



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2023

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WHO DO WE SERVE

OAfrica exists to support vulnerable children and their families in Ghana. Our programmes empower children and young adults in need of care and protection due to institutionalization, abandonment, neglect, disability or abuse. We accomplish this by strengthening families and reintegrating separated children whose rights have been compromised due to poverty, violence, trafficking, disease and discrimination into safe, stable and loving households. We provide the following core services:

- Tracing and Reunification of Separated Children
- 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

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

- Abandoned/risk of being abandoned
- Abused
- Affected or Infected with HIV AIDS
- At Risk of Being Institutionalized
- Caregiver or Parent Mentally Ill
- 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

OUR MISSION

Our vision is to create a world in which all children grow up safely in permanent families with appropriate care and protection and with all rights and equal opportunities.

OUR VISION

We advocate for and empower vulnerable children and young people whose rights have been compromised due to institutionalization, poverty, violence, trafficking, abuse, disease and discrimination. We support communities by strengthening families through education and by reintegrating children into safe, stable and loving environments.

OUR VALUES

Family-oriented
Child-centered
Child Participation
Non-Discrimination



LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Lisa Lovatt-Smith
Founding CEO

As we reflect on the strides made in 2023, I am compelled to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of OAfrica and the children we serve.

2023 year marked a significant milestone as OAfrica celebrated its 21st anniversary. With supporters like you by our side, we have witnessed nearly 1000 alumni flourish into adulthood, equipped with the necessary tools and support to thrive after growing up in family settings. Your generosity has paved the way for countless success stories, and we remain deeply grateful for your steadfast commitment to our cause.

Among our proudest achievements is the evolution of Care Reform in Ghana, a journey we embarked upon in partnership with the Government and UNICEF back in 2007. The transition towards a family-centered approach to care in Ghana represents a significant paradigm shift—one that closely aligns with our core values and principles. While challenges persist, including the imperative need for enhanced care provisions for individuals with disabilities, we remain steadfast in our commitment to driving sustainable solutions and advocating for meaningful reform.

More and more, our impact extends beyond individual lives to encompass community-wide initiatives, particularly in the realm of advocacy for child rights. This collective endeavor underscores the power of community engagement and reinforces our dedication to effecting positive change. Together, we have transformed lives and rewritten destinies, leaving an indelible mark on generations to come.



COMMUNITY/ ADVOCACY

Child rights, community and family strengthening and resilience, parenting skills and advocating for Care Reform are our passions.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

We focus on keeping children out of orphanages and in families. With the right kind of support, families can stay together.





FOSTER FAMILY CARE

For children who cannot live with their biological family, local foster care in the community is the next best alternative.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

We empower young adult care-leavers to realize their full potential through education, counselling and financial support.





ASSISTED LIVING

We support children and young adults with complex disabilities with 24/7 care.



ALUMNI

Our alumni/care leavers number over 900 and we support them with networking and counselling services.

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INCOME	3,648,356
International Donations (OA offices abroad)	3,194,070
Local Donations, Akosua Fund & Other Income	454,286
Project Expenses	2,688,963
Family Support Services	429,066
Young Adult Services	458,111
Assisted Living/Foster Care	666,137
Care Reform Initiative	198,531
Advocacy Projects	687,698
Child Labor in Galamsey Project	165,840
Akosua Fund Projects	83,580
Administrative Expenses	484,777
Telephone and Communication	18,431
Courier & Postage	175
General Expenses	26,770
Fund Raising	198,531
Workshops and Meetings	19,147
International Travels	25,795
Transport & Field Cost	15,766
Insurance	16,773
Other Professional Fees	133,947
Licenses and Fees	1,930
Audit Fees	15,000
Bank and Intrest Charges	12,513
Depreciation Expenses	3,999
Total Expenditure	3,177,739
Surplus/ Deficit	470,617
Balance at 1st January	-98,137
Balance at 31st December	372,480

GLOBAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

	FRANCE	ITALY	SPAIN	GERMANY	USA	TOTAL
1. INCOME						
INDIVIDUAL DONORS	72,615	10,978	12,837	14,471	18,811	125,949
CORPORATIONS	35,043	58,643	8,000	62,000	-	163,686
GRANTS	11,000	29,918	-	-	30,306	65,163
OTHER	-	-	-	90	-	90
TOTAL INCOME	118,658 €	99,539 €	20,837 €	76,561 €	\$ 49,117	354,889 €
2. RUNNING EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL EXPENSES	5,547	3,537	5,352	229	2,318	16,520
HUMAN RESOURCES - SALARIES	-	12,869	-	-	-	12,869
HUMAN RESOURCES - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	8,431	9,183	5,776	-	1,920	24,925
FUNDRAISING/PR	13,271	21	-	-	948	14,050
SUB-TOTAL	27,249 €	25,610 €	11,127 €	229 €	\$ 5,186	68,364
3. AWARENESS EXPENSES						
SENSITIZATION	7,371	4,041	-	-	-	11,413
SUB-TOTAL	7,371 €	4,041 €				11,413
4. PROJECT EXPENSES						
PROJECT EXPENSES - TRANSFERED TO GHANA	22,000	37,500	7,500	75,500	30,555	166,944
PROJECT EXPENSES - SPENT ON BEHALF OF GHANA	51,987	31,480	1,042	-	6,892	90,023
SUB TOTAL	73,987 €	68,980 €	8,542 €	75,500 €	\$ 37,447	256,967
TOTAL EXPENSES	108,608 €	98,631 €	19,669 €	75,729 €	\$ 42,634	366,744 €
SUP/ (DIF)	10,051 €	908 €	1,168 €	832 €	\$ 6,483	18,145 €

* France: cash accounting system

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