



EKO SKILLS GHANA

TRAINING WORKSHOP REPORT,

AT NKAWIE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.



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BACKGROUND.

The skills training program titled creating awareness for the youth to know the opportunities ahead of them after school. The main objective is empowering the youth to be adequately skilled and be educated on streetism and its negative effect on the youth. A total of 450 participants mainly students in their final year and teachers at NKAWIE SHS engaged in this skill training.

The purpose of this training seeks to train participants with these skills; t-shirt printing, liquid soap making, and yoghurt making. These skills were organized to help students acquire skills that they can rely on after school as a means of making an income.

The training methodology was interactive, practice - based oriented. This approach ensures that participants do not only consume information but adequately understood all the technical skills that were taught. To ensure this, participants were engaged in open forum discussions, queries and suggestions. After every training, participants were made to exhibit the skills learnt. Materials and tools were provided for participation.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the skills training is geared towards empowering young individuals especially students in the Ashanti Region to acquire the relevant soft skills that will help them to create jobs on their own. This is an approach adopted to help eradicate the negative effect of streetism in Kumasi. This is mainly due to financial constraints and the inability of students to use their skills profitably.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this training were as follows:

- To increase the understanding of the need to acquire the needed skills during this hard times.
- To enhance the understanding of participants through skill training sessions and discussions on skills training on liquid soap making, t shirt printing and liquid soap making.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF NKAWIE SHS

The School was established in 1991 as a community Secondary School with 50 students and 8 teachers, the school has the Latin expression Carpe Deim as its motto. This can be loosely translated as, “Make hay whiles the sun shines”.

Mission

To create the enabling environment to facilitate effective and efficient teaching and learning; ensuring students are supplied with relevant teaching and learning tools, equipment and materials; recruiting qualified teachers.

Vision

To be the best training ground training and educating students to effectively and efficiently use their hands, heads and hearts to be useful to themselves, the school and the society as a whole in future.





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PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

The training participants included students and teachers from Nkawie Senior High School. The total number of participants were 450 (males: 205; females: 245)

RESOURCE PERSONS' PROFILE

The team which delivered the skills training comprised of four internal members of EKO SKILLS GHANA, Ghana Youth Leadership Academy, and Curious Minds delivered a speech on streetism. and its effects. Given below is a brief description of the trainers along with their sessions conducted by them.

Name	Designation	Session Title
1. Evans Oppong	CEO	Introduced participants through the need of acquiring skills and facilitated the t-shirt printing session.
2. Augustine Kwakye	Director of Communication and Technology.	Introduced participants to the accepted norms and behaviors expected throughout the training. Facilitated the yoghurt making process
3. Suzy Narh	Financial Secretary	Facilitated the liquid soap making process



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Name	Designation	Session Title
4. Nii Botchway	Programs Officer	Gave the closing remarks

VENUE AND DATE.

The training was organized at Nkawie Senior High School on 28th July, 2023.

INTRODUCTION TO WORKSHOP AND OBJECTIVE.

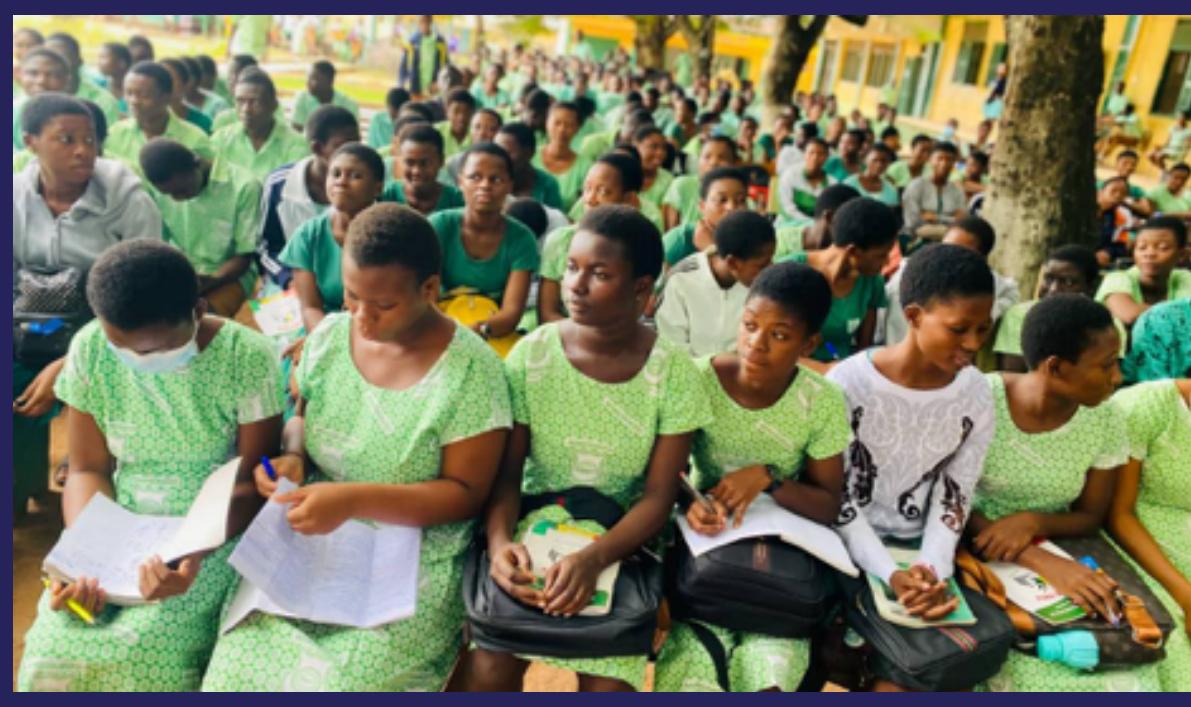
The training session started with an opening prayer from a teacher of the school. Augustines Kwakye warmly welcomed the participants and thanked them for sparing their precious academic time to learn and participate in the sessions, delivered the welcome note and invited Mr Evans OPPONG, the CEO of EKO SKILLS GHANA to enlighten participants on the need to acquire skills. After the brief presentation on the need to acquire the skills as a student, Master Augustine Kwakye took the students through the training norms which was set on consensus. This training norms were a guide to help participants conduct themselves throughout the training. These were as follows:

