

**BOK AFRICA  
CONCERN**



# Annual Report

— 2021 —

# **BOK AFRICA CONCERN**



*'Inspire the youth  
Break the barriers'*

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Our Friends,

2021 was another challenging and exciting year as we managed to achieve many of our targets amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic. We were delighted to have been selected to have best practice worthy of sharing at the World Crime Congress in Tokyo (08 March 2021). We felt humbled when we received accreditation from the General Assembly of the United Nations to participate in the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons held 22-23 November 2021 at New York.

Our efforts in rehabilitation, reintegration, awareness campaigns for migrants' rights, migrant returnees, victims (both child & adult) of human trafficking, emergencies and advocacies proceeded well. Our youth empowerment efforts remained in sustained level.

Our services strategy has remained (1) prevention through awareness raising and public education; (2) rehabilitate through training, psycho-social assistance, engagement, and direct assistance; (3) safe and orderly community and social integration through economic, social and community engagements; (4) advocacy and sharing – platforms engagements, events and interactions.

Despite COVID-19, the resolve of the team prevailed. We have sustained our upstanding in the heat of the pandemic and achieved several heights remarkably by the resilience of the team and the trust of our partners. We feel extremely indebted to our cherished partners for the outstanding cooperation within the year.

Our registration was officially approved by the government of The Kingdom of The Netherlands with RSIN registration number **826450209** making us an international organization. This presents us with new challenges and opportunities. We brace ourselves for them and prepare well to improve our works for the advancement of the mission and our beneficiaries.

With a heavy heart, we lost an inspirational, silent mover and a colossus, Mr Huub J. Giesen. His role cannot be overemphasized, and we are hard hit by his parting. We will continue to remember him for his numerous and vital contributions. Thank you Mr Huub Giesen.

We look forward to 2022 with optimism and readiness. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to all our partners and you all.

**Ms. Vivian Bosomaa**  
(Board Chair)



# ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

BOK AFRICA CONCERN is a legally registered Non-Governmental Organisation or Not-For-Profit (**Reg. no.: CG216882018**, and **DSW/8039**) set up at the service of Youth Empowerment, Green Economy, Agriculture, rural development, Gender and Social inclusion – to develop, design projects & programs, network, coordinate and raise funds with both local and international donor and governmental/Non-governmental agencies which are working to promote development and social justice. The organization is registered ANBI in the Kingdom of the Netherlands with **RSIN number: 826450209**.

## VISION

A world where differences in social structure means alternative for diversified livelihood.

## MISSION

To empower people for a dignified sustainable living.

## PHILOSOPHY

BOK AFRICA believes in Chances (not charity), Development cooperation (not Aid) except in the cases of emergencies. We believe in the dignity of every person and the enormous potential in every human person. Inequalities are created by circumstances that deny many opportunities. Aid (except in situations of emergency) creates dependency that reduces the dignity of the human person. Allowing people to

lead their own development through support and cooperation produces real sustainable development with deep respect for the environment and creating/providing opportunities.

## VALUES

BOK AFRICA operates on the values of

1. Solidarity,
2. Commitment,
3. Transparency,
4. Mutual respects,
5. Honesty,
6. Respect for human rights,
7. Collective responsibility and
8. Mentoring

## OBJECTIVES

1. To develop human resource capacity for sustainable world
2. To promote Green Economy for sustainable living
3. To empower the youth for a productive life through creative orientation, education and TVET
4. To support active agricultural development
5. To ensure gender development
6. To actively participate in rural development
7. To promote inclusion and social justice
8. To actively assist victims of emergencies
9. To engage in advocacy and awareness campaigns



# OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOK Africa Concern currently has six (6) members of the board (3 men and 3 women). Three (3) of the members are from Ghana and the other three (3) from the Netherlands. Our abled governing board have demonstrated commitment and strong guidance to the mission and management of the organization. We are happy to present them in this report.

- Ms Vivian Bosomaa (Chairperson) – joined since 2018.
- Ms Kim Verhoeven, General board member (Co-Chair); Country Director (Netherlands) – joined since 2020.

