



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2015

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WHO DO WE SERVE?

The criteria for support are based on vulnerability. OAfrica helps those who need it most: at-risk children who do not have appropriate family care. Each child or young adult supported today entered the programme because they met at least three of the following criteria for inclusion:

Affected by HIV/AIDS
With Special Needs
Single or Double Orphans
Living on the Streets
Ex-Orphanage Residents
Child Labour
Abandoned
Abused
Neglected
At Risk of Abandonment
In Conflict with the Law
Victims of Trafficking

A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER

2015 was an eventful year for OAfrica and for Ghanaian children's rights generally. In January, a report on national television by undercover investigator **Anas Aremeyaw Anas**, whose stated aim is to "name, shame and jail" criminals, exposed chilling cruelty and violence at the unlicensed "Countryside Children's Home," further proof, if any more was needed, that orphanages are not the right place for children to grow up. As I write, the court hearings are still ongoing.

Later in the year, **The Child and Family Welfare Policy** (CFWP) was launched by the Government of Ghana: this is an important national guideline that highlights the need for family care for children.

In May 2015, a high-level and multi-sectorial Ghanaian delegation defended its child rights record in Geneva for the first time since 2006: three of the delegates were proudly sponsored by OAfrica. Subsequently, the **Concluding observations on the combined third to fifth periodic reports of Ghana** was presented by the **Committee on the Rights of the Child** (CRC) in June.

In these concluding observations, there was some praise, notably on new legislation and policy measures, but the report was brutally forthright on the lack of progress in areas such as **corporal punishment, HIV/AIDS, harmful practices, child labour and juvenile justice**.

The committee clearly underlined the "**evident gap between law and practice**," in various child-related legislative measures. You can read the full report [here](#).

The KidsRights Index, the annual global index which ranks how countries adhere to and are equipped to improve children's rights ([viewable here](#)) placed **Ghana in the 126th position**, showing that the country needs to do much more to provide the necessary conditions to realize children's rights. Sadly, Ghana's overall score has actually gone down in three key areas since 2006.

All this international attention clearly demonstrates that our work safeguarding children's rights is needed more than ever. Ghana continues to be a hot spot for **trafficking** issues and as pressure around **international migration** continues to rise, OAfrica continues to **support families** so that children can thrive in community settings and feel rooted in their own culture. We also provided scholarships in 2015 for over 200 children and young adults helping them stay in school and learn **employable skills**. We were much encouraged by the plethora of mentions of our work (as OrphanAid Africa, our previous name, over 50 mentions in all) in the **Country Care Profile** published by the Better Care Network which you can find [here](#).

Despite hard economic times, we continue to look for innovative digital and other methods to extend our reach to as many vulnerable children and families as possible.

Thank you for supporting OAfrica as we enter our 14th year protecting children.

Lisa Lovatt-Smith
Founder

Pictured : the Management Team:
Robert Dakwa (**CFO**)
Lisa Lovatt-Smith (**Founder**)
Miracle Damanka (**CDO**)



AFRICA
Keeping Children in Families

Theory of Change



OUR MISSION

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

OUR VALUES

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

OUR VISION

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

THE PROBLEM

Of the estimated **8M** children in orphanages worldwide, at least **80%** have living parents who want them, but who have **NO ACCESS** to health, education or social services in the community.



Children usually get placed in **ORPHANAGES** to ensure access to these services. **POVERTY** is therefore, worldwide, the main reason for abandonment of children in orphanages.

QAFRICA believes that orphanages are very often **ABUSIVE** and that even the **"BEST"** of them never provide the meaningful connection to family and community that children need to thrive or the proper emotional attachment to a significant adult. We believe **all children deserve to grow up in a family and that orphanage care should be eradicated worldwide.**



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

We believe children have the right to a safe childhood in a family setting and that poverty and poor health are not adequate reasons for separating children from their families. We offer a broad range of tailored support including parenting education to empower families to care for their children more effectively, thus creating a stable environment and opportunities

for achievement both within the family and community.