- Participants respect the views of others.
- Participants should pay attention throughout the training and ask questions when the platform is given.
- Participants should avoid discussions when the training is ongoing.
- Notes should be taken during the training.
- Participants should ask questions and also practice.
- Been polite when addressing a trainer and a fellow participant

PARTICIPATORY SESSION

During this session, participants were divided into three groups. This division was done to aid students comprehend every skill that will be taught. This division is essential because if the numbers are high, efficiency of the training will be diminished. After successfully grouping the students. The three skills training began simultaneously. Each group was far apart from each other.

To ensure every participant acquire all these three skills, we adopted the shift approach. After every training participant were rotated to a different session or group so they learn a new skill. The training session was a combination of discussions and practical lessons or hands on task approach. Participants after every training were given the opportunity to ask questions and also practice what has been taught whiles been monitored and guided by an expert. The following paragraphs explains the three skills training further.



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T-SHIRT PRINTING SESSION

During the skills training session, participants were taken through the fundamental tools, equipment and materials used in printing and designing t-shirt. Squeegee, teflon sheet, paints, spatula, cleaning rag, dissolvent such as turpentine, sellotape and a heat press machine were some of the materials and tools used in printing t-shirts.

The trainer of this session, master Evans Kojo OPPONG, Director and CEO of EKO Skills Ghana, took participant through the use of the various materials, tools and equipment mentioned above.

During the session, the trainer demonstrated the procedures involved in printing. The demonstration lasted some few minutes. After that he randomly selected some willing participants to demonstrate what has been taught.

Participants beautifully and cleverly demonstrated the printing process. He gave the participants the opportunity to ask questions that bothers their understanding and he provided the needed answers accordingly.



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LIQUID SOAP MAKING SESSION

The liquid soap making featured Miss Suzy, the Financial Secretary of EKO SKILLS GHANA, as the trainer. The participants were introduced to the liquid soap making process. The tools, materials such as base solution, salt, thickener, booster rice powder, a mixer and perfume were demonstrated to the participant.

The training was practical as participant were allowed to replicate what has been learnt.

YOGHURT MAKING SESSION

The yoghurt making process also featured master Augustine Kwakye, Director of Communication and Technology, who was the trainer for this session. Whisker, milk powder, color, perfume, culture, sugar and a thermometer. The thermometer was used to monitor the temperature of the solution to avoid or prevent coagulation. The participant was taken through this process and were allowed to also practice what they have learnt.

EXHIBITION SESSION

This session was facilitated by Miss Suzy Narh and master Nii Botchway. The headmistress of the school madam acknowledged this productive skill training and appreciated the collaboration of EKO SKILLS GHANA, GYLA (Ghana Youth Leadership Academy) and Curious Minds in making the training a success. The team of trainers exhibited the beautifully printed t shirts, liquid soap and yoghurt and finally presented them to the school for their welcoming nature





PARTICIPANT INTERVIEWING AND EVALUATION

At the end of the training, participants were interviewed to share the feedback on the progress of the training and their general observation and recommendations. Among all those interviewed, participants appreciated their experience they had and the ability to learn new skills. This, they believe will help them create their own jobs after school. They also suggested that these trainings are held frequently to enable them learn many skills as possible. In all, participants were happy for this opportunity.



Participants shared their feedback on the progress of the training and their general observation and recommendation



"I am so excited to be part of this skill training. I have been able to learn how to print T shirt. Thanks to EKO SKILLS GHANA, I can now be able to make money after school whilst I wait for my WASSCE results to further my education to the university."

Final Year Student

CLOSING REMARKS.

Master Nii Botchway, Programs Officer thanked participants and appreciated them for their comportment and active participation. He also congratulated them on the successful completion of the training and hoped that the knowledge gained would help in mitigating the high rise of streetism in Kumasi which is due to the level of their skillset. He encouraged participants to into practice the skills learnt.

RECOMMENDATION.

The training should be organized frequently and participants should be awarded certificates that are signed or endorsed by the school and the organizers of the skill training. This will motivate more students to join the training.

After every training, students should be assessed to know how effective and beneficial the skill training has been to them.

