**1.0 Executive Summary**

The Free Eye Screening Exercise is one of the major programs of the Issaka Foundation for 2014. The purpose of the exercise is to offer school-going children the opportunity to know the condition of their eye sight, and for those with serious conditions to seek early medical treatment with the support of the Issaka Foundation. The exercise is meant to be free to the children in public school because of the high cost involved in seeking private medical check-up and their parents’ inability to afford.

**2.0 Project Description**

The Free Eye Screening Exercise will be a 3 day exercise for the pupils of the Nima Cluster of Schools in the Ayawaso East Sub-Metro of the Accra Metropolis. The Nima Cluster of Schools was chosen because of the special needs of the pupils. Most of the pupils attending the school come from under-privileged background, and hence find out it very difficult to undertake medical check-ups. Most of them are only concerned with bread and butter issues, hence the need for this exercise, and the choice of the school.

**3.0 Objectives of the Exercise**

The objectives of the Free Eye Screening Exercise are:

1. To afford the pupils of the Nima Cluster of Schools the opportunity to know the conditions of their eye sight.
2. To assist under-privileged pupils with serious eye problems to seek for medical assistance as soon as possible.
3. To provide eye drugs to pupils with eye problems in their early stages.

**4.0 Procedures and Methods**

The Free Eye Screening Exercise will take place within 3 days at the premises of the Nima Cluster of Schools in Nima. Eye Specialists will be brought from the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital (Eye Clinic) for this purpose. These specialists will examine the pupils and prescribe medicines for those found to have eye problems.

**5.0 Sponsors**

The program is sponsored by  **Beit Al khair Society .**

**6.0 Monitoring and Evaluation**

**The Issaka Foundation** will keep the details of pupils with serious eye conditions, and continue to monitor the condition of these pupils until their problems are solved. Two staff members of the Foundation will be assigned this role of monitoring the progress or otherwise or these affected pupils.

**7.0 Timelines of the Program**

The Free Eye Screening Exercise will be conducted in a period of 3 days. And this is as a result of the number of pupils to be examined (i.e. more than 1,500 pupils).

**8.0 Program Sustainability**

The Free Eye Screening Exercise for 2014 is a pilot program, with the aim of extending it to other under-privileged communities in Ghana. **The Issaka Foundation** is deeply concerned with the health status of under-privileged women and children, and therefore has created a special unit to handle health related issues. The unit will ensure the success of this program and other related health issues.

**9.0 Key Personnel**

The Free Eye Screening Exercise will be conducted by Eye Specialists from the Eye Clinic of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, and they will be supported by the staff and volunteers of the Issaka Foundation.

The staffs of **The Issaka Foundation** who will be assisting in this exercise are as follows:

1. **Chief Issaka Sakibu, Founder and Executive Director**
2. **Mr. Jajah Mahmud, Associate Director**
3. **Mr. Norman Fiifi Williams, Director of Finance and Administration**
4. **Mr. Larry Baawa, Director of programs**

In addition to the staffs and the medical team, there will be ten (10) volunteers made up of tertiary students to assist in the exercise.

**10.0 Organization’s Information**

**The Issaka Foundation,** formerly known as **Issaka Health Foundation,** is a non-profit charitable organization registered in January 2010 with the Registrar Generals’ Department of Ghana as a company limited by guarantee. The organization is also registered with the Department of Social Welfare and the Accra Metropolitan Assembly as a non-governmental organization.

The **mission** of the Foundation is to support the marginalized and the vulnerable Children (Orphans) below Eighteen years (18) in our societies in the areas of **Education** and **Health**.

Over the past months, **The Issaka Foundation** has made some cash donations to hole-in-heart patients and also made some donations and offered assistance to some individuals and organizations in Accra. The Foundation has registered Eighty Five (85) children **(Orphans)** in Maamobi, Accra on the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). This is significant in the sense that it will offer these children **(Orphans)** the opportunity to access free medical care supported by the NHIS. In August 2010, the Foundation also made a donation of relief items worth about GHC2, 800.00 to some flood victims in the Ashaiman Municipality, also in the Greater Accra Region. The Foundation has made some financial and material contributions to some youth organizations in Northern part of Ghana such as the AVERT Youth Foundation, to support their programmers’. Recently, the foundation has received IT equipment from **UK-aid** (**DFID-GHANA)** and donated them to some Schools and Organizations such as Darul Hijra Islamic School, (Maamobi), Al-fallah Islamic Shool, (Ruga-Kanda) Nima Government Hospital, (Nima) Avert Youth Foundation, Kamsak Foundation, Maamobi, Department of Social Welfare Zone C, Circle Accra and Tamale College of Education, Tamale.

**10.1 Programs and Initiatives**

**The Issaka Foundation** has outlined some initiatives and programs to undertake in the coming years. These initiatives and programs are categorized under the two main focus areas of the Foundation.

