

## PANNUM REPORT

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Care Reform Initiative

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> WE SERVE? compromised due to poverty, violence separated children whose rights have been strengthening families and reintegrating disability or abuse. We accomplish this by institutionalization, abandonment, neglect adults in need of care and protection due to programmes empower children and young children and their families in Ghana. Our OAfrica exists to support vulnerable trafficking, disease and discrimination into

to beneficiaries on our support: We provide the following core services

safe, stable and loving households.

- Tracing and Reunification of Separated Children
- Support to Foster Families
- Specialised Foster Care
- Social Worker Visits
- Income Generating Activities
- Counselling Services to Families
- Positive Parenting Training
- Educational Support
- Medical Support
- Support for Families Living with HIV
- Cash Transfers
- Accommodation Support

3 of the following criteria for inclusion: programme because they met at least supported today entered the All the children and young adults

- Abandoned/risk of being abandoned
- Affected or Infected with HIV AIDS
- At Risk of Being Institutionalized
- Caregiver or Parent Mentally III Child in Need of Alternative
- Family Care
- Single or Double Orphan
- Ex-foster Care Resident
- Ex-orphanage Resident or Residents of Other Institutions
- Institutionalized
- Learning Difficulties
- Living on the Streets
- Neglected
- Out of School
- Placement Failed
- Unable to Pay School Fees
- With Special Needs
- Victims of Child Labour
- In Conflict With the Law
- Victims of Trafficking



# Message From The CEO

up our reach in order to impact the vulnerable children in our society. delivery to vulnerable children, it was almost a natural progression for OAfrica to scale With our past successes in strategy implementation and well-documented service

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

perception towards the child beggars on our streets especially in Greater Accra the rights of children in Ghana. We are already seeing the massive shift in public major advocacy campaign dubbed #KidsOurFuture. This campaign seeks to protect With funding from The European Union, we successfully rolled out our very first

and minds, influence behaviour and witness the transformation we are all working towards in order to create an enabling environment in which children grow and thrive We encourage you all to join in and support our cause! We believe that scaling up our reach through advocacy is the way to change hearts

Robert Dakwa CEO OAfrica

which is why we need your support

separated children with their families

de-institutionalization and reuniting

# Facts & Figures













one living parent, however poverty drives them to send their children to will have better lives there. orphanages in the false hope they living in orphanages have at leas



However, this is

in Ghana are illegal and are detrimental to both children and them, unwittingly do damage by well-meaning donors who suppor Even regulated orphanages and the preservation of the family unit



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 is considered one of the worst forms of child labour, as it keeps children out of school, separates them from their families, and exposes to them to hazardous living conditions.

In recent years, there has been a surge in the number of child beggars - not only children from Ghana, but also from within the sub-region, particularly

Niger. Most importantly, we were able to prove strong links to child trafficking through research by Anas Aremeyaw Anas, the 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 nation-wide 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. 2018 was truly the year of advocacy for us and we aim to continue with this focus into 2019 and beyond!



## OUR **MISSION**

by strengthening families and reintegrating them people whose rights have been compromised due OAfrica empowers vulnerable children and young into safe, stable and loving environments. become productive members of their communities HIV/AIDS, abuse and discrimination. We help them to institutionalization, poverty, violence, trafficking,

## VALUES

- Child-centered Family-oriented
- Child Participation
- Pro Poor
- Gender Equality
- Promotion Of Autonomy
- Non-Discrimination

## **OUR** VISION

with equal rights and opportunities appropriate care and protection and and to ensuring that children grow up OAfrica is committed to Care Reform in safe, permanent family settings with

# 0 **ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2018**

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

orphanages by their own families due to a lack of resources in the hope they will receive adequate nutrition, a child needs in order to thrive. Children in Ghana are often too quickly deemed orphans and placed in education and other essentials in order to live a better life. In reality, these institutions are detrimental to institutions without exploring alternative options such as kinship care, an arrangement whereby extended the physical, emotional and intellectual development of children and can never provide the love and care Poverty remains the number one reason for child abandonment worldwide. Children are often placed in family members such as grandparents or aunts/uncles raise children.

own families. 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! Family Support Services (FSS) have the sole aim of keeping children out of orphanages and within their

medical, educational and emotional support. This year, 56 children have benefitted from the program. is developed to ensure that these families are assisted financially to care for their children, along with We locate families and assess whether the child can be resettled with them. An individualized care plan

## FAMILY CARE

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

they required. For these children, our dedicated foster home is a place of refuge - providing care, love and needs and their families were either unable or unwilling to provide them with the extensive long-term care Many of the children in our foster care program were abandoned due to the fact that they had specia

their daily needs but also, more importantly, give them the love and affection they deserve All our children in foster care are looked after by specially trained foster mothers, who not only provide for

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



## SPECIAL

children require specialized care, something most families are simply not capable of providing - either Children with special needs are most at risk of abandonment, either to orphanages or the streets. These foster home staffed around the clock by six trained foster mothers, who not only serve as caregivers but financially or physically. OAfrica provides this care through our dedicated special needs unit, involving a

also provide the eight children in their care with love and affection.

and other disabilities, also extends to education. Children receive a specialized education catering to Our support to children with severe special needs, including those with cerebral palsy, autism, psychosis supported through our medical and educational sponsorship programs their unique cognitive and physical conditions. A total of eleven children with complex special needs are

### YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES



Youth who grow up in care are more likely to experience physical, developmental, behavioural 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 counselling and become productive members of society. The end goal is to prepare these young people for autonomous placements. It also provides life skills training sessions to equip young people with the tools they need to

Undoubtedly, the highlight of 2018 was witnessing 2 of our young ladies graduate with university degrees!