Each of the 80 children supported has a key worker who is invariably a fully qualified social worker and every contact with the child is recorded in our own purpose-made database for easy tracking and monitoring.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

This year 78 young adults were supported in our care-leaver programme in school, tertiary, vocational or apprenticeship scenarios. Cash transfers, accommodation and entrepreneurship training and set-ups were also offered in what has become Ghana's most successful life skill and scholarship programme for vulnerable young people. 8 of them graduated from the programme and are ready to face the world as confident men and women, bringing the number of OAfrica alumni to over 500.



FOSTER CARE

When kinship care cannot be provided, temporary or permanent care with foster families can still offer a good home for children. These are households which receive one or more children, unrelated by blood, marriage or adoption to the caregiver, who is

trained, monitored and usually (but not always) compensated. At any one time, we have approximately 30 children in foster care, and we work actively to reunite them with their families. We believe that families do not need to be perfect to get their children back: they

should be reunited when risk has been reduced and the home is safe. In 2015 we were able to reunite 4 children, from long-term foster care, with their families.

SPECIAL NEEDS

10 children and young adults with complex special needs receive special education and physiotherapy and counselling services suited to their condition.

Those with special needs who are unable to be with their families live in long-term foster care. These are small

facilities integrated within communities and designed to serve children or adults with chronic disabilities. These homes usually have six or fewer occupants and are staffed 24 hours a day by trained caregivers. The programme is designed to make them as autonomous as possible within the constraints of their condition.

RESILIENCE ADVOCACY

2015 saw the launch of a brand new OAfrica department for the first time in ten years. Focusing on the key areas of parenting, de-institutionalization, sexual and reproductive health and child protection,

We aim to build resilience by reaching large numbers of vulnerable young

people through outreach programmes: TV and radio programmes, billboards, publications, training, social media and mobile communication. We hope to reach out, through technology, to millions of Ghanaians across socio-economic boundaries. Our maiden event was for the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, attended by

174 adolescents and young adults living with HIV, and included medical screening, ARV distribution and entertainment. We also ran an internal OAfrica careers day, youth rally and health fair, in addition to 12 caregiver training sessions and a specially designed advocacy programme for radio.

CARE REFORM INITIATIVE

The 2015 observations by the Committee of the Rights of the Child, in Geneva, emphasized that “financial and material poverty should never be a justification for receiving a child into alternative care or for preventing a child’s social reintegration”, and recommended that Ghana should strengthen the implementation of the

Care Reform Initiative: supporting and facilitating family-based care and establishing a system of foster care for children who cannot stay with their families. This was a source of great satisfaction for OAfrica which co-created the Care Reform Initiative in 2007 with the Government of Ghana and Unicef. This programme impacts

over 4000 children estimated to still be living in orphanages in Ghana today.

In 2015 OAfrica proudly became a partner of Hope & Homes for Children, an international NGO whose aim is to eradicate orphanage care for children worldwide.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Impacting over 550 men, women and children, our school, clinic and sports programmes performed very well this year, the last for our Community Support Department. From 2016, in line with our 2013-18 Strategic Plan, we will

be completing our phased withdrawal and handing over these projects – library, clinic, toilets, school- to our partner NGO “A Child Unheard” and the Community Leadership Committee which OAfrica helped form. Thus, ten

years in the small settler village of Ayenyiah came to an end for us, as our purpose evolved over the last decade beyond this village, to focus on bringing services to families, wherever they might be.

CHANGE MAKERS



Today approximately 4000 vulnerable children in Ghana are still growing up in orphanages. They are supported by well-meaning charities, churches, individuals and governments. In the best cases, the children are receiving food, an education and a roof over their heads. In the worst cases, they are isolated, starved, abused, trafficked, sold into international adoption or die of preventable diseases through neglect. In all cases, they never get the affection and sense of identity that only a loving family can give. Hundreds of studies tell us, as does our common sense, that family life is critical to a child's healthy development.