**10.1.1 Education Initiatives**

**No Child Left Behind Educational Initiative**

Under this initiative, **The Issaka Foundation** hopes to boost basic school enrolments in marginalized and remote communities in Ghana and West Africa. Basic education in Ghana is supposed to be free. However, for children in the remote communities, it is very difficult to acquire the necessary educational materials that help in effective teaching, learning and schooling. On this basis, the Foundation plans to make available educational materials such as Back packs, school uniforms, exercise and reading books, pens and pencils, as well as to help furnish computer laboratories of these schools to enable these vulnerable children to get access to Information and Communications Technology.

**Advancing Access to Higher Education Support Initiative**

The Advancing Access to Higher Education Support Initiative (AAHESI) seeks to support young people, especially young women to be able to further their educational ambitions. Many a time’s young people cannot access higher education or tertiary education due to lack of financial support. This is partly due to the fact that the cost of higher education in Ghana continues to soar. This initiative will offer full or partial scholarship to young people who wish to continue their education at the higher level.

The Foundation has just supported Abdul Salam Fuseini Kwadjah from Tamale in the Northern Region of Ghana with a One (1) year scholarship to the cost of GHC 2,000.00. Master Salam has gained admission into the Ghana Registered Nursing Training College (GRNTC), to be trained as a Health Nurse last year and has not been able to go to school due to financial problems.

The Foundation hopes to continue to support Salam and other young persons (Men & Women) who have such difficulties. Abdul Salam now studying medicine in Cuba though the National Scholarship Scheme.

**10.1.2 Health Initiatives**

**The Access to Health Initiative**

**The Issaka Foundation** hopes to continue with the registration of poor women children and, Orphans on the National Health Insurance Scheme. This, we believe will go a long way to reduce and prevent premature deaths among marginalized youth and maternal mortality in the deprived communities.

**Community Health Systems Initiative**

This initiative seeks to support hospitals and other health centers in marginalized communities by providing them with health equipment both in cash and kind. Under the initiative also, there will be regular free health screening exercises because we believe, prevention is better than cure.

**HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Initiative**

**The Issaka Foundation** is also very much committed in the struggle to combat HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria especially in Ghana where we operate and in West Africa. Under this initiative, the Foundation will organize awareness creation programs and training workshops to identifiable groups and individuals. The Foundation will also provide anti-retroviral drugs to HIV/AIDS patients, especially women and children.

**Orphans Initiative**

**The Issaka Foundation** is also interested in creating an orphanage to take care of Orphans from birth till when they reach their fifteenth (15th ) birthdays. The Foundation hopes to provide good and quality education, as well as to instill moral religious values in the Orphans.

**10.1.3 Special Projects**

**The Issaka Foundation** will also undertake programs and projects such as building of schools, Mosques and wells. These Special Projects will be undertaken as and when funds are available the Board of the Foundation decides.

**10.1.4 Corporate Governance**

**The Issaka Foundation** is managed by a group of competent Board of Directors and Management. The Board sets the general vision and direction of the Foundation. The Management is made up of the Executive Director, the Associate Director, the Programs Director, and the Director of Finance Administration. There are other supporting staffs and volunteers as well.

**10.1.5 Funding**

Currently the Foundation is being supported financially by the Founder and Executive Director Chief Issaka Sakibu. Other individuals also do make both financial and material donations.

**Appendix A**

**The Budget**

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| **ITEMS** | **QNTY** | **UNIT PRICE GH¢** | **TOTAL AMOUNT GH¢** |
| **BATTERIES FLASH LIGHT** |  |  |  |
| SIZE ‘D’ | 5 PAIRS |  |  |
| SIZE ‘C’ | 14 PAIRS |  |  |
| SIZE ‘AA’ | 24 PAIRS |  |  |
| **DRUGS FOR THE EXERCISE** |  |  |  |
| PHENYLEPHRINE 5 % | 4 BOTTLES |  |  |
| CYCLOPENTOLATE | 4 BOTTLES |  |  |
| AMETHOCAINE | 4 BOTTLES |  |  |
| METHYLATED SPIRIT | 1 LITRE |  |  |
| FLOURESCEINE | 4 |  |  |
| COTTON WOOL ROLLS | 1 |  |  |
| PLASTER | 1 |  |  |
| 1 RIM OF A4 | 1 |  |  |
| **TRANSPORTATION / FUEL RESOUCE PERSONS** | 15/3 Days |  |  |
| **REFRESHMENTS FOR PUPILS** | Minerals, water & small chops/ 1,500 Pupils |  |  |
| **HONORARIUM FOR RESOUCE PERSONS** | 6/3 Days |  |  |
| **ALLOWANCE FOR STAFF (NURSES)** | 12/3 Days |  |  |
| **ALLOWANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS** | 10/3Days |  |  |
| **MEDIA**  **PRINTING OF T’SHIRTS**  **PRINTING OF BANNERS** | 8  50  3 |  |  |
| **REFRSHMENT FOR RESOUCE PERSONS** | Minerals & small chops 28/3 |  |  |
| **CANOPIES/CHAIRS** | 3/30 |  |  |
| **LUNCH**  **MINERAL WATER FOR RESOUCE PERSONS** | 3/30/3Days  6 Boxes |  |  |
| **CONTINGENCY** |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |

**NB: the total budget is in Ghana Cedi, it is equivalent to US $ 4,600.00**