



ALLIANCE FOR AFRICAN WOMEN INITIATIVE



Alliance for African Women Initiative (AFAWI) is a registered non-governmental organization which has been fully operational in Ghana *since 2006* and was Incorporated on 27th of September 2006 with *registration number C0003505413*. AFAWI legally obtained its charity registration number D/S/W:3421.

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ABOUT US

The Alliance for African Women Initiative (AFAWI) is a grassroots Ghanaian non-governmental organization, whose employees have been supporting needy women and children in Ghana through numerous projects for over thirteen years.

The organization was founded in 2006 by a Ghanaian Philip Kwesi Agyei, with the aim of fighting the social stigmatization of people affected by HIV/AIDS, through local involvement. Through a culturally sensitive approach and the creation of local jobs, the projects have been expanded over the years. Today AFAWI revolves around the issues of gender equality, targeted support for women and girls, and the realization of basic human rights, such as the right to a life in dignity, education and health.

The work of the organization follows the principle of giving help to self-help, in order to contribute from the ground up to a sustainable development of the Ghanaian society. Furthermore, AFAWI aims to make the strengths of the (female) population of Ghana visible and thus counteracts the reproduction of global power relations in the field of development work. To this end, various local and international events are organized, such as an annual conference on International Women's Day. Until today, the organization employs mainly Ghanaian. Additionally, AFAWI has also become over the years a contact point for volunteers and students from all over the world and therefore turned into a local center for intercultural exchange.

AFAWI is incorporated on 27th September 2006 with registration number C0003505413. AFAWI legally obtained its charity/ Non-governmental organization status from the Department of Social Welfare of Ghana, with a registration number D/S/W:3421. AFAWI has its headquarters in Accra, Ghana. AFAWI also has offices in Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)Savannah Agricultural Research Institute(SARI), Conference Building at Tolon District in the Northern Region,Upper West Region, we are located in University of Development Studies, Wa Campus -Social Political and Empirical Block and Upper East Region we work within the Talensi District Assembly, Tongu. AFAWI is a membership-based organization, with current membership of six hundred and thirty-two **(632)** members made of students, professional and organization that believe and support the mission of the organization from all around the globe. The organization is part of the SDG Civil Society Platform in Ghana.



VISION: AFAWI seeks to ensure equitable development for both rural inhabitant and poor urban dwellers, especially women and children. We believe in sharing ideas and collaborating with people to bring about real positive change to empower the Ghanaian communities as a whole.



MISSION: AFAWI's mission is to create an enabling environment for the vulnerable in society, especially women and children.



OUR VALUES

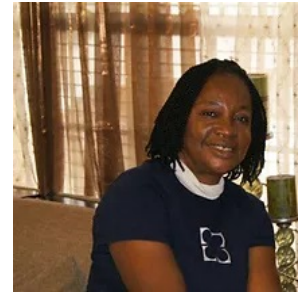
- Work hard, work smart, and always get the job done.
- Beneficiaries focus.
- Bottom Up
- Commitment
- Bring a positive energy and altitude to everything we do.
- Be a team player stepping in to help whenever needed.

OUR TEAM



PHILIP KWESI AGYEI
MANAGING DIRECTOR (MD)

Philip has over 23 years of working experience in the Non-Profit sector, promoting gender equality and gender equity focused sustainable development. He further possesses great experience in community management, social research, monitoring and evaluating. He strongly believes in citizenship engagement, behavior change communication strategy, mobilizing communities through education and gender equality, to achieve sustainable development.



DR. FELICIA SAFOA ODAME
GENDER SPECIALIST/BOARD CHAIR (BC)

A professionally qualified Sociologist and Social Worker, Rural Developer, Teacher and Senior Lecturer at the University of Development Studies Ghana with extensive knowledge and skills in gender studies, community development, research work and expertise in workshop training programmes. She also has many publications in Peer Review Journals. This qualification has been gained through academic training and a wide range of positions with both government and non-governmental organizations.

THE PROGRAMMES DEPARTMENT



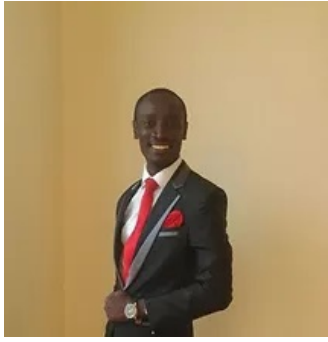
JENNIFER GASU
PROGRAMMES MANAGER (PM)

Jennifer works in the team of AFAWI as a Programmes Manager for over ten years. She is passionate about supporting women and children in Ghana and not only has long time working experience, but also has excellent relations with the community members. She regularly introduces students and volunteers to project participants of AFAWI and therefore makes trustful communication and cooperation possible. Jennifer is further one of our lead trainers, and fosters a cultural sensitive approach to all our projects.