## CARE REFORM NITIATIVE

Social Welfare (DSW), OAfrica, UNICEF and other child protection agencies in Ghana. The initiative based childcare services are still living in institutional care, thus moving towards a range of integrated family and communityseeks to reduce over-reliance on care systems for the approximately 4,500 vulnerable children who The Care Reform Initiative (CRI) was launched in 2006 as a joint venture between the Department of

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

the actions matrix of the original plan. for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in 2010 and was the only NGO mentioned as an implementer in OAfrica is proud to have been one of the key players behind the adoption of the National Plan of Action



# **RESILIENCE**ADVOCACY

through public forums - to bring awareness to issues impacting everyday Ghanaians with a view to reached an estimated 11,598,552 individuals through our media advocacy the transmission of educational messages on a mass scale, thanks to their viral nature. We have instigating sustainable change - in behaviour, attitudes and even policies. With mobile penetration in Ghana at an impressive 130% (Digital 2019 Ghana), the power of social and mobile media permits We apply a two-pronged approach to advocacy, namely via traditional and new media and additionally,

difference to the lives of Ghanaians. opportunity to explore alternative platforms at mass gatherings such as music concerts, street While TV, radio, print and social media remain effective channels of communication; there is an theatre and rallies. We aim to reach as many people as possible and to make a positive and tangible

with programs tocusing on empowerment and resilience building at grass-roots level. We believe our work highlighting pertinent subjects regarding child rights and campaigning for social change Radio stations, and through social media, impacting even greater audiences. We aim to continue Since launching in early 2017, we have promoted our advocacy programs on various leading TV and thereof are far-reaching. that, when you uplift communities within society, a ripple effect occurs and the positive impacts

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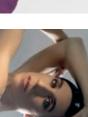
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# 2018 OA Ghana Consolidated Accounts (GHC)\*

135,121	Balance at 31 December
268,887	Balance at 1 January
(133,766)	Surplus / (Deficit)
2,892,036	Total Expenditure 2
40,158	Depreciation Expenses
221,823	Salaries and wages
221,823	Administrative Staff Expenses
31,531	Audit fees
3,293	Bank and interest charges
19,819	Other professional fees
2,441	Transport Expenses
57,084	Administrative Expenses
1,900	Workshops and meetings
2,000	Care Reform Initiative
3,671	Repairs and Maintenance
4,932	Utilities
7,385	Telephone and communication
14,898	General expenses
46,930	Foster Family Services
231,861	Special Children's Unit
372,547	Family Support Services
414,985	Young Adults Services
594,265	Fundraising / Sustainability
8877,597	EU Advocacy Project
2,572,971	Project Expenses 2
1,377,271	Local Donations & Other Income - Ghana
1,380,999	International donations (OA offices abroad)
2,758,270	Income
(GHC)*	STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES



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## Germany, Italy, Spain and the United States Consolidated accounts for OA fundraising branches in France, Consolidated Summary in Euros\* 2018

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

SUP/ (DIF)	TOTAL EXPENSES	SUB - TOTAL	SENSITIZATION	FUNDRAISING/PR	4. AWARENESS	SUB - TOTAL	HUMAN RESOURCES - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	HUMAN RESOURCES - SALARIES	ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL EXPENSES	3. RUNNING EXPENSES	SUB - TOTAL	PROJECT EXPENSES - SPENT ON BEHALF OF GHANA	PROJECT EXPENSES - TRANSFERRED TO GHANA	2. PROJECT EXPENSES	TOTAL INCOME	OTHER	GRANTS	CORPORATIONS	INDIVIDUAL DONORS	1. INCOME	STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
(277) €	445,246 €	34,916 €	924	33,992		146,287 €	35,640	82,432	28,214		264,043 €	57,460	206,583		444,969 €	17,567	173,768	109,728	143,906		TOTAL
2,599 €	152,219 €	12,352 €	-	12,352		42,135 €	13,988	11,600	16,547		97,732 €	18,232	79,500		154,818 €	-	21,000	51,381	82,437		FRANCE
387 €	133,853 €	6,643 €	924	5,719		55,209 €	9,185	43,615	2,409		72,001 €	10,918	61,083		134,240 €	12	97,186	16,560	20,482		ITALY
7,991 €	101,940 €	14,251 €	1	14,251		41,483 €	10,321	26,907	4,255		46,206 €	13,206	33,000		109,931 €	17,425	31,782	37,075	23,649		SPAIN
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