

Teaching Management Plan 2016 – 2017

Ghana



About the Teaching Management Plans

This document explains the bigger picture of our projects in Ghana and how the combined daily tasks of all of our volunteers help us to achieve long term goals. By following Task Lists, our volunteers work towards our Goals, through which we contribute to our Teaching Programme Mission which combined with our other projects, helps us to reach our Company Mission.

Here we will lay out the priorities, resources, monitoring tools and evaluation systems used to make our ambition a reality.



Our Resources

Human Resources

- Volunteers are of course our primary resource to achieve our goals. We welcome over 700 Teaching volunteers per year globally.
- The staff at our placements support and facilitate our actions
- Over 600 Projects Abroad staff members provide the structure we need for worthwhile projects.

Physical Resources

- With over 50 Projects Abroad offices worldwide, there is always somewhere for volunteers to work together and share experiences
- We provide all necessary placement materials and regularly construct and renovate schools and classrooms.

Online Resources

- Our Volunteer Resources Database shares thousands of ideas among our community
- The Teaching Checklists are used to track our projects all over the world
- Personalised MyProjectsAbroad webpages prepare each volunteer for their Teaching project.

Financial Resources

- Funds for all of Projects Abroad's work come solely from volunteer placement fees. These are distributed via monthly budgets, to ensure fair allocation of funds for each destination.
- Occasionally the Projects Abroad community may send donations directly for a specific placement or project.

Intangible Resources

- The good reputation of volunteers in local communities is what makes our work possible. This reputation has been earned over years of dedicated volunteer contribution.
- This is supported by the combined knowledge of our extensive staff network.

Our Teaching Management Plan Goals in Ghana for 2016-2017

The following five goals have been selected from a list of nine by our local staff and partners. Each placement may be working on one or more of these goals. We try to put volunteers in the most suitable placement based on what we know about them. We provide workshops, training, volunteer guides and checklists for each of these goals.



Improve English

English has undeniably become the global language for business. Despite English being the official language in Ghana, most children are raised speaking their local language, often either Twi or Fanti. Improving their English competency early on is very important for a child's academic future. Volunteers, in particular native speakers, can offer invaluable help in improving the students' and also the teachers' phonetics, pronunciation and grammar.



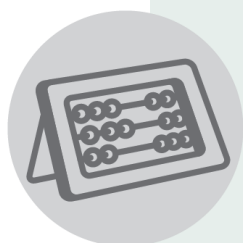
Improve the Learning Environment

Children are naturally curious, inquisitive beings that learn a lot simply by exploring their environment. An important factor that can strongly influence students' attendance rate and performance is the quality of the learning environment they find themselves in. Volunteers participate in creating a positive learning environment both physically and in terms of resources, allowing students to feel more motivated and engaged, thus increasing their chances of learning and reaching their full potential.



Improve Support for Those with Learning Disabilities

Learning disabilities have only recently been recognised as disabilities, and in many of the destinations we work in, these are still not truly recognised – or at least not catered for – in the classic school environment. Volunteers are able to assist in identifying children with learning difficulties and provide them with more dedicated one-to-one support. Notes taken enable future volunteers to pick up when the previous one left off and ensure a continuity in this learning support.



Increase Numeracy

Counting is an essential skill for every person to master. Educational centres in Ghana are underfunded and resources are scarce, so giving children at pre-school and school age a solid foundation on which to build their skills will give them a valuable head start when they progress in their studies. We also provide the children in orphanages the support and guidance to build on what they are learning in school, targeting in particular those that seem to be struggling.



Encourage Learning through Creativity

Creativity has become a vital component of economic growth, with problem-solving and creative thinking playing a critical role in a person's learning and personal development. Building up these skills during a child's education will increase their likelihood of becoming academically successful and economically productive. Volunteers should integrate creative activities that will motivate students in their learning, as well as encourage them to think for themselves.

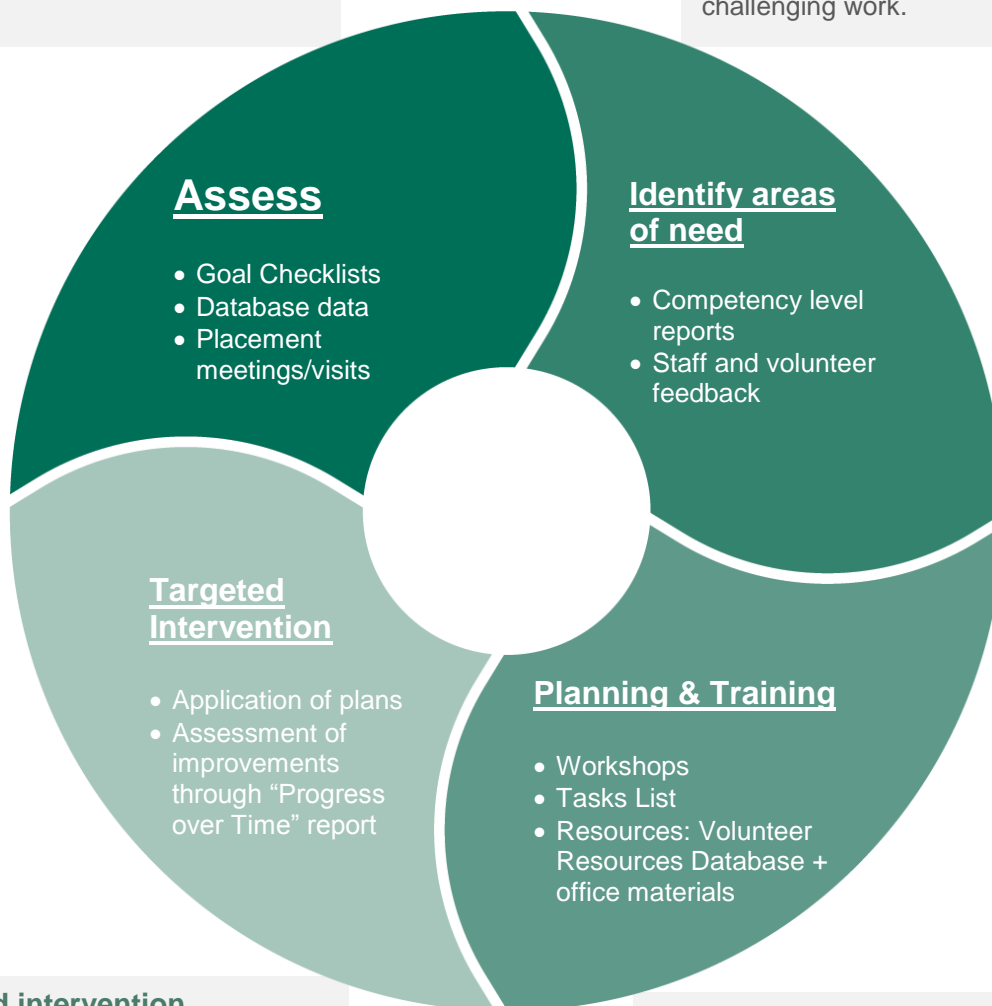
How we achieve our goals

Assessment

Through specially designed checklists, our volunteers assess the status of each child or placements in areas related to English, Numeracy, Literacy and more on a daily basis. This information is uploaded to the Teaching Database through regular workshops with our team.

Identify areas of need

Through our reporting system we can identify the areas that most need human or material resources. This helps volunteers to know which children are struggling so that they may conduct remedial classes; and also which students are ahead, so that they are given more challenging work.



Targeted intervention

Through our steady stream of volunteers year round, we are continuously targeting the areas of need determined by our checklists. Although a 4-week volunteer might not see a tangible difference in the time they are there, we are able to show that over longer time frames each and every volunteer contributes to long-term, sustainable impact.

Planning and Training

Based on the areas of need we create Task Lists, workshops and community days to direct our impact to where it is most needed. Resources are designed by volunteers and these are shared on the Volunteer Resources Database.