

LARABANGA EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.

Larabanga is a 4000 populated Community in West Gonja District in the Northern Region 6 km to moite National park - This village consider to be one of the oldest village in Gihana. The villagers speak a unique language known as Kamara, this language is only spoken within the villager's and nowhere else this village is full of culture and history. Is also a tourist attracted place and famous do to it Acienc mosque and the mystic stone.

Considering the population taken since 1995, the population still increases everyday. What is the educational background to this people as well as development in general? Initially this community denied education just because of religious deference, as they were all Moslems. This people at the point of ignorance thought education was for the missionaries so therefore it is forbidden for their children to join different religion. Since then all stake holder and organizations concern diverted this opportunities way to other places.

What happens next? In 1960s a one classroom was constructed to convince the people that, children of this community will learn English and Arabic in which the school was named Larabanga E/A Primary School. 5% out of 100% could agree to this. Children of those days go to the school up to primary four and stop. Parents at that time will not allow them further their education to ^{any} early place else.

In 1970s about 25% could let their children go to school up to middle level of education. And after the middle school they ask their wards to come back to farm and keep their families running. Just a few like 5% could accept their children to go further but it was not encouraging at all level.

In 1980s a lot of people then know that education is for everybody, but they also think otherwise how to help their own children to go ahead, there was improvement since then, but the question is how many children are in the tertiary institutions now. Right now we have not ^{more} ~~were~~ than 10 pupils in our tertiary institution. On this note Development becomes poor in the village. We are Luck of resources that human can survive with some of this resources are good drinking water, Health center etc. Educational infrastructure very poor. Right now there is improvement in parents allowing their children to go to school. 80% of the schools going age are in school now, but we have:

- i. In adequate infrastructure.
- ii. Luck of Text books
- iii. No Library etc

We have an aim by the ^{year} 2015 all children of school going age should be in schools. Before this could be done we would like to address the few challenges ahead of us.

How can these challenges be address??

Already the people are farmers locally, they farm to feed themselves and families, can only secure a little produce he ^{get} from the farm to sell to keep the family ruing in terms of health.

We as a youth of the village now rise up to work help our selves and the entire community we under take the following projects:

- a. Education: We try to ensure that children in our community get places to sit when they are in school. ~~Like~~ getting furniture for the school we are also to ensure that infrastructure will be put up to attain shelter for the pupils.
- b. To ensure that pupils will have adequate books for reading and writing. It point clean that their parents cannot afford.
- c. To make sure that all the school going age are in schools.
- d. To also identify the needy pupils, and to help them improve their education.
- e. Children who are handicap, we try to involve them within the educational sector, also by motivating them. We will also try to get possible ways of getting some of them. ie the cripples school and get them back home.
- f. To ensure that children have a place where they can go to read ie "library".

- The above mention all cannot do one day, they are our aims. But we hope to tackle some of them and complete them in a few years.

Finance: How do we get funds to do this? The youth contribute every month and also do communal labour in some of the activities, until any donation is met.

Source:- We are appealing to all stake holders Religions leaders, NGO's, Voluntary donors and all concern people who have the zeal to support the youth to accomplish this objectives. We would be grateful to you if you show concern.

Thank you

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