

## **REPORT ON ADVOCACY FOR NFE POLICY FOR GHANA**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Non-Formal education practice in Ghana has grown over the years and currently occupies an important place in the education sector. Although it engages several hundreds of practitioners it has not been based on clear policies. Consequently there are no clear leadership channels or organograms. This has led misperceptions as to the appropriate sources of authority and channels of communication resulting in unfortunate duplications. Each player reports to different organisations.

The Non-Formal Division of the Ministry of Education has been the principal organization which over the years has borne the brunt of this absence of legislation as it has continued to experience a sharp decline in its budgetary allocations over the years.

In 2014 the Non-Formal Division of the Ministry of Adult Education decided to take the bull by the horn and with assistance from the UNESCO began the process by producing what it called a “Zero draft” PAMOJA Ghana decided to partner the NFED in this process.

With the participation of Pamoja Ghana the draft policy was concluded in June 2015. Additionally a draft implementation plan was drawn to show a roadmap to the promulgation of the policy as follows:

#### **Road Map for Finalization of the Policy**

Participants discussed proposed and set timelines for the finalization of Ghana NFE policy. These were as follows:

- **Review of Act and Others: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**
- **Consultation with MoE**
  - i. **Management Meeting : 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2015**
  - ii. **Sector Working Group: 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2015**
  - iii. **Development Partners Meeting**
- **Internal Sensitization: 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 onwards**
- **National Education Sector Annual Review: 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July, 2015**
- **Building Advocacy Team**
- **Stakeholders Consultation 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

On 11 September 2015, Pamoja Ghana received from Pamoja AO, the sum of 564 Euros. The exchange rate that the bank gave for that day was 3.89. The receipt converted to Local currency amounted to 2193.96 Ghana Cedis.

#### **Activity 1 Planning.**

An activity planning meeting was held on 2<sup>th</sup> November to decide on the strategy to continue the process. Present were the National Coordinator of Pamoja Ghana, the National Board Chairman

of Pamoja the National Director of NFE. It was decided that the best strategy to maximize the use of the resource was to engage the specialists among the stake holders to provide a second opinion on the Policy.

The Stakeholders were segmented into three

- Governmental Organisations and departments
- Academia
- Non- Governmental Organisations in Non-formal Education.

Copies of the Policy document were printed and distributed to Key stake holders to comment on and provide their opinion on the way forward. A time frame was given for them to return their responses.

Distribution of the materials commenced on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015. On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Collection of responses had started.

Analysis of the responses was done on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

## RESULTS

Analysis of the feedback so far received show that the Policy generally good. There were divergent views on the part that recommended the creation of an NFE Board. There were also several misgivings on the role that the Non-Formal Division of the Ministry of Education was to play should the policy be promulgated.

## ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

- Set up of a Committee to review the recommendations of stakeholders.
- Production of the final Policy document.
- Sensitization of the Ministry of Education on the Policy.
- Sensitization of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Education.

It is expected that the Project Management Committee will be able to complete the planned activities before parliament goes into recess.

## SUCCESS STORIES

The activity was very successful. The number of documents distributed was influenced by the cost of distribution. However the process used was based on the Self-administered Questionnaire Methodology. Consequently, the mortality rate was minimal.

## CONCLUSION

The Project Implementation was severely affected by the funding received. During the process, Pamoja Ghana had to rely very much on the Non- Formal Division to use its power to assist us in achieving results. Since the funding is limited could Pamoja West Africa consider alternative cost effective means of getting the funds to Pamoja Ghana. Bank Charges reduce our capacity to function.

## EXPENDITURE

Date	Item	Cost (Ghana Cedis)	Comments
2 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Implementation Planning Meeting	150.00	T&T
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Printing of copies of the Policy	250.	
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Distribution	150.00	Taxi fares
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Collection of responses	150.00	Taxi fares
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Honorarium for respondents	1,200.00	
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Analysis of responses	200.00	T&T
Total		2,100.00	