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GOT MATAR PROGRESS REPORT TO DATE

Introduction

Got Matar Development Group runs educational services for specific identified deserving children and educational institutions in Siaya County. Services include:

- i) Management of affairs of students on sponsorship in secondary schools
- ii) Soliciting for support to students and alumni (fees, scholastic materials, uniforms, sanitary pads etc. to ensure increased school attendance)
- iii) Assessing needs in specific areas and working with partners to meet the same
- iv) Running a tertiary collage (Got Matar Institute of Technology) to ensure that children pursue trade courses for a livelihood.

The success of these programmes squarely lies in the consolidated efforts of various stakeholders who include the sponsors, students, parents, teachers, churches, partners and the community at large. It is important that we acknowledge the invaluable contribution of each stakeholder. There has been a sense of mutual cooperation from other stakeholders including the parents/guardians who sponsorship notwithstanding, have not abdicated their parental responsibility, they have continually given socio-economic and moral support to their children naturally and whenever required. More importantly we appreciate the valuable contribution of Andrew Macmillan who has played a vital role in fundraising to ensure the continuity of the initiated projects.

The purpose of this report is to enable the consumers have a general overview of the current state of Got Matar programmes and partnership with Ace Africa.

The report addresses the progress of bursary programme, institute and partnership outcome with Ace Africa.

BURSARY PROGRESS

GMCDG works with all the 10 primary schools in East Yimbo Location, through identification of needy and bright students to secondary school. With the support of area chief, school heads and the group the selection criteria is normally done in the presence of the community. Got Matar Secondary has a total of 583(304m, 275f) out of this number, 252 students are sponsored by GMCDG. The sponsorship by gender is as follows.

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
F1	37	32	69
F2	45	30	75
F3	40	30	70
F4	20	18	38
Total			252

KCSE RESULTS -2013

In 2013, the school enrolled 74(52m, 22f) candidates in form 4, out of the 74 students, 33 were directly sponsored by GMDG and their performance can be seen below.

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Grades	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
Form 4	0	0	0	1 m	5(4m,1f)	4(2m,2f)	8(7m,1f)	10(7m,3f)	4(3m,1f)	1m		

Performance of the school

In 2013, the school had a mean score of 5.28 and was ranked 9 out of 28 schools within Bondo Sub County and 72 out of 181 in the entire Siaya County.

Other updates

- **New facilities at the Secondary school**-A new laboratory have been constructed by Constituency development fund.
- **Girl's dormitory**- GMDG had presented the quotation to the Australian NGO bricks + cart wheel but no response to date.
- **Staffing** -The Government has employed 11 teachers and another 9 employed by school BOG totaling up to 20.
- **Water supply**-Through community initiative, 250 pipes yet to arrive from Nairobi to tap water from a nearby dam 3 km from the new institute site. Much to be communicated later by Grace when she gets feedback from the partner.

PROGRESS REPORT OF GOT MATAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

This institution was set up to enable bright and needy children who for one reason could not afford to join secondary school to pursue trade courses for a livelihood. To this end the following courses are being offered at the institution;

Course	Minimum Entry	Duration	Exam Body
IT (craft)	D plain and above	1 yr/level	KASNEB/KNEC
Garment Making (Craft)	D plain and above	2 years	KNEC
Garment making (Artisan)	Class 8 and above	3 years	KNEC
Garment Making (grade 3)	Open	2 years	NITA
Metal work and fabrication	Open	2 years	NITA
Wood work and Joinery	Open	2 years	NITA
Masonry (Artisan level /Grade 3	Class 8 and above	2 years	NITA
Food and Beverage production	D plain and above	2 years	KNEC

To date the, the institution have a total population of 73(26m, 47f), out of this 55(25m,30f) students are sponsored, the rest are self- sponsored

Students' enrollment per course is as indicated below

Course	No of students
IT (craft)	8(5m,3f)
Garment Making (Craft)	39(2m,37f)
Metal work and fabrication	0
Wood work and Joinery	5 males
Masonry (Artisan level /Grade 3	14 males

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Food and Beverage production	7 females
TOTAL	73(26m,47f)

No of students who have graduated since 2012

NO OF STUDENTS	COURSE	YEAR
3	ICT	2012
4	Garment making	2012
4	Masonry	2012
3	ICT	2013
3	Garment making technology	2013
4	Masonry	2013
21		

NB -The above students all passed the exams.

