



Learn | Serve | Empower

Executive Summary

ACT foundation is foundation aimed at empowering underprivileged children with 21st century skills in Cameroon especially ICT skills to enable proper integration of these kids into the society thereby creating a better world for us all. The foundation also seeks to bring scholarship & grant opportunities to talented and smart kids from impoverished backgrounds notably those in rural communities. We have successfully conducted trainings and outreaches in 03 Orphanage Homes where a total of over 150 children have been impacted. We focus on training children ICT packages such as Microsoft Suit, Video Editing, Graphics Design, Internet Usage and also workshops on tailoring, musical instruments and Photography. Our excitement is to see orphans effectively build tech skills that would translate to a greener future. We envisage to have directly trained 1000 children and impacted 300 indirectly in 2023. Our training programs will span across 05 regions of Cameroon targeting two orphanages and one community in each of the five regions. We plan to have fully extended to other African countries by 2024.

1.0 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The creator of ACT Foundation discovered that many visitors and well-wishers visited largely with presents like clothing, shoes, and food resources while growing up as an orphan in an orphanage home. Although this is a significant humanitarian effort, it is insufficient to equip these children for a demanding future. Children from rural areas and orphans rarely, if ever, have access to computers. It is sad that some Cameroonian public schools do not even have one computer. That some kids have never used a computer in their lives is not shocking. What then, in such a digital environment, is the destiny of these kids? Therefore, there is a need to equip vulnerable children especially orphans with lifelong skills that would be beneficial even after their departure from orphanages and/or foster homes as well as impoverished children in rural communities.

According to UNICEF (2010), Cameroon has an estimated number of 1.1 million orphans and this number has increased drastically over the years especially in the two English regions of Cameroon due to the Anglophone Crisis. Kidnapping, destruction of houses, hospitals, fights and killings, which have become a daily occurrence in the North West and South West regions of Cameroon since late 2017, have undoubtedly rendered many fatherless and or motherless, with Orphanages in these two regions witnessing an increase in population. A particular case is the case of an Orphanage home in Abangoh - Bamenda in the North West region of Cameroon where the orphan population increased from 50 to 86.

Devices such as Ipads, Ipods, and other electronics are mostly associated with those born with a silver spoon. The possibility of having quality education which implies studying in good schools is mostly for the rich. The truth is vulnerable children have little or no knowledge of computers, the internet and related technologies such as smartphones & tablets due to lack of such devices. The picture of an African Orphanage home is typically *“food oriented”* without any technological standpoint. Therefore, there must be a way to bridge this digital divide, bias and reduce inequality in terms of technological skill development.

2.0 SOLUTION

Our unique solution proposition is based on the anchor that “*Give a Man a Fish, and You Feed Him for a Day. Teach a Man To Fish, and You Feed Him for a Lifetime*”. ACT FOUNDATION is deploying a double edged approach of improving skill development for minority and underrepresented groups in Cameroon particularly orphans through technology. This is done through the help of a coordinated team comprised of both local and expert volunteers to oversee its activities. Our first target points are orphanages/foster homes where we set computer labs or hubs for the orphans, train them on different ICT packages such as Microsoft Suit, Video editing, Graphics designing, Internet Usage and WordPress.

We also empower the orphans and less privileged with skills in tailoring, needle work, and musical instruments. Your funding will be directed to handling these crucial needs. We have a monitoring system to measure and track the progress of the children. Our volunteers are locally sorted and trained. Most of our volunteers are tech inclined with varying degrees of expertise. Since most of our volunteers are scholarship awardees, we are also providing resourceful materials such as sites to useful scholarships, grants and internships that would change the narrative of the African computer illiterate. In each target city, we set a computer hub to train the volunteers and at the orphanage/foster homes we equip a computer lab.

The staff of the target homes are trained by our team coordinate the trainings in the absence of our team. This ensures sustainability. These computer hubs will be termed the ACT academies where children will be taught, trained and equipped with top notch skills that will unlock the gateways digital excellence and capacity building. More so, the Computer lab will also be used as a centre for business run by the trained kids where printing, photocopying, scanning, Editing and other services will be rendered to those in that community.. This will ultimately lead to the creation of a generation of self-made entrepreneurs thereby reducing the rate of unemployment in Cameroon and Africa.

