



HUMANITARIAN AID REQUEST FORM

World of Connections (WOC) was created by volunteers with the only purpose to connect international NGO organizations in countries in need with the NGO organizations capable of providing needed supplies. Everyone involved in this project is a volunteer. Therefore 100% of all donated goods and funds are used for humanitarian aid purposes. World of Connections is working in affiliation with Life Resources International, Inc., 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organization. All donations and gifts are deductible to the full extent allowable under IRS regulations.

Upon receipt of Humanitarian Aid Request Form, WOC will aspire to aid in the following matters: locate willing NGO donors, fundraise and/or locate sponsors to cover shipping costs. File proper shipping documents for USA Customs, as well as, for the Customs of the final destination, assist in distribution report filing to donor organization, etc.

We are dedicated to helping others and looking forward to working with you.

Happy Connecting!!!

WOC Team.



SECTION 1: BASIC INFORMATION

DATE OF SUBMISSION:	Wednesday, August 29 th , 2018
NAME OF PRIMARY USA CONTACT	Charita Shteynberg
EMAIL:	Charita.sht@gmail.com
PHONE:	201-310-2709
NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST:	Tarkwa Breman Community Alliance/Cocoa360
WEBSITE:	www.cocoa360.org
501 3 c CERTIFIED (or equal)	Yes
WHERE, WHEN AND BY WHAT GOVERNMENT AGENCY WAS YOUR ORGANIZATION REGISTERED?	Department of Social Welfare
REGISTRATION (Tax Id or equal)	C0005491770
IS YOUR ORGANIZATION ENTITLED TO RECEIVE HUMANITARIAN CARGO TAXES AND CUSTOMS DUTIES FREE?	No
DO YOU HAVE FUNDS TO PAY FOR DELIVERY? <i>(If yes, specify how many loads you can finance)</i>	Yes, we can finance 1 load.



SECTION 2: PROPOSAL SUMMARY

TARGETED AREA	Tarkwa Breman, Prestea Huni Valley Municipal, Western Region, Ghana
DESCRIPTION OF SITUATION NECESSITATING A REQUEST. <i>(Give us a short description of the city {area, region, republic}, where your organization is working, what is a situation in the area. Please supply a brief statement describing the emergency necessitating the request.)</i>	<p>Tarkwa Breman is a rural community in the Western Region of Ghana. Most of the residents are farmers, harvesting crops such as cocoa, cassava, plantains, maize, and palm oil.</p> <p>Shadrack Frimpong, a resident of Tarkwa Breman, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2015. That same year, he established an organization called Cocoa360¹, which is pioneering a new model of development that uses revenues from community cocoa farms to invest in educational and healthcare services for rural communities in Ghana.</p> <p>Cocoa360 founded Tarkwa Breman Girls' School (TBGS) and the Tarkwa Breman Community Clinic (TBCC) in 2016 and 2017, respectively. Thanks to Cocoa360's model, TBGS is tuition-free and TBCC services are substantially subsidized. The model calls for pupils' parents and community members to work on a designated community cocoa farm each month, and the profits are used to fund the operational costs of the school and the clinic.</p> <p><u>Education in Tarkwa Breman</u></p> <p>The Ghanaian educational system progresses as such: Kindergarten (KG) 1, KG 2, Class 1-6, Junior High School 1-3, etc. TBGS currently has four classrooms, which are adequate for the KG 1, KG 2, Class 1, and Class 2 groups starting school in September 2018. However, campus expansion is essential to accommodate the incoming KG 1 class each year.</p> <p>At the moment, a new primary block is being built, which will provide infrastructure for an additional six classrooms. The continuous expansion of the campus coupled with the annual increase of students and classrooms compels Cocoa360 to fall on philanthropic organizations and individuals to support TBGS development. Thus, the school-related request in question is extremely relevant to TBGS development, as it will furnish the new classrooms with desks, books, and other related teaching and learning materials.</p>

¹ Previously known as Tarkwa Breman Community Alliance, the organization was recently renamed as Cocoa360. Therefore, the organization is known in the U.S. as Cocoa360 but is still registered as Tarkwa Breman Community Alliance in Ghana.



	<p><u>Health in Tarkwa Breman</u></p> <p>Before 2017, the closest healthcare facility was in Bawdie, about 11 miles away. The substantial distance of unpaved road made accessing healthcare extremely difficult. To address this serious need, Cocoa360 established the Tarkwa Breman Community Clinic (TBCC).</p> <p>Currently, TBCC is the only clinic in the entire community of Tarkwa Breman and the surrounding villages. The clinic is equipped with one physician, one midwife, two nurses, and a records clerk. Because of the high rate of childbirth in the community, the clinic has a major focus on maternal and newborn health. Additionally, the five most prevalent diseases include malaria, respiratory tract infection, hypertension, anemia, and gastroenteritis. Within the first year of operation, TBCC treated about 1300 patients, and all treatment is heavily subsidized by Cocoa360's model.</p> <p>Despite the great importance of TBCC to the health of the community, the facility still faces many challenges with providing certain services. For example, without an ultrasound machine, the facility must hire an ultrasound technician to bring a machine once per month. Additionally, before TBCC can register with the Ghana Health Facilities Regulatory Agency², the facility must acquire additional medical equipment. Since the facility is well equipped with healthcare professionals, the acquisition of medical equipment is the most effective strategy to improve the available services.</p>
<p>TARGETED BENEFICIARIES <i>(approx. Number of persons living there, main categories of persons in need and approx. Number of persons in each category) Who benefits from the proposed assistance or project?)</i></p>	<p>Tarkwa Breman is home to about 8,000 residents.</p> <p>TBGS currently educates 120+ female pupils, and the number of pupils will increase by one class (~30 students) each year.</p> <p>Presently, TBCC cares for 1,300+ patients, and the number of patients continues to grow each day.</p> <p>Due to the widespread effect of education and healthcare on the entire community, any assistance to TBGS or TBCC will positively impact the entire community of Tarkwa Breman and the surrounding villages.</p>