We want to change the way Ghana looks after its vulnerable children and make sure each child can grow up within a family.

You can become a changemaker too: support us today at oafrika.org.

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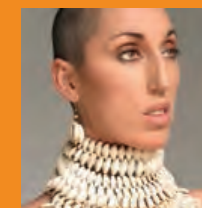
OAFIRA would like to thank our Goodwill Ambassadors from around the world who have dedicated incredible talent, time and appearances to the children and families of our organization.



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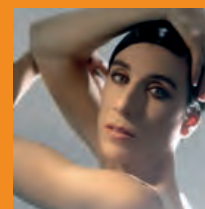
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Financial Statements

2015 OA Ghana Consolidated Accounts (GHC)*

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	(GHC)*
Income	2,443,037
International donations (OA offices abroad)	2,299,274
Donations received locally	143,763
Project Expenses	2,061,736
Family Support Services	614,456
Young Adults Services	573,854
Foster Family Community	87,458
Special Children's Unit	170,094
Care Reform Initiative	110,233
Sports and Life Skills	67,244
Ayanya DA Primary School	54,099
Ayenyah Clinic	1,232
Workshops and meetings	8,786
Fundraising / Sustainability	345,172
Telephone and communication	12,860
Utilities	4,584
General expenses	9,971
Farm Project	1,694
Administrative Expenses	62,022
International Travels	1,378
Other professional fees	19,458
Bank and interest charges	5,466
Audit fees	24,910
Training & Development	3,352
Software development	7,458
Administrative Staff Expenses	443,265
Salaries and wages	443,265
Depreciation Expenses	124,792
Amortization	2,462
Total Expenditure	2,694,276
Surplus	(251,239)
Balance at 1 January	1,240,548
Balance at 31 December	989,309

2015 Financial Statements

Consolidated Summary in Euros*

Consolidated accounts for OA fundraising branches in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States.

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

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	TOTAL	FRANCE	ITALY	SPAIN	GERMANY	USA	SWITZERLAND
1. INCOME							
INDIVIDUAL DONORS	185,069	76,745	24,626	32,108	16,920	43,109	-
CORPORATIONS	563,510	84,294	371,088	37,963	50,165	25,000	-
GRANTS	77,387	26,950	25,000	12,427	-	16,262	-
OTHER	183	-	183	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	826,149€	187,989€	420,897€	82,498€	67,085€	\$84,370.97	CHF 0
2. PROJECT EXPENSES							
PROJECT EXPENSES - TRANSFERRED TO GHANA	479,025	73,725	310,000	16,500	62,000	21,000	-
PROJECT EXPENSES - SPENT ON BEHALF OF GHANA	82,141	18,320	23,121	16,379	155	29,083	1,000
PROJECT EXPENSES - RECEIVED DIRECTLY IN GHANA ON BEHALF OF THE FUNDRAISING BRANCH *	1,938	1,938			-	-	-
TOTAL	563,104€	93,983€	333,121€	32,879€	62,155€	\$50,083.34	CHF 1,000
3. RUNNING COSTS							
ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL EXPENSES	47,050	30,226	5,263	4,833	2,086	5,803	-
HUMAN RESOURCES - SALARIES	115,375	33,706	38,156	34,564	3,349	7,000	-
HUMAN RESOURCES - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	32,786	6,608	9,185	11,204	-	7,237	-
TOTAL	195,211€	70,540€	52,604€	50,601€	5,434€	\$20,039.44	CHF 0
4. AWARENESS							
FUNDRAISING/PR	48,492	5,000	30,709	445	-	15,423	-
SENSITIZATION	19,573	18,282	714	577	-	-	-
TOTAL	68,065€	23,282€	31,423€	1,022€	0€	\$15,422.83	CHF 0

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The following corporation contributed \$300,000 or more, therefore qualifying as our Platinum sponsor for 2015.

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