PROFILE FOR HUMAN CARE AND MAINTENANCE FOUNDATION (HUCAM)

1.0 BACKGROUND AND LEGAL STATUS OF ORGANISATION

***HISTORY***:

Human Care and Maintenance Foundation is a non-profit making organization without partisan, sectarian influence with the view of improving the welfare of people.

The organization was formed by Miss Evelyn Bema Darkwa and she started it as a charitable organization in the year 2003.

The organization then raised its status to a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) by Miss Evelyn Bema Darkwa and Mr. Collins Osei at Bechem in the Tano South District within the Brong Ahafo Region and had its official registration in the year 2008AD.

“Love your neighbor as yourself; do to others as you want others to do to you”.

The above statement simply implies; if we all love one another, respect the rights of others, protect the life and property of others; imagine what world would be; without war, without fear ,without want and without hatred.

Based upon these that Human Care and Maintenance Foundation was formed. Again, the Organization helps to raise the standard of living of the people. In a nutshell we want voices of the very poor in the communities to be heard.

***LEGAL STATUS AND CERTIFICATES:***

Human Care and Maintenance Foundation has been registered under the companies code 1963 Act 179 on the 9th of June, 2008 and we have certificate to commence business as a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) to operate in the country. We have also registered under the Social Welfare in the National level as well as the District level. The organization targets to supplement the efforts of the government of Ghana to enhance the quality of the rural poor through moral education.

***VISION:***

A democratic world where the rights of the individual are respected

***MISSION STATEMENT:***

To support the government of Ghana drive to build and improve the welfare of all people particularly the vulnerable, orphans, aged, women and youth to become relevant to the socio-economic, socio-political and socio-cultural realities and National development.

***OBJECTIVES:***

The organization is established to supplement the efforts of the government of Ghana and all donors who shares HUCAM’s vision to enhance the quality of the rural poor through the provision of social services (education, health, livelihood and environmental programmes.

In line with this policy that Human Care and Maintenance Foundation seeks to undertake the following project objectives.

* To mobilize and provide assistance to the most vulnerable for their social, economic and normal development.
* To advocate and lobby for the protection of children and women’s rights.
* To provide counseling, preach; unity, love and discipline to all people with emphasis on behavioral and attitudinal change.
* To provide micro-credit to women’s groups and other vulnerable for them to engage in economic activities.
* To educate and contribute to the reduction of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculoses and Non-Communicable Diseases in our operational area.
* Fight against human right abuse with much focus on child abuse in cocoa and vegetable growing areas.
* To organize and provide support for farmer groups in the coverage areas.
* To mobilize and provide support for the disable.
* To provide consultancy services.

***ADVISORS/DIRECTORS.***

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| NAME | EXPERTISE | | QUALIFICATION | INTEREST | |
| Evelyn Bema Darkwa | Accounting. | | Diploma in business studies. | Human rights. | |
| Eugenia N.Akakpo | Counseling. | | Diploma in Basic Education | Health Education | |
| Mr. Kwabena Adu Gyamfi | Accounting | | Bachelor of Commerce | Community health(Water and Sanitation) | |
| Mr.Seth Appiah | Accounting | | BA(Acts) C A Final one (1) | Financial management. | |
| Vida Afriyei Darkwa | Banking | | Cooperative Secretariat. | Helping the poor people. | |
| Dr. Prince Osei-Wusu Adjei | | Rural Development. | PhD(Geog & Rural Development)  BA (Hons)Soc Sc  FRRAG | | Poverty Reduction, Decentralization and Community Health. |

***NETWORK / COALITION MEMBERSHIP***

Currently the organization is been joined to the following networks /coalitions.

1. Brong Ahafo Network of Non-Governmental Organization (BANGO).
2. Ghana National Coalition of NGOs in Health, BAR Chapter.
3. Ghana National NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child (GNCRC)
4. Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Malaria (GCNM).
5. Local Governance Network of Civil Society Organisations (LOG Net).

***PAST, CURRENT PROGRAMMES AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCES***

-***Human rights advocacy***

We did campaign about the need for everyone to participate in the just ended elections (2008) and campaign about the need to maintain peace among people in the form of peace walk with flash cards.

After the election we saw that many people turn up to vote without fear or anything. There was also peace before, during and after the election in the areas we worked.

In the future we want to reach the communities that we were not able to go due to financial and other logistical problems.

- ***Survey in working communities*.**

The organization has carried out series of survey work in the areas we are working now.

It came to our noticed that children in those areas were not attending school and those who even go are not performing well.

After the survey we have been able to set up a group for the women and thought them the rights of the child to education.

We were also able to put the women together to form a small scale industry.

In the future we want to supplement those women with some tools and equipment to make them produce more of the products they are producing.

-   ***Basic education support for children engage in worst forms of child labour***

We have been able to create the awareness of the right of the child in our catchment areas and ensure that the child will be in school.

Our achievement for this area was that after the programme the enrollment level in the schools has increased and the organization is even catering for some of the children in school.

We have plans to reach communities that we could not go and also to increase the number of children we are helping in basic school. We thought of giving them food supplement and deworm them to enhance their learning.

  -  ***Health education***

The organization in collaboration with a health worker at Bechem Government Hospital, organized health talks for Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Bechem.

After the programme over five hundred people became aware of non-communicable diseases.

In the future we have plans to extend the programme to all people in the District.

* **Care and Support**

HUCAM applied and received food supplement drugs rich in Vitamins and Minerals and also chewable deworming drugs from a Sunyani based NGO, African Assistance Plan (AAP) to undertake three (3) days deworming exercise in nine (9) selected basic schools in Tano South District.

When we finished the programme school children were served with deworming drugs and food supplement. The organization has in plans to extend the programme to all school children in the future.

* **Water and Sanitation**

Human Care and Maintenance Foundation in collaboration with a sister organization has being able to repair seven (7) broken bore-holes in the Tano South District.

We are planning to construct new ones for communities who do not have good drinking water in the District.

* ***Malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS) campaigns***.

Under this we have been able to do sensitization programmes in the communities we are working.

A survey too was carried out about what to do to help victims who are HIV/AIDS and TB.

We have been able to group people who are living with HIV/AIDS. The people in the communities now know how to leave with such people.

We are planning to set-up a small scale industry for the people living with HIV/AIDS in order to help them to funds for their basic needs and to get access to their anti-retrovirus drugs.

***REFRENCES***

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1. Ghana National Coalition of NGOs in Health, BAR Chapter
2. Brong Ahafo Network of Non-Governmental Organization.
3. Ghana National NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child (GNCRC)