3.0 CORE ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Feasibility study of orphanages and rural communities
- ❖ Training of volunteers to work in orphanage Homes
- ❖ Social media coverage (Facebook, Tiktok, Instagram)
- ❖ Fruit day at target orphanages and tailoring workshops
- ❖ Photography
- ❖ Training on ICT skills (MS Word, Excel, Publisher, Web Navigation, Internet, Video Editing)
- ❖ System Collection and repairs
- ❖ Locating smart kids from poor backgrounds
- ❖ Outsourcing of scholarships and grants
- ❖ Writing of proposals for seed funding

4.0 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

- ❖ Carry out an ICT need based assessment at an orphanage home/community
- ❖ Prepare logistics and Team
- ❖ Source and Solicit for funding locally and internationally

- ❖ Outsource computer Systems and Laptops. At the beginning, the team uses their laptops to empower the kids/teenagers and subsequently, when a computer lab is set up in such homes upon funding, the training would continue with our correspondents.
- ❖ The team is composed of students with laptops and other volunteers willing to impact the less privileged with different ICT skills.

5.0 PROJECT IMPACT SO FAR

We have successfully conducted trainings in three Orphanages across three regions in Cameroon

We have trained over 108 children at the Good Shepherd Orphanage (Bamenda), 25 at the Children Ark Foundation(Orphanage in Douala) and Divine Providence Orphanage(Baffoussam) on ICT packages and other skills in the following key areas

- ❖ Introduction to Computer
- ❖ Role of Computer Science
- ❖ Computer Software
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- ❖ Mavis Beacon
- ❖ Beginner lessons in Microsoft Excel
- ❖ Microsoft Word
- ❖ Printing, Photocopying, Saving, Typing and Editing Documents
- ❖ We also featured a huge tailoring workshop
- ❖ Fruit Day Outreach

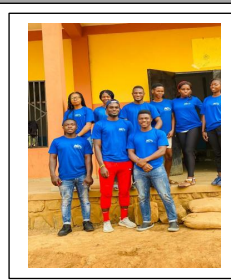
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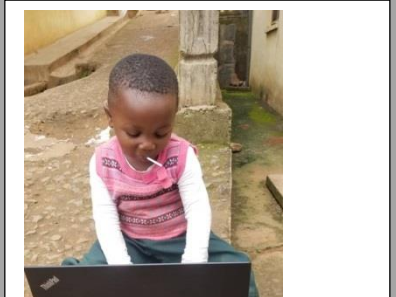
SOCIALLY, we are enabling better integration of vulnerable children into the society thereby increasing their self-esteem and willingness to learn

ECONOMICALLY, we empower with relevant ICT skills needed to excel and create a source of income for orphans and other vulnerable children

COMMUNALLY, We are building a community of impact creators and change makers giving children a solid foundation which has a ripple effect on the community leading to community development

ICT training sessions





Tailoring workshops



Fruit Day Outreaches



6.0 PROPOSED BUDGET

1 dollar = 650		FCFA			
COMPUTER HUB FOR GOOD SHEPHERD ORPHANAGE ABANGOH (BAMENDA)					
S/N	ITEM	No of Units	Unit price	AMOUNT(CFA)	AMOUNT(\$)
1	Transportation for 15 Volunteers	15	2,000	30,000	46.15
2	Printing of teaching Guide	100	500	50,000	76.92
3	Desktop computers (15)-Dell	15	100,000	1,500,000	2,307.69
4	Banner	1	50,000	40,000	61.54
5	Refreshments After each training session	1	40,000	40,000	61.54
6	Tables	8	50,000	400,000	615.38
7	Poster and flyers	100	500	50,000	76.92
8	Chairs	50	15,000	750,000	1,153.85
9	T-shirts	40	5,000	200,000	307.69
10	Motivation for 15 Volunteers	15	5,000	75,000	115.38
11	Rents for a year	12	70,000	840,000	1,292.31
12	Internet Modem	1	50,000	50,000	76.92
13	Printer/Photocopier/Scanner	2	200,000	400,000	615.38
14	Bulbs	4	2,500	10,000	15.38
15	sockets	15	1,500	22,500	34.62
16	Switches	4	1,000	4,000	6.15
17	Circuit breaker	1	15,000	15,000	23.08
18	Power Regulator	2	50,000	100,000	153.85
19	Power Distributors	10	7,000	70,000	107.69
20	Miscellaneous	1	100,000	100,000	153.85
TOTAL				4,746,500	\$ 7,302.31



NB: The Good Shepherd Home has over 100 kids
The above budget would be duplicated for any target Orphanage home



Cross section of some team members

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