- Benson Osei-Savio Boateng (Board Secretary/ Executive Director); Country Director (Ghana) – joined since 2016.
- Vincent Valentijn, General board member – joined since 2020.
- Ms Gerriane Leusink-Kolkman, Co-opt member – joined since 2021.
- Mr Philip Agyei (Advocacy & Communication) – joined since 2019.





# THEMATIC AREAS OF INTERVENTION

In the year under review, BOK provided support and services in the following areas:

**01** CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

**02** GREEN ECONOMY

**03** YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

**04** AGRICULTURE

**05** RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**06** GENDER

**07** SOCIAL INCLUSION





## 1. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

We have intervened in areas of providing assistance for education & Training.



## a. Scholarship & Sponsorships

We have supported in payment of fees, assisted in placement of young people into training and provided school training materials. A total of 17 people (13 females and 4 males) were assisted for tertiary education (5 females), TVET (2 females), short-term professional courses (2 females, 4 males), general education (2 females) and apprenticeship (2 females).



## b. Staff Training

We continue to ensure constant improvement of our staff capacities in managerial, administrative and technical areas through various means including short-term, tailored courses, workshops and seminars. In the year 2021, 6 staff received short-term training in accounting (1) and project management (5).



## c. Workshops/Trainings

we have participated in some training/workshops which improves staff capacities and contribute to the CSO community. We have been invited and participated in the **Stakeholders Training on Provision of Sustainable Reintegration and Enhanced Referral of Returnees: The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Reintegration in Ghana** held at Aqua Safari Hotel, Ada (29 March – 01 April, 2021) and Tyco City Hotel, Sunyani (7-11 June 2021) under the auspices of IOM Ghana and European Union. 3 staff also attended Mental Health Workshop: **Appreciating the Significance of Mental Health Support for GGC clients** held at Aqua Safari Resort, Ada (02 - 05 May, 2021) organized by GIZ Ghana. Also, participation in **C4D capacity Building and Design Workshop in the Bono and Bono East Regions of Ghana** held at Tyco City Hotel, Sunyani (23 – 25 November 2021) organized by IOM Ghana involved 6 participants promoted by us.





## 2. GREEN ECONOMY

We have engaged in promoting training and measures that promotes sustainable ecology.

2 ZERO HUNGER

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

13 CLIMATE ACTION

## a. Piggery Biogas Project

The project was carried out at Fokuokrom at a mentor farm. It was meant to convert pig droppings into biogas for domestic and farm use. The idea is also to reduce reliance on fuelwood as source of energy for domestic and farm use. The project completed successfully with gas available for domestic and farm use. The replication of this project is highly recommended.



## b. TOT in Bio-entomology

Training for a group of farmers at Mpuasu for 18 members of the community (12 women and 6 men) were given in Bio-entomology. The farmers were taken through the preparation of bio-pesticides. The plant-based pesticides training was complimented by other methods of pest control including physical and integrated approach. The training was to help the farmers be able to prepare their own plant-based pesticides and reduce the over reliance on synthetic agro-chemicals for farming. The measure was meant to promote organic farming, protecting the environment, and supporting sustainable production. The activity was part of a project (PIRAM) implemented with IOM Ghana and GIZ Ghana to reintegrate returning migrants in the Bono Region.

## c. Forest Protection Action Project (FoPAP)

The project is part of the LEEWYV project co-financed by the European Union and implemented by VIS. The project is part of the mini-grants projects in the project. It intends to support forest safety by establishing 2 forest-dependent non-destructive non-traditional animal production (Grasscutter and bee-keeping) and To raise awareness about the protection of the forests, actively involving vulnerable groups. The campaign part is handled by BOK Africa Concern. Radio Campaign is ongoing with community outreach.



### d. Green Campus Project

The project has components as follows:

1. waste management (waste separation and waste disposal),
2. Waste recycling (plastic waste recycling, composting, and e-waste management),
3. Green activities for the Environment (Tree planting, clean-up exercises, and awareness raising),
4. Food waste Prevention and rescue (industrial food waste rescue, local market food waste rescue), and
5. Advocacy and Networking (African Youth SDG Summit participation, meetings & Fora, publications & materials). 1,000 trees have been planted, 15 radio programs, 4 public clean-up exercises, composting of organic waste, industrial food waste rescued for animal feed, local market food waste rescued for animal feed and composting, preparation for participation in Youth summit.

**PARTNERS**



**DON BOSCO**  
**Jugendhilfe Weltweit**





### e. Sustainable Construction Project

The Sustainable construction project is establishing a Vocational Training Centre in Tatala in the Northern Region of Ghana for the Salesians of Don Bosco (AOS) province. The project focuses on using local materials and improving local construction technology to train and construct various types of buildings (classrooms, washrooms, staff bungalows, Hostels, Administration blocks and labs). The 'less cement' project is supposed to help reduce the reliance on environmentally unfriendly building materials while improving local technologies. It is also, labour-intensive, empowering the local population (including women) economically with what is saved from cost in construction materials. The first pilot classroom block has been completed.

**PARTNERS**








## f. Girls in Solar Training

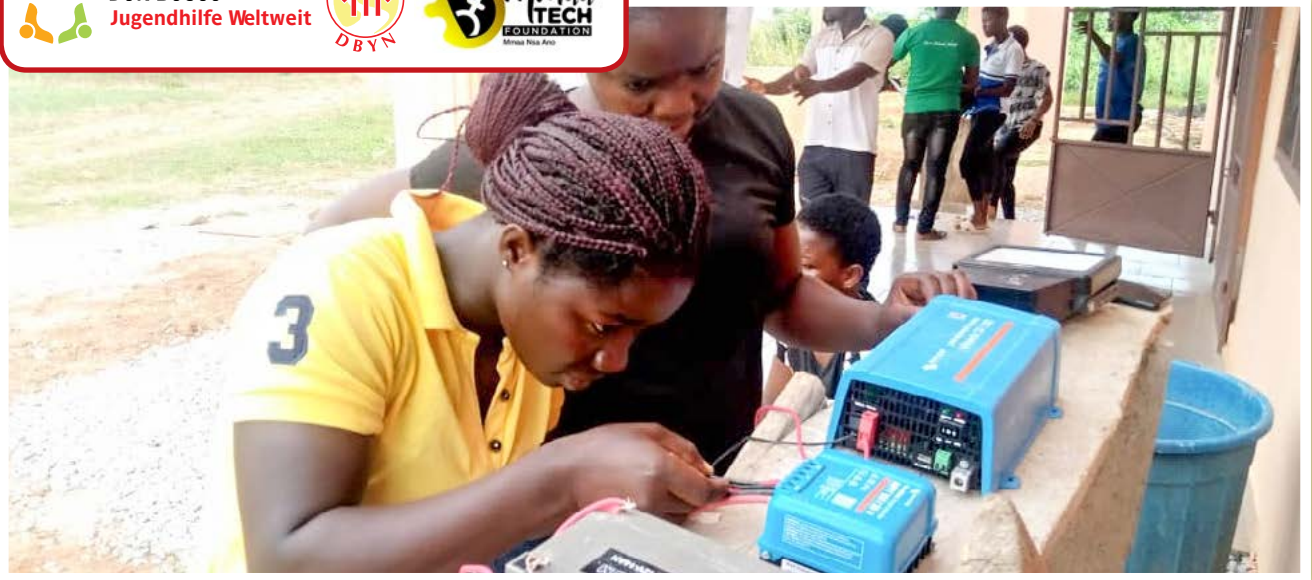
The Girls in solar training is part of the Don Bosco Solar Training West Africa project. 34 girls were trained in basic solar PV installation in 2 batches. The first batch were 16 and the second batch was 18 participants. The trainings took place at Apemanim (20km west of Kumasi) in the Ashanti region. The training was organized with MmaaTech Foundation and Don Bosco Youth Network West Africa (DBYN). The project also, provided a set of tools and equipment to MmaaTech to enable continual training.



### PARTNERS



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### 3. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

We have promoted the empowerment of young people to enhance livelihood and independence.





## a. Africa SDGs Youth Summit 2021

The 4th edition of Africa's largest Youth Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals was scheduled to take place in November 2021 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We have planned and prepared to promote participation of up to 10 young people including 4 girls. We have prepared to also make exhibition at the summit. Due to the crisis and instability of the security situation in Ethiopia, the summit was postponed by the organizers to a later date in the first quarter of 2022



## b. Assistance to Youth Entrepreneurship

We remain committed to promote youth entrepreneurship as a tool to empower young people to be self-reliant and mitigate irregular and risky migration. Also, we use it to support reintegration of victims of trafficking in persons and returning migrants. Within the year, we supported 14 young people to improve and start their businesses in farming, Shops, Sewing, Vegetable farms, electrical enterprises and hairdressing.



## c. Collective Reintegration Projects

BOK is actively engaged in the rehabilitation and reintegration of migrants, returning migrants and victims of trafficking in persons (both child and adult victims). A common approach BOK continue to use aside individual support is collective (including mixed) group through common business enterprises. In the year under review, 8 collective farms involving 40 people at Basakrom, Dwenem, Nafa-Nkwanta, Kojokese-krom, Koase, Adamsu, and Techiman. 1 sewing Centre, 2 Goats farms, 1 poultry farm, and 4 piggeries. 5 of the collectives were part of the PIRAM project implemented with IOM Ghana and GIZ Ghana.

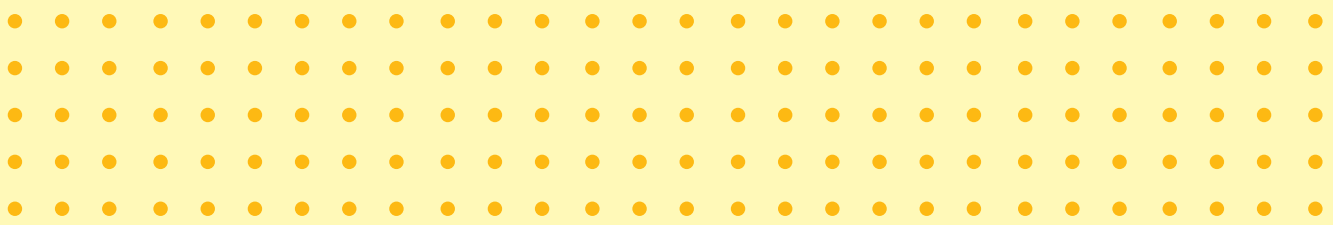




### d. Ghana Youth Camp 2021

The Ghana Youth Camp (influencing Ghana’s Socio-Economic Development through Transformational Leadership) held on the 27-30 December 2021 at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi. We participated through Ms Francisca Owusu and Mr Philip Agyei. The experimental learning program brought together more

than 70 youth of varied ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. The camp aims to develop capacities of young people in effective leadership development.





## 4. AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Our activities to promote agricultural and rural development had social, business and human development focus.

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

## a. Mentorship farming

Youth in sustainable, green and profitable agriculture remains key part of our activities areas. We have so far supported and accompany 6 young people to be entrepreneurial youth farmers in Nkoranza North (Kranka), Sunyani (Yawhima), Nsuatre (Koduakrom), Senase (Nafa-Nkwanta), Berekum (Amomaso) and Koase. In the year under review, we also supported 2 more mentor farms at Sabikrom and Subinya.



## b. Community-Based projects

As part of our continual effort at reintegration process for returnees, we go to the source and recipient communities to support them with their project that promotes economic development of the communities with the returning migrants as the key actors. In the year under review, 4 community-based projects were established under the 'Assistance to Ghanaian Returnees and Potential Migrants' project of IOM Ghana supported by GIZ Ghana. There were 2 gari factories (Jamera and Atuna), a Cattle ranch (Mpuasu) and a part of a Community Centre (Japekrom). A total of 341 beneficiaries (115 men, 226 women) including 88 returnees and victims of trafficking in persons.