MARLENE KELLER
DEPUTY PROGRAMMES MANAGER (DPM)

Marlene joined the team of AFAW in 2019. After finishing her Law studies in Germany, she started working in the AFAWI office in Accra and besides is doing her LLM in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law by distance learning at the European University of Frankfurt (Oder). Marlene has considerable work experience in the German and Ghanaian Legal System. She is further holding qualifications in international organizations management. Marlene is especially interested in the fields of gender equality and women empowerment and works on building relations to Europe.



YAW ADU DARTEY
ACCOUNTANT (AC)

Yaw also has over 15 years of working experience in the Non-Profit sector, promoting gender equality focused sustainable development from the financial side. He is an expert at preparing budgets, internal audits and maintaining financial and internal controls.



REBECCA MUSAH ANIKARO
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY (AS)

Rebecca supports the organization as an administrative secretary and helps especially with the office communication, organization and personal support of the volunteers. She joined AFAWI in 2022 and believes in sustainable work and development of vulnerable women and children.



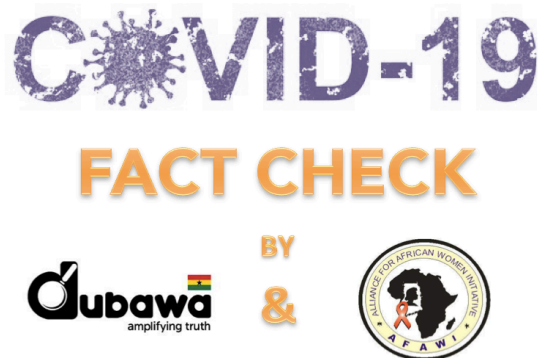


OUR PROJECTS

AFAWI has been involved in several long term and short-term projects over the last fourteen years, mainly focusing on empowering women and children in Ghana. Our five core projects are the AFAWI Livelihood Project, the ECCACHILD Project, the Empowering Girls Project, the Community Outreach Project, the Farm Project and the AFAWI International Women's Day Conference. In addition we implement several short-term projects with national and international partners throughout the year. For more information on our projects, kindly visit our website and social media profiles.

Covid19-Fact Check Project

We recently engaged ourselves in the fight against Covid19, focusing on working against the dangerous spread of misinformation about the disease on social media. AFAWI therefore produced a series of ten videos, to talk with a reliable fact check organization about the mainly spread fake news, reaching over 105,000 Ghanaian Facebook users so far.



Livelihood Project

The Livelihood Project seeks to empower women by providing the necessary tools for them to start or grow their own businesses, so they may build a bright future for themselves and their families. The participants are provided with small loans with a low interest rate and further saving accounts for the future, combined with a networking platform and on-going business workshops and training in the fields of financial literacy, health and gender responsiveness.



ECCACHILD Project

The ECCACHILD Project assists marginalized children in communities, who have slipped through the net of government and social protection. We support them with their education, by providing the necessary tools, and further ensure their healthcare needs in form of health insurance cards and further enabling of special medical care, if needed.



Empowering Girls Project

The Empowering Girls Project aims to bridge the gender gap in schools by helping to create equal opportunities for all students. We are therefore working against the stigmatization of menstruation and create awareness on menstrual issues amongst girls and boys through educational sessions. Additionally, we provide menstrual support for girls in the form of sanitation facilities and reusable sanitary pads, to ensure their equal ability to continue and finish school.



The Farm Project

The farming project is a project that was launched in cooperation with the organisation H.O.P.E for Tomorrow Inc. For the farming project, we support a primary school in Adenkrebi by providing a nutritious lunch to aid in food security and combat malnutrition. At the beginning of the project, the school is supported financially by us to provide a nutritious meal for the students. We are in the process of developing a school garden to provide direct access to vegetables and fruits for school lunch. Furthermore, our goal is to generate income from the garden. The funding will be slowly withdrawn until the school becomes self-sufficient. We are also hosting trainings in healthy nutrition, general health and wellbeing, hygiene and HIV/Aids with the school children.



The Community Outreach Programme

The Community Outreach Project holds community health screening days in disadvantaged communities. During these days, AFAWI in partnership with Ghana Health Services, provides free screening for communicable diseases and counseling and information sessions on health services available to community members, as public health care in Ghana is difficult to access, especially in the rural areas.

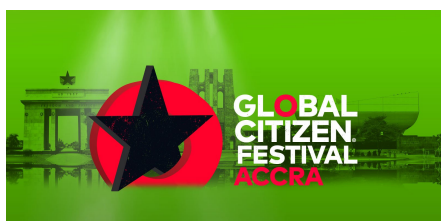


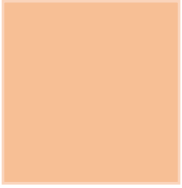
International Women's Day Conference

The International Women's Day Conference by AFAWI is an annual event and took first place on March 9th, 2020 on the occasion of the worldwide celebration of the International Women's Day. The event in general follows the concept of telling the story of a group of women, whose voices are often unheard in the Ghanaian society. The goal is to highlight the amazing work they are doing, acknowledge their efforts and give them a platform to share their achievements and struggles on their own. With famous speakers from all over the world, the event encourages cooperation, social relations, solidarity and interaction between women and also highly promotes intercultural exchange.



OUR PARTNERS (more on our website)





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