related to better parenting practices.

We also offered nationwide trainings of 1050 social workers and other stakeholders such as police, detectives and NGOs. We are very proud to be spearheading the movement for change, working alongside the government of Ghana through the Department of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection.

We aim to continue with this focus into 2019 and beyond, working tirelessly to protect children from child trafficking.
OAfrica empowers vulnerable children and young people whose rights have been compromised due to institutionalization, poverty, violence, trafficking, HIV/AIDS, abuse and discrimination. We help them become productive members of their communities by strengthening families and reintegrating them into safe, stable and loving environments.

Our Mission

Child-centered

Family-oriented

Child Participation

Pro Poor

Gender Equality

Promotion of Autonomy

Non-Discrimination

Our Values

Our Vision

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Poverty remains the number one reason for child abandonment worldwide. Children are often placed in orphanages without exploring alternative options such as kinship care, where extended family members such as grandparents or aunts/uncles raise children. In reality, these institutions are detrimental to the physical, emotional and intellectual development of children and can never provide the love and care that family members can. We believe families are the best environments for children to grow up in and that the family unit should be preserved wherever possible. With the right kind of support, families can stay together.

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For children who cannot live with their biological family (due to death or illness of parents, or inappropriate and negligent parenting), foster care is the next best alternative, as it provides children with a relationship of love and affection with a caring adult in a stable family environment.

Fifteen children are benefitting from the love of a foster family thanks to this program.

All our children in foster care are looked after by specially trained foster mothers, who not only provide for their daily needs but also, more importantly, give them the love and affection they deserve.
Children with special needs are most at risk of abandonment, either to orphanages or the streets. These children require specialized care, something most families are simply not capable of providing—either financially or physically. OAfrica provides this care through our dedicated special needs unit, involving trained foster mothers who not only serve as caregivers but also provide the eight children in their care with love and affection.

Our support to children with severe special needs, including those with cerebral palsy, autism, psychosis, and other disabilities, also extends to education. Children receive a specialized education catering to their unique cognitive and physical conditions. A total of eleven children with complex special needs are supported through our medical and educational sponsorship programs.
Youth who grow up in care are more likely to experience physical, developmental, behavioral and mental health challenges if not supported adequately until they are ready to live independently.

We address this through the Young Adult Support Services (YASS) program, which focuses on reducing the vulnerability status of beneficiaries gradually over time, and supporting them in their transition out of care. YASS provides financial support to 55 young adults to cover tuition, access to internships and scholarships, health and psychological support, transport and housing benefits, in addition to career counseling and placements. It also provides life skills training sessions to equip young people with the tools they need to become productive members of society. The end goal is to prepare these young people for autonomous adulthood.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of 2018 was witnessing 2 of our young ladies graduate with university degrees!
The Care Reform Initiative (CRI) was launched in 2006 as a joint venture between the Department of Social Welfare (DSW), OAfrica, UNICEF and other child protection agencies in Ghana. The initiative seeks to reduce over-reliance on care systems for the approximately 4,500 vulnerable children who are still living in institutional care, thus moving towards a range of integrated family and community-based childcare services.

The end goal is a more consistent approach to caring for vulnerable children so that every child is assured a permanent home in a supportive and loving family. The main components of care reform in Ghana seek to prevent the disintegration of families, in line with this initiative, our mission advocates for the reintegration of children with their own families, either with their biological parents or extended family (kinship care) or placing children in foster care when they truly have no family members who can appropriately care for them.

OAfrica is proud to have been one of the key players behind the adoption of the National Plan of Action for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in 2010 and was the only NGO mentioned as an implementer in the actions matrix of the original plan.
We apply a two-pronged approach to advocacy, namely via traditional and new media, and through public forums to bring awareness to issues impacting everyday Ghanaians with a view to instigating sustainable change in behavior, attitudes, and policies, and even policies. We aim to continue our work highlighting pertinent subjects regarding child rights and empowering them to make positive and tangible differences to the lives of children.

Since launching in early 2017, we have promoted our advocacy programs on various leading TV and radio stations, and through social media, impacting even greater audiences. We aim to continue our work highlighting pertinent subjects regarding child rights and empowering them to make positive and tangible differences to the lives of children. With mobile penetration in Ghana at an impressive 130% (Digital 2019 Ghana), the power of social and mobile media permits the transmission of educational messages on a mass scale, thanks to their viral nature. We have reached an estimated 11,598,552 individuals through our media advocacy programs.

We believe that when you uplift communities within society, a ripple effect occurs and the positive impacts are far-reaching. While TV, radio, print, and social media remain effective channels of communication, there is an opportunity to explore alternative platforms at mass gatherings such as music concerts, street theatre, and rallies. We aim to reach as many people as possible and to make a positive and tangible difference in the lives of children.
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#### 3. RUNNING EXPENSES

- **ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL EXPENSES**
- **HUMAN RESOURCES - SALARIES**
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### ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2018

USA currencies were converted to euros taking the historical rate of the 15th of each month and then dividing by 12.

**Germany, Italy, Spain and the United States**

Consolidated accounts for OA fundraising branches in France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United States.
The following corporations and foundations contributed €15,000 or more, therefore qualifying as our Major Partners for 2018:

Solidarity Accor Hotels, the European Union, Groupe Clarins, Baglioni Hotels Spa, Fondazione Child Priority, Fondazione Nuovo Fiore in Africa, Otto per Mille della Chiesa Valdese, Unione delle Chiese Metodiste e Valdesi, Humydry by Humex SA.