## c. Accessible clean/portable water Ghana

We have invested immensely through our donors by improving access to clean and portable drinking water in some deprived communities in the Bono, and Bono East Regions. 10 boreholes (mechanized) were provided at Kojokeseokrom, Chiraa, Atuna, Ahiresu, Tummeako, Yafunu Ntekasa, Kwamekrakrom, Akwasu, Yamfo, Mpuasu, and Jamera.





## 5. GENDER & SOCIAL INCLUSION

Promoting social inclusion and gender is one of our cardinal pillars. We seek to provide relief for those in distress and support gender in special disadvantage situation.



## a. Social Engagements

We have taken keen interest to engage with partners and actors for a concerted effort, especially, areas aligned with our mission and vision. In the year under review, we participated in meetings, events and workshops to contribute and also learn. We have participated in the **Engagement with Non-profit Organizations (NPOs) on the NPO Policy 2020 and NPO Directives 2020** held on 28 January 2021 at Capital View Hotel, Koforidua. We also participated in the **National Consultation on the Draft NPO Bill** held on 04 November 2021 at Glamossay Hotel, Sunyani. An award ceremony was organized by VIS Ghana on the “StopTratta” Essay competition dubbed ‘I love my country and I want to succeed here!’. The ceremony which was to climax the campaign component of the **Supporting Local Development Tackling Irregular Migration from Ghana**, was held on 02 July 2021 at Pastoral Centre, Sunyani. We have participated and engaged.



## b. Support for Women Group

10 women (including a PWD) were given training in Gari processing at Atuna. The women who were highly motivated to learn the skill, organized themselves and requested the support. They received the training and by the time the Gari processing factory in Atuna was ready, they were well skilled and made their

first commercial production at the official opening ceremony of the Gari Processing factory.



## c. PRAV

Proactive Response and Assistance for Victims of Trafficking, Returnees and Vulnerable women and young people in Ghana (PRAV) was a project financed by the United Nations through the UN Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking managed by the UN Office for Drugs and Crimes (UNODC). 2 care centres, 1 prison, 1 migrant group and some individuals received support in the form of health/medical aid, food items, clothing items, sports/games materials, kitchen/cooking items, sanitary materials, etc. The beneficiaries, 976 (930 females and 46 males), were Child and Adult victims of Human Trafficking,

returning vulnerable migrants and persons in conflict with the law.



#### d. Medical Support

We have provided financial and medical aid to some individuals within the year. 7 individuals (6 females and 1 male) received health support. This includes a terminal cancer patient.

#### e. Single Mother Assistance

We are supporting 19 single mothers' situations in terms of accommodation (rent), fees for children, food, clothing and support for shop space. They are in Madina, Dormaa, Domasua and Sunyani.

#### f. Blacksoap Warehouse at Nana Owusu Fakiwaa Soap Resource Center, Senase

This facility has been realized as part of the project "Supporting local development tackling irregular migration in Ghana", financed by Italian Bishops Conference (CEI) and implemented by VIS Ghana (in collaboration with Salesians of Don Bosco AFW and the Catholic Dioceses of Techiman and Sunyani). BOK Africa Concern led this action as implementing partner, using community-based approach to ensure local ownership and participation. The warehouse is complementing the existing facilities at the Centre (which was established with the partnership of IOM Ghana, GIZ, GGC and BOK Africa Concern). 1,360 women have been trained in Bono and Bono East Regions of Ghana and will use the centre as the coordination centre.

