

# THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

For Projects Abroad Ghana



At the #ChaleWote2014 Street Art festival, this performing group traveled back in time with an authentic dress up that triggered nostalgia back in the 70s to the 90s.

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# Highlights of the month

## #ChaleWote2014 street art festival

The Chale Wote street art festival in historic James Town showcases the best in art, film, culture and music. Ghanaian artists delighted enthusiasts with their revolutionary approaches while others travelled back to yesteryear to relive the times with vintage precision. The ChaleWote street art festival is a privately organised exhibition that seeks to expose aspiring local artists as well as showcase professional work from renowned artists.

Bike riders and skaters performed extraordinary heart-stopping stunts while the popular and sensational highlife band, *Wulomei*, excited the crowd with their fresh, indigenous tunes. Several art installations were dotted along the streets as well as murals with a healthy dose of surrealist imagination to challenge intellectual art lovers and critics. Other performing artists such as “GoLocal” captivated the crowd with their eccentric combination of household items and fashion to make controversial artistic statements.





### Old Fadama Slum book drive

Volunteers at our Human Rights office in Accra launched a fundraiser online to provide books for the children in Ghana's biggest slum – Old Fadama. Old Fadama is home to many illegal settlers who are predominantly from northern Ghana. They are under constant threat of eviction by city authorities and their children lack access to a good education.

Take a look at the [fundraising video](#)!



### University College Dublin - second group of veterinary students

The second batch of veterinary students from the University College of Dublin arrived in Kumasi to gain firsthand experience in animal care and veterinary medicine. They observed and assisted with the treatment of animals in Amakom and Catenna veterinary clinics. Furthermore, the volunteers reached out to communities and provided free treatment, rabies vaccinations and open castrations for dogs and cats. They made field visits to goat and pig farms to also offer their veterinary care.



Watch [this video](#) documenting their experience.

### The Dunshaughlin group from Ireland

The Dunshaughlin group from Ireland comprised of two teachers and ten students combining farming and care projects in The Hills. On the Projects Abroad Demonstration Farm, they created new beds, planted crops, and fed rabbits, pigs and guinea pigs. They also cleaned the animals' pens and hutches, and even made brooms from palm leaves that they donated to the orphanage.

At their care placement, the volunteers and their teachers had an amazing time playing with kids at the orphanage. They summarized their time in their own words as "Amazing! Breathtaking! Mind-blowing in the best way possible!"



Check out [this video](#) to see what they got up to.

# Microfinance project beneficiary story



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## MICRO-FINANCE - GHANA -

**NAME:** Regina Djabmah  
**AGE:** 20 years old  
**JOB:** Hope Liquid Soap Factory Salom

### When and why did you join the Hope Liquid Soap Factory?

It has been three months now since I joined. I have four children so I need money and if I can learn this (soap making) and do it on my own it will be good.

### What have you learnt while working at this project?

Because I didn't go to school much I don't know how to write English. Now because I have to write the things we buy and the price, I have learnt how to write "soap" and "perfume".

### What parts of the project have been most beneficial?

Having the volunteers, every time they come they teach us something new.

### What changes have you noticed in your life since you started working at this project?

Now I can also use my "own" money to buy things for the house. I bought new sandals for two of my boys.

### What do you dream about for the future?

I want to have enough money so I can start trading and also take care of my children.

### How do you see the project in 5 years' time?

If we make it work, it will spread beyond this village.



# Note from the Editor

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Dear change makers and global citizens, I wish I could write a thousand words  
but I definitely know a picture can say more...



... especially if you are a garden and nature lover.

## #EveryDayIsEarthDay