

**FREE WORLD FOUNDATION
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I. INTRODUCTION

“Free World Foundation” originally called “Divine Aid Mission” is a legally registered, non-profit, non-commercial, non-governmental tax-exempt charitable organisation that subscribes to humanitarian values and practices. It is headquartered at Teshie, a suburb of Accra in the Greater Accra Region of the Republic of Ghana.

The Foundation was established on the initiative of the Programmes Manager of Radio Unvers 105.7fm, the official mouthpiece of the University of Ghana, Legon on 12th July, 2002 but officially registered and incorporated under the Ghanaian Companies Code, 1963(Act 179) as a non-profit Company Limited by Guarantee with certificate number G-15,956 on 25th July, 2005.

The name of the Foundation was changed from “Divine Aid Mission” to “Free World Foundation” by a Special Resolution passed on 29th August, 2005 and approved by the Registrar of Companies, Ghana on 12th September, 2005.

“Free World Foundation” is registered with Ghana’s Department of Social Welfare with certificate number D.S.W./2563. It has also been registered with the Internal Revenue Service(I.R.S) under the Internal Revenue(Registration of Business) Act, 2005 (Act 684) with file number TNLC 94024 as a non-profit organisation.

The Foundation focuses its operations on these priority areas: Human and Peoples’ Rights (including Gender and Child Rights), Good Governance, Security & Peace Building, Education, Health & Nutrition, Youth Empowerment, Economic & Trade Justice and Sanitation & Environmental Protection.

“Free World Foundation” is a member, and in some cases, an affiliate of several international and national bodies including the International Council on Social Welfare(I.C.S.W), the Water Integrity Network (WIN) of Germany, the Stop TB Partnership of Geneva, Switzerland, the Netzkraft Movement of Germany, the End Water Poverty Campaign of London, United Kingdom, the Clean Up the World Global Campaign of Australia, the World Forum of Civil Society Networks, the Universal Human Rights Network (UNIRIGHTS) of Washington D.C, the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law of Monash University, Australia, the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court (C.I.C.C) of New York, the Global Youth Action Network and the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (both in the state of New York, United States of America), the Conserve Africa Foundation of London, United Kingdom, the African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation of the Freshwater Action Network (FAN), the Ghana Association of Private Voluntary Organisations in Development (GAPVOD), the Ghana Human Rights NGOs Forum (GHRNF), the Ghana Civil Society Aid Effectiveness Forum,

the Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health, the Ghana HIV/AIDS Network (GHANET), the Ghana National Youth Coalition on Climate Change (GNYCCC) and the Economic Justice Network(EJN) of the Third World Network Africa.

II. MEETINGS, DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

The Executive Council, otherwise known as the Board of Directors of “Free World Foundation” met six (6) times during the year under review on 20th February, 17th April, 19th June, 21st August, 23rd October and 18th December, 2009.

The Foundation’s Board of Patrons also met three (3) times during the year on 24th April, 30th October and 24th December, 2009.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for stakeholders of “Free World Foundation” was held on Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

The following key decisions and actions were taken during the year:

1. The Foundation became a member of the Water Integrity Network (WIN) of Germany, the Stop TB Partnership of Geneva, Switzerland, the Netzkraft Movement of Germany, the End Water Poverty Campaign of London, United Kingdom, the Clean Up the World Global Campaign of Australia, the African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation of the Freshwater Action Network (FAN) and the Ghana National Youth Coalition on Climate Change (GNYCCC).

2. The Executive Director was mandated to recruit through the United Nations Online Volunteer Programme other virtual volunteers to translate the Foundation’s communication materials into fifteen other languages. These are Danish, Dutch, Finnish, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russia, Swahili and Swedish.

III. OPERATIONS OF FREE WORLD FOUNDATION

1. SOURCE OF FUNDING

The Foundation continued to fund its activities mainly through the contributions of the Board of Directors, patrons and members. It also organised a get-together & dinner dance and a raffle draw to support its activities in the year 2009.

2. INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES

“Free World Foundation” continued to undertake its intervention activities during the year 2009. These included the following:

- (a) Advocacy on understanding and challenging HIV stigma.

- (b) Advocacy for the respect of the human rights of every individual, irrespective of the person's age, place of origin, creed, race, sex and social standing.
- (c) Peer education among the youth - both in and out of school on tolerance and peace building.
- (d) Capacity building workshops on child rights and environmental protection issues.
- (e) Organised seminars on important trade issues including one on the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA's) and what should be Ghana's position.
- (f) "Free World Foundation" conducted thirteen (13) public awareness raising campaigns on drought & desertification, land degradation, global warming & climate change and biodiversity conservation.

The Foundation also organised a roundtable discussion ahead of the 15th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP 15) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which took place in Copenhagen, Denmark from December 7-18, 2009 on the implications of the summit to Ghana.

IV. CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

During the year 2009, the following capacity building activities were carried out:

1. The Foundation organised six (6) training workshops for twenty three (23) selected second cycle schools in the Ashanti, Eastern, Central, Brong Ahafo and Volta Regions of the Republic of Ghana on how to identify and report human rights abuses.
2. The Foundation organised a three (3) week intensive skills training in batik tie and dye for thirty two (32) youths at Abotoase in the Volta Region of the Republic of Ghana.

V. STAFFING

As of the end of December 2009 the total staff strength of "Free World Foundation" was four (4). These consisted of the Executive Director, the Director of Finance (Accountant), the Secretary and security personnel.

The Foundation also had fifty one (51) on site volunteers (consisting of 13 regular and 38 part-time), three hundred and twenty eight (328) online/virtual volunteers and five (5) honorary members.

VI. PUBLIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

During the year under review (2009), the following public education programmes took place:

1. HUMAN RIGHTS SENSITIZATION PROGRAMMES

During the year, the Foundation organised twenty one (21) human rights public education durbars throughout the country. Three (3) in the Greater Accra Region (Adabraka, Sege & Amasaman), eight (8) in the Ashanti Region, three (3) in the Central Region and one in each of the regional capitals of the seven remaining regions of the Republic of Ghana.

2. HIV/AIDS AND TB SENSITIZATION PROGRAMMES

“Free World Foundation” organised six HIV/AIDS & TB public education durbars during the year 2009 at Nsawam, Binduri, Osu, Kasoa, Sogakope and Keta.

The durbars were used to encourage people to take advantage of the Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) at the various government hospitals and private clinics to know their HIV status. They were also used to whip up support for persons living with HIV/AIDS since that would help reduce the stigma attached to the disease.

3. RADIO DISCUSSIONS

The Foundation continued with its monthly radio discussions on Radio Univers 105.7 fm, the official mouthpiece of the University of Ghana, Legon during the year 2009. This time round, most of the discussions centred on climate change and the 15th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP 15) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) which took place in Copenhagen, Denmark from December 7-18, 2009 and the implications of the outcome of the summit to Ghana.

4. SCHOOL, MARKET, MOSQUE AND CHURCH VISITATIONS

During the year 2009, the Foundation continued with its school visitation programme. In all, sixty three (63) basic and twenty eight (28) second cycle schools in the Brong Ahafo, Volta, Upper East, Upper West and Western Regions of the Republic of Ghana to inform the pupils about the Foundation. These outreach programmes focused mainly on the operations of the Foundation, but special emphasis was placed on the Foundation’s fight against the abuse of the rights of children.

Some other institutions were also visited by the Foundation for the same purpose. Sixteen (16) mosques and seventy three (73) churches were visited. In addition, the Foundation held six (6) interactive meetings with the market

women of Osu, Bawjiase, Teshie, Ashaiman, Kaneshie and Takoradi.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES

“Free World Foundation” conducted fourteen (14) public awareness raising campaigns on drought & desertification, land degradation, global warming & climate change and biodiversity conservation. We also undertook some clean up exercises across the length and breadth of Ghana.

6. CHILDREN’S RIGHTS PROTECTION PROGRAMMES

The year under review saw an increase in the number of children’s rights protection programmes that “Free World Foundation” undertook as compared to the year 2008.