² <http://hefra.gov.gh/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2.-SPECIFIC-REQUIREMENTS-FOR-HEALTH-CENTRE-V1.3.pdf>



<p>PROJECT GOAL <i>(In brief, describe the goal of the project and intended impact of the material aid requested.)</i></p>	<p>The goal of the current project is to provide TBGS students with a productive and comfortable schooling environment. Essential items, such as adequate seating, reading material, and food, would significantly contribute to productive teaching and learning.</p> <p>Future project goals may also include aid to TBCC and its growing patient registry. The impact of medical material aid would be manifold, as it would help to expand available medical services and enable the clinic to treat more patients. The collective health of the community is essential for household and communal productivity, particularly for the many farmers in the area.</p>
<p>NOTE TO DONORS</p>	<p>To our altruistic donors, we thank you for considering Tarkwa Breman as you seek to assist. The Tarkwa Breman Girls' School and the Tarkwa Breman Community Clinic would not be providing tens of girls with education and hundreds of patients with healthcare without the generosity of individuals and organizations that support our vision and care deeply about our mission. Please know that your contributions will truly impact people's daily lives, and we at Cocoa360 and in Tarkwa Breman appreciate your charitable assistance.</p>
<p>PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD IMAGES CONSERNING TARGETED AREA.</p>	



Tarkwa Breman Girls' School (TBGS)





Tarkwa Breman Community Clinic (TBCC)





SECTION 3: TYPE OF GOODS REQUESTED

List names of main types of humanitarian assistance your organization are requesting. (the list can be attached)

1	[School] Furniture (chairs/desks, tables)
2	[School] Reading materials (storybooks, educational books)
3	[School] Blankets
4	[School] Writing material (paper, pencils, erasers, sharpeners)
5	[School] Computers
6	[School] Art Supplies
7	[Clinic] Surgical Instruments
8	[Clinic] Beds (hospital, examination, delivery)
9	[Clinic] Basic Equipment (Trolley, Drip Stand, Foot rest, Delivery stand, Wheelchairs, Stretchers, Screens, Splints)
10	[Clinic] Electronic Equipment (Weighing scale [infant, child, adult], Blood Pressure apparatus, Pocket fetal Doppler, Autoclave/sterilizer, Suction machine, Incubators, Ultra sound machine, X-ray machine)
11	[Clinic] Medical Lab Equipment

Please feel free to add images



SECTION 4: DISTRIBUTION PLAN

<p>DETAILS ON THE HOW WILL YOUR ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTE HUMANITARIAN AID YOU ARE GOING TO RECEIVE?</p>	<p>Once received, the load in question will be distributed to the Tarkwa Breman Girls' School, where it will be used to furnish the new primary block (6 classrooms) currently being built.</p> <p>In the future, Cocoa360 hopes to assist in the distribution of classroom material aid to the schools in the surrounding area of Tarkwa Breman.</p> <p>Additionally, Cocoa360 is particularly interested in distributing clinical material aid to the Tarkwa Breman Community Clinic.</p>
<p>DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTE BASED ON RELIGION, STATUS, HEALTH OR ANY OTHER CRITERIA (If yes, please specify)?</p>	<p>As the name indicates, the Tarkwa Breman Girls' School provides educational opportunities specifically to girls in the community. However, both girls and boys attend the annual TBGS summer school. Thus, boys would also benefit from the distributed materials. Cocoa360 does not distribute based on religion, status, health, etc., in any other way.</p>
<p>PLEASE PROVIDE LIST OF PLANNED RECIPIENTS (Name of organizations and locations of recipients.)</p>	<p>1. Tarkwa Breman Girls' School – Tarkwa Breman, Prestea Huni Valley District, Western Region, Ghana</p> <p>In the future, we hope to be a distributor for the following:</p> <p>2. Tarkwa Breman Community Clinic – Tarkwa Breman</p> <p>3. Better Life (School) – Tarkwa Breman</p> <p>4. Methodist School – Tarkwa Breman</p> <p>5. Royal Child School – Tarkwa Breman</p>



HAVE YOU DISTRIBUTED SIMILAR PROJECTS? (if yes please provide references, feel free to attached web pages, pictures, newspaper articles and other possible information)

We have not distributed similar projects in the past. However, we have been recipients of material aid from several individual donors and foundations in the US. Most recently, an individual donated thermometer, bandages, blood pressure cuffs, pulse oximeters. We have also received books from various donors, and two motorbikes from Fancy NYC, Inc. Pictures can be found on our Social Media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter), and partner appreciations and shout-outs can also be found on our website.

NAME OF REQUESTING ENTITY: Cocoa360



SIGNATURE:

DATE: