

# PROJECTS

Entrepreneurial thinking and acting are our passion. They play a key role in our activities in Burkina Faso and Ghana. All of our projects are initiated and guided by our employees. On a regular basis, our consultants spend several weeks or months on site and further develop and execute our projects.





# EMPOWERING TEENAGED ORPHANS TO BUILD UP THEIR OWN EXISTENCE

Half of Ghana's population is under 16 years, due to extreme poverty and a high HIV infection rate, many children grow up as orphans. With their 18th birthday, all care programs end and the young adults are left by themselves, struggling with poverty and lacking social support.

The YASS program is focused on young adults in difficult living circumstances, e.g. leaving orphanages, or other care programs, lack of family support. Often these social challenges are accompanied with further problems, such as HIV infection or illiteracy. YASS offers educational, psychological and financial support. This continues until the young adult is able to secure a job, or three months after leaving full time education, whichever is sooner.

Participants receive counseling and benefit from financial support, mostly for education but also for housing, health care and insurances. Currently, there are about 50 young adults fully supported through YASS program and up to 80 that attend weekly meetings.

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## YASS PROGRAM

- Young adults are referred to YASS by orphanages, state officials or the police
- At intake, personal and career goals for each participant are set
- Each participant is enrolled in a professional training (e.g. apprenticeship, university)
- Trained social workers pay weekly visits to all participants ensuring the progress
- Weekly group meetings establish a supportive networking between participants
- Weekly educational lessons (e.g. basic health, housekeeping) prepare participants for an self-responsible life
- A professional counselor helps participants with personal challenges
- Financial support enables participants to fully focus on their training and allows act independently



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## BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Challenged young adults get a way out of poverty
- By completing a professional training, they become valuable members of society
- Social support through the YASS network becomes a life-time “family”



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## REQUIREMENTS

- Program Manager
- 2 Social Workers
- Counselor
- School fees and materials
- Health insurance coverage
- Budget for cash transfers
- Rent for meeting location



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The YASS program is an initiative from **The Stern Stewart Institute.**

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# YOUNG ADULTS SERVICES (YASS)

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