No of students registered in 2014

No of students	Course
12	Garment making technology
2	Wood work
5	ICT
19	TOTAL

Other courses yet to be offered in 2015 includes the following; Beauty and therapy, business courses e.g. Human resource management, business management, supplies chain and management. General agriculture. The courses will run from artisan, craft and diploma level.

Purchase of sewing machines and desktop computers

The group had a budget of buying computers and sewing machines to help the students get access to practical skills in class for tailoring class and Information technology students. Payment was made to Smart line computer services where they supplied 6 computers with the following specifications; Intel core 2 duo 1.60, 17" TFT , 120 GB HDD, 1024 MB DDR2. 10 Machines were budgeted and ordered from AMEDO COMPANY in Kisumu since they had already supplied the previous machines which are of high quality. The machines @ Ksh. 17, 000 totaling up to Ksh. 170,000 which have already been paid , so far the machines have been delivered.

Site development of new building

The construction is ongoing for garment making technology workshop. The other unfinished rooms are to house security person, store and a temporary office for the institute. The Kenya breweries partnership was not successful but they promised to reconsider support of IOT in the future.

Priorities for Institute of technology.

- Introduction of new course as mentioned above.
- Demand for early childhood development.
- Tapping of water from the nearby river and lake to be used by the growing population in the area.
- After the construction of garment making workshop the IOT to construct other workshops for wood work and masonry due to growing population, need and desire.

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- Construction of the library and equipping it.

PROGRESS OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ACE AFRICA AND GOT MATAR.

ACE Africa expansion to Bondo Sub County has led to good partnership with the Got Matar Community Development Group (GMCDG). As a result of continued partnership, the following have occurred:

- **Technical support on their bursary programme.**

Ace has provided technical support to GMCDG bursary programme, areas of support included updating all the individual files with case studies, academic reports, fee payment slips among others, thorough identification process of children for sponsorship to ensure that the right beneficiaries are supported.

- **Introduction of child to child learning methodology**

Got Matar Primary school is one of the child to child schools; two teachers from Got Matar Primary have been trained. This training is aimed at empowering the teachers to understand the concept of the child to child approach to enable them help the children to acquire the needful life skills. So far the club has been formed by the children.

- **Technical support on financial management.**

Ace has had periodic meetings with the executive management committee to share on financial Management. This was done with the support of Siaya Site accountant and Finance and Admin Manager. The committee was taken through financial procedures and standards. Key issues discussed included Cash flow development, budgeting, procurement procedures, both financial and narrative report writing, auditing, and filing among others. The group have so far opened a new account on which transfers from Ace will be channeled to. The a/c number is; A/C Name: **GOT MATAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP** A/C NO: **0750262481734**. BRANCH: **EQUITY BONDO**. This is the account that Ace Africa will be transferring money to Got Matar for their operation based on their request.

- **Garment making department contracted to make school uniform for the needy children.**

With the continued partnership, the tailoring department of GMCDG institute has been contracted by Ace Africa to make 20 pieces of uniform for the identified needy primary school going children in the area. The uniforms have been made and distributed to the identified children. The department has been issued with a cheque of Ksh 12,600 from Ace Africa.

1. Construction of Got Matar institute at the proposed new site

A transfer was made in the Month of June 2014 to facilitate the construction of classrooms and dormitories in the newly acquired parcel of land. Other logistics have been put in place and they are starting the construction on 29th July 2014.

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