The Foundation provided training on children’s rights to fifty nine (59) teachers in eighteen (18) basic schools in the Western Region, forty four (44) teachers in twenty one (21) basic schools in the Eastern Region and forty eight (48) teachers in twenty two (22) basic schools in the Volta Region of the Republic of Ghana.

The Foundation also collaborated with other organisations to promote the rights of children and researched extensively on children’s rights and cases of abuses reported in the country.

“Free World Foundation” organised six (6) skills building workshops for eighty nine (89) children working and living on the streets of Kumasi, Chorkor, Nima, Ho, Tamale and Koforidua.

The Foundation through the assistance of the Ghana Police Service and some informants fought the practice of sexual exploitation of children and other harmful practices like child & forced marriages and female genital mutilation or cutting.

7. SECURITY AND PEACE BUILDING PROGRAMMES

“Free World Foundation” continued to play a mediatory role in resolving conflicts in some parts of the country. Issues bothering on land and chieftaincy disputes, as well as ethnic, religious and political differences were resolved by the Foundation.

The Foundation took advantage of its inbuilt early warning systems to detect what was likely to lead to conflicts and nipped them in the bud before they festered.

It was able to resolve about nine cases that had the potential of degenerating into serious conflicts and was also able to hold a joint meeting for some of the Kussasi and Mamprusi youth in Accra concerning the Bawku crisis.

8. UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL DAYS

“Free World Foundation” organised programmes to commemorate eleven (11) of the United Nations Special Days, namely, the International Women’s Day (8th March), World TB Day (24th March), World Environment Day (5th June), World Day Against Child Labour (12th June), World Day to Combat Desertification (17th June), International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (26th June), International Youth Day (12th August), International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (16th September), International Day of Peace (21st September), International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17th October) and the World AIDS Day (1st December).

APPENDIX 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2009

1. Joel Sam (Chairperson)
2. Rashid Anyetei Odoi (Member)
3. Hajia Aisha Thompson (Member)
4. Kobby Gomez-Mensah (Member)
5. Mustapha Mikhail Anyornu (Member)
6. Mariama Teiko (Company Secretary)*

APPENDIX 2: PATRONS

1. Alhaji Ibrahim Sedik Sowah
2. Nimatu Afoley Odai
3. Habiiba Saakibu

APPENDIX 3: STAFF

1. Rashid Anyetei Odoi (Executive Director)
2. Musah Issaka (Accountant)
3. Evelyn Aidoo (Administrative Secretary)
4. Akwasi Sromany (Security Personnel)

APPENDIX 4: FULL TIME VOLUNTEERS

1. Yahya Ibrahim
2. Swallah Abdul Razak
3. Mary Anyeley Odoi
4. Daniyal Sedik Sowah
5. Nafisa Martey
6. Sherifatu Lartey
7. Carl Ofori
8. Patrick Ashitey
9. Hamiida Akoley Anyetei
10. Rahmatu Akoorkor Anyetei Odoi
11. Rahman Odoi
12. Janet Quaye
13. Mercy Anaman

The Foundation also had thirty eight part time volunteers.

FREE WORLD FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST
DECEMBER, 2009

BOTCHWEY ABBEY & ASSOCIATES
(CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS)
22 COCOA STREET
TESHIE-NUNGUA ESTATES
ACCRA

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF FREE WORLD FOUNDATION

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of "Free World Foundation" as at December 31, 2009, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Companies Code 1963, (Act 179). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, "Free World Foundation" has kept proper records and the financial statements are in agreement with the records in all material respects and give in the prescribed manner, information required by the Companies Code, 1963 (Act 179). The financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of "Free World Foundation" as at 31st December, 2009, and of its financial performance for the year ended, and are drawn up in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

BOTCHWEY ABBEY & ASSOCIATES

15TH JANUARY2010

BOTCHWEY ABBEY & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
22 COCOA STREET
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ACCRA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2009