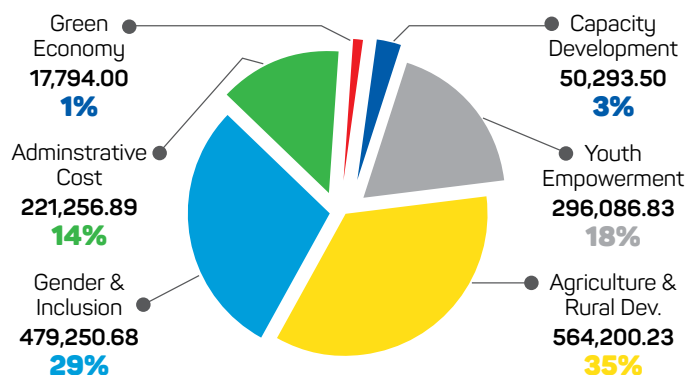


# AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

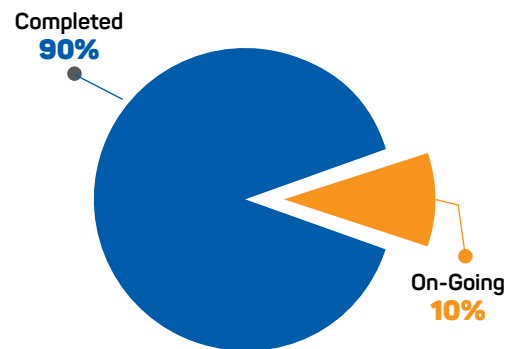
## TOTAL INCOME 2021

| DONORS                  | TOTAL DONATIONS     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD | 34,989.27           |
| INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS    | 1,302,004.47        |
| PRIVATE DONATIONS       | 2,930.00            |
| COMPANIES               | 168,224.54          |
| ADVANCES                | 76,029.05           |
| GRANT RECEIVABLES       | 178,901.19          |
| PRIOR ADJUSTMENTS       | 72,373.68           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>1,835,452.20</b> |

## EXPENDITURE 2021



## PROJECT STATUS



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR  
ABOUT THE ORGANISATION  
OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT  
TRIBUTE TO MR. HUUB J. GIESEN  
PARTNERS  
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

| ITEM/ACTIVITY                         | EXPENDITURE             | INCOME                  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance Brought Forward               |                         | 34,989.27               |
| Total Donations, Advances and Grants  |                         | 1,728,089.25            |
| Capacity Development                  | 50,293.50               |                         |
| Green Economy                         | 17,794.00               |                         |
| Youth Empowerment                     | 296,086.83              |                         |
| Agriculture & Rural Development       | 564,200.23              |                         |
| Gender & Inclusion                    | 479,250.68              |                         |
| Administrative Cost                   | 221,256.87              |                         |
|                                       |                         |                         |
| Balance (On-going Projects 2021-2022) | 177,207.09              |                         |
| Accruals & Prior adjustments          | 29,363.00               | 72,373.68               |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>GHS 1,835,452.20</b> | <b>GHS 1,835,452.20</b> |



# TRIBUTE TO MR HUUB J. GIESEN



## DROWNED IN TEARS!!!

**TRIBUTE BY:** Benson Osei-Savio Boateng

Mr Giesen Huub - an accomplished Engineer, a hidden genius, and a silent mover.

I am drowned in tears on the passing of a great soul, not because of your pain but because the world has lost precious pebble that obscurely bright in the shadows.

Your accomplishments are pronounced in their invisibility and silence. You have move mountains not only in engineering but in hearts and souls. You move like the tortoise but reached thousands of miles ahead of the running heir. Your patience and heart are solid enough to crush bullet pebbles of the harsh world for many people.

I cannot forget how you laid as a bridge for me to pass when I reached the edge of abyss of my life between my present then and my present now. You made yourself the mat on which I could walk across the abyss into my future.

I was heavily moved by your kind words when we met for the first time. You inspired me with not so many words, and I credit the birth of BOK Africa Concern to you and your inspiration. Your loud silence was enough to awaken the tiny giant.

*Your memory shall not depart us and we know we shall meet one day. May your healing soul rest in Perfect Peace Mr Huub Giesen!!!*



# PARTNERS



# NETWORKS

NGO COMMITTEE TO  
**STOP  
TRAFFICKING  
IN PERSONS**



**United Nations  
Network on Migration**  
*Working Better Together*



Major Group for  
**Children and Youth**  
A space for children and youth in the United Nations



**SDG7 YOUTH  
CONSTITUENCY**  
YOUTH IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY





*We are grateful to all  
our partners (local  
and International) for  
journeying with us in  
2021 and beyond. We  
are inspired by your  
support.*

## BANK DETAILS

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