



CODE *for*  
GHANA

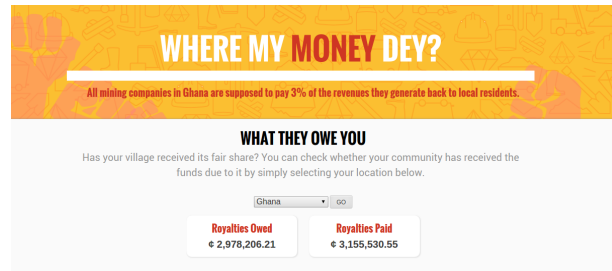


# PROJECT OVERVIEW

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# About the Initiative

- Code for Ghana brings **software developers, journalists and civil society** together
- to form a **community of civic-minded activists**
- who use **open data and technology** to promote **citizen engagement and open-government.**



# History

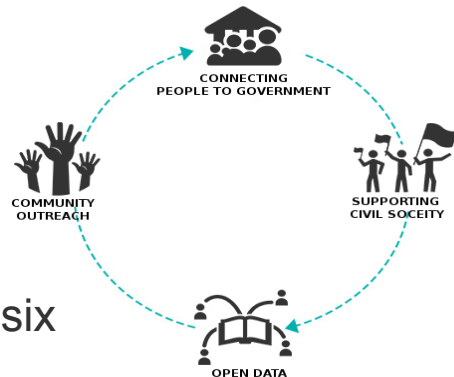


- In 2012, **African Media News Innovation Challenge (ANIC)** was in search of ideas -
- that will propose new ways for African **journalists** to gather **news, tell stories**, engage with **audiences**, and spark innovation in **media organisations**.
- **Code for Ghana** was part of **20 winners to receive funding**

# What We Do

We are using **digital tools** to {re}-define **citizen engagement**:

- We **embed developers** and **data fellows** in newsrooms for six months to create innovative platforms for better information dissemination and encourage collective action
- We build **civic apps** and **platforms** that will keep **citizens** well informed so that they can demand **accountability, transparency** and **better services** from the government



# What We Do

- We organise **data bootcamps** to **share knowledge** on **open-data tools** and demonstrate the **value** of open-data to the **broader society**
- We are also doing something **bolder**; we are taking a **different approach** to **open government**.

**Our model** is **flexible** and your organisation can join.

# ACTIVITIES



Organise Open-Data Hackathons



Build Open Data Community with Hacks Hackers Accra



Ship Civic Apps using Open Source Tools



Help Government Get Open

# Participation

## Free and open

- **Join** by signing up to our **newsletter**
- **Follow** on Social Media **facebook** and **twitter**
- **Attend** our **events** on a **regular basis**
- **Volunteer** your **service**
- **Submit** an **idea**

# How To Get Involved?

## DEVELOPERS

- Join Hackers Hackers
- Open Data Bootcamps
- Hack on Github
- Apply to join Code for Ghana developer team

## CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

- Help use open data to mobilize citizens
- Partner with Code for Ghana on a project
- Send data for analysis

## NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

- Open up your data
- Submit a project
- Speak to our team
- Attend our events

HACKS HACKERS

OPEN DATA



# Core Expertise of Data Fellow

Ability to **curate**, **cleanse** and **manage**

- a varied range of **data sources**
- Ability to convene **workshops**, **training** and **skill-sharing** activities for data users
- Ability to use scientific literature to develop **research plans** and **interpret findings**.

# Core Expertise of Developer

- Extensive knowledge in **Computer Programming using** (Java, Ruby, R or Php)
- Ability to deploy **applications** on **mobile** and **web platforms**
- Experience in a **lead role** in at least one **major project**
- Ability to work in a **small team**

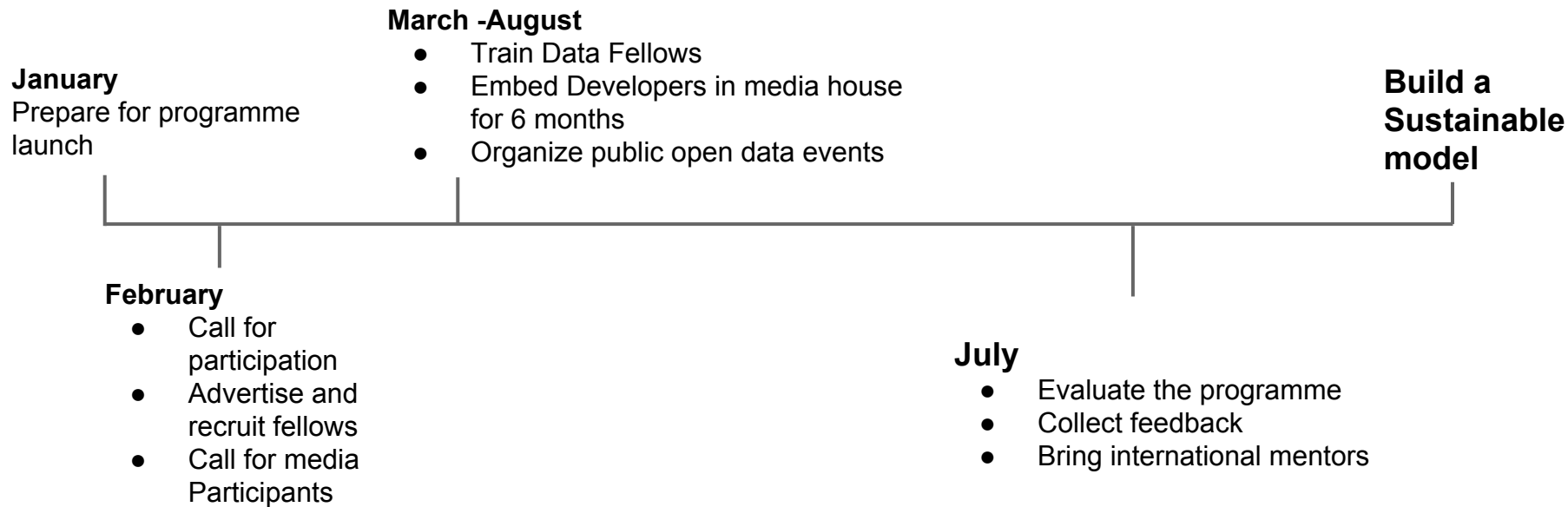
# Core Expertise of UI/UX

- A rich background in **UI/UX Design**, **Graphic Design** or a **relevant field**.
- In-depth knowledge of **visualisation technologies**, **data visualisation**, interaction design techniques for data visualisation
- Proficient with **APIs** and platforms for **mobile** and **web-based data visualisation**
- Ability to capture **visual stories** with **data**

# Expectations of Media House

- Capacity to host fellows **in-house**
- Adopt **data driven reportage** and initiate own small **open data** initiatives
- Willingness to **learn, share knowledge** and **expertise** with the Code for Ghana **community**
- Capacity to **absorb data fellows** as **core staff**
- **Willingness to commit to the project**

# Time Line



# Our Partners



**WORLD WIDE WEB**  
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**Mobile Web Ghana**



**ami** African  
Media  
Initiative

**MAKING  
ALL  
VOICES  
COUNT**

# Team



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# Questions?

For **Audience**:

- Q & A

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