	GH¢	USD\$
FIXED ASSETS		
-Office Building	9,000.00	6,250.00
-Furniture & Fittings	3,150.00	2,187.50
-Office & Project Equipment	<u>21,740.00</u>	<u>15,097.22</u>
	<u>33,890.00</u>	<u>23,534.72</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
-Cash at Bank and in hand	11,211.00	7,785.42
-Accounts Receivables	39,262.00	27,265.27
-Debtors & Prepayments	<u>11,221.00</u>	<u>7,792.36</u>
	<u>61,694.00</u>	<u>42,843.05</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
-Creditors and Accruals	<u>(13,224.00)</u>	<u>(9,183.33)</u>
-Net Current Assets	46,470.00	32,270.83
-Net Assets	75,160.00	52,194.44
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance at the beginning of the year	70,251.00	48,785.42
Plus surplus for the period	<u>4,909.00</u>	<u>3,409.02</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u>75,160.00</u>	<u>52,194.44</u>

Represented by:

Membership Dues	25,880.00	17,972.23
Directors and Patrons Contributions	9,747.00	6,768.75
Donor Income	9,200.00	6,388.88
Fundraising	15,285.00	10,614.58
Other Income	<u>15,048.00</u>	<u>10,450.00</u>
	75,160.00	52,194.44

..... *Radiye* EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

..... *Dai* SECRETARY

21st January.....2010



FREE WORLD FOUNDATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 2009

	GH¢	USD\$
INCOME		
Membership Dues		
-Organisational Members	11,520.00	8,000.00
-Individual Members	<u>14,360.00</u>	<u>9,972.22</u>
	25,880.00	17,972.22
Contributions		
-By Board of Directors	5,760.00	4,000.00
-By Patrons	<u>3,987.00</u>	<u>2,768.75</u>
	9,747.00	6,768.75
Donor Income		
-Schneider NGO Fund	4,800.00	3,333.33
-Alert Fund Small Grant	<u>4,400.00</u>	<u>3,055.56</u>
	9,200.00	6,388.89
Fundraising		
-Get-together	5,770.00	4,006.94
-Raffle Draw	5,915.00	4,107.64
-Pick & Pay	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
	15,285.00	10,614.58
Other Income		
-Sale of Publications	2,965.00	2,059.03
-Sale of Registration Forms	900.00	625.00
-Training Fees	6,825.00	4,739.58
-Contracts	3,898.00	2,706.94
-Bank Interest	<u>460.00</u>	<u>319.44</u>
	15,048.00	10,450.00
TOTAL INCOME	75,160.00	52,219.44

	GH¢	USD\$
EXPENDITURE		
Administration		
-Audit/Accounting Fees	500.00	347.22
-Bank charges	25.00	17.36
-Repairs & Renewals	830.00	576.39
-Board Meetings	2,150.00	1,493.06
-Publicity	1,970.00	1,368.06
-Postage & Stationery	342.00	237.50
-Communication		
Telephone & Fax	795.00	552.08
Internet Facility	930.00	645.83
GT Eazyphone Units	397.00	275.69
MTN Units	420.00	291.67
Insurance & Utilities	<u>2,430.00</u>	<u>1,687.50</u>
	10,789.00	7,492.36
Projects		
-Rights for All Education	11,770.00	8,173.61
-Safe Environment	9,917.00	6,886.81
-End Streetism	5,930.00	4,118.06
-No to Trade Injustices	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>3,680.56</u>
	32,917.00	22,859.04
Workshops & Conferences	9,170.00	6,368.06
Personnel Costs		
-In-service training	1,045.00	725.69
-Recruiting advertising costs	800.00	555.56
-Salaries & Benefits	7,500.00	5,208.33
-Travel & Subsistence	<u>5,400.00</u>	<u>3,750.00</u>
	14,745.00	10,239.58
Training		
-Resource Persons' Honoraria	1,500.00	1,041.67
-Food & Accommodation	2,310.00	1,604.17
-Training Materials	<u>820.00</u>	<u>569.44</u>
	4,630.00	3,215.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	72,251.00	50,174.32
EXCESS OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2009	2,909.00	2,045.12

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 2009

1. Reporting Entity

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2. Basis of Measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. All transactions were denominated in the new Ghana Cedis which have been converted into the United States of America’s Dollar at a rate of USD\$1.00 : GH¢1.44