

**BOK AFRICA
CONCERN**



Annual Report 2023



BOK AFRICA CONCERN



*"Inspire the youth
Break the barriers"*

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Our Dearests,

We are very proud to present to you the works we have accomplished together in 2023. Despite the challenges, with a collective resolve, we cannot be prouder than we are. Our team were especially dedicated, willing to move things up any mountain. Thank you, team BOK, once again. Your tenacity is highly admirable.

Our works in rehabilitation, reintegration, awareness campaigns for migrants' rights, migrant returnees, victims (both child & adult) of human trafficking, emergencies and advocacies were in form. Our youth empowerment efforts did proceed.

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.

Our path is that of thorns but also of roses. Our capacity to weather the storm was tested but we achieved several heights remarkably by the resilience of the team and the trust of our partners. We are highly grateful to

our cherished partners for the resolute cooperation within the year.

We continued to engage at the community (grassroot) levels while keep our foot on the pedal at the international level. We took advantage of virtual meetings to participate in several international level engagements. We did not fail to be present in persons too. We were represented by our Youth and Networking Coordinator (MS Abigail Fosuaa Gyabaa) and our communication and Advocacy coordinator (Mr Philip Agyei) at the 2023 High Level Political Forum in New York in July (11-19) 2023.

Most of our activities within the year have been presented in this report. The summaries presented in this report is meant to give an overview of the activities within the year 2023.

We look forward to 2024 with unstinting optimism and are resolved to garnish our works with Traditional seasoning. Joy flows in our hearts at the achievements made possible by the dedicated work of the team and our unflinching support of our collaborators.

Ms. Vivian Bosomaa
(Board Chair)



ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

BOK AFRICA CONCERN is a legally registered Non-Governmental Organisation/ 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 TEAM

BOK Africa Concern operational and managerial team in 2023 was a combined force of 38 women and men. 6 members (3 women, 3 Men) of the Board of Directors. We had operational staff and volunteers' strength of 17 women and 16 men on the field. We have 14 full-time staff and 19 volunteers (part-time). The dedicated team were always ready for missions and work. We had relied heavily on our specially dedicated and competent volunteers to achieve the enormous successes in the year. We are very grateful to our team, and we call them the most dexterous team of the year 2023.



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 aiding for education, Networking & Training.



a. Scholarship & Sponsorships

We have supported in payment of fees, assisted in placement of young people into apprenticeship, professional training courses and provided school training materials. A total of 20 people (15 females and 2 males) were assisted for tertiary education (7 females), short-term professional courses (6 females, 2 males) and apprenticeship (5 females).



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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 2023, 15 staff received training in Management and project management (5). 4 staff were enrolled in

various areas of Trafficking & migration, Community engagement and Skills for Social Inclusion.



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c. Workshops/Trainings

We have participated in some events/workshops which improves staff capacities and contribute to the CSO community. We have been invited and participated in the **Closing ceremony: Supporting Local Development Tackling Irregular migration** held at Kranka (23-24 March 2023) and at Senase (28 April 2023) under the auspices of VIS Ghana. We participated in **Workshop: Reintegration Coordination – Mapping of partners** organized by the NADMO at Mac-Dic Royal Plaza Hotel, Koforidua 14-17 March 2023. A staff also attended **Regional Conference on Migration for development and Equality** held at University of Ghana Migration centre (14 – 15 March 2023) organized by University

of Ghana Migration centre. Also, participation in **Skilling ECO-VET Advisory group meeting**, (19 June 2023) organized by VIS Ghana involved 2 participants from us. Participation in a **Training of Trainers on the establishment of National Referral Mechanism (NRM) on Return and Reintegration** held at Aqua Safari, Ada 24 -27 January 2023 organized by IOM Ghana. We have participated in the **Civil Society Consultation Workshop on the Global Compact for Safe, orderly and Regular migration (GCM)** 25 – 26 October 2023 at Kempinski Hotel Gold coast city, Accra. We were represented at the Workshop: Towards the elaboration of a national Referral Mechanism for Return and Reintegration of migrants in Ghana Organized by IOM Ghana held 30 November – 01 December 2023 in Accra.

d. Training of Trainers

Implementation of technical, pedagogical and didactic training courses for trainers of TVET Centres. BOK partnered with VIS Ghana to provided training for teachers and Instructors of 8 schools in the Atuabo circuit of the Ellembelle District of the Western region of Ghana as part of the “Education is the Passport for the future. Improving Ghanaian Education system focusing on methodologies, curricula, and extracurricular activities” in Ellembelle District.” 21 teachers and Animators (5 females and 16 males) participated in the training in Competence based Approach (09-11 October 2023). Training for “Inclusion of Learners with Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Education.” Was carried out 12-14 October 2023 for 22 teachers and animators (6 females and 16 males).



PARTNERS



e. High level Political Forum 2023

following the Successful participation of Ms Abigail Fosuaa Gyabaa in the 2022 version of the HLPF, we had Mr Philip Agyei (BOK USA director designate) and Ms Abigail Fosuaa Gyabaa (BOK UN Representative Designate) participate in the 2023 version of the HLPF

held 14 – 19 July 2023 in New York City. As part of the activities, the team visited JCoR centre, participated in the side events organized by Ghana and other themes of relevance to our objectives. We have received a great support from Fr Matthew SDB (Salesians UN representative) for the participation in the event.





2. GREEN ECONOMY

Our activities had in them integrated environmentally sustainable measures. However, there were specific climate change focused measures.



a. Mentor Farm

A mentor farm at Kranka was improved with skills training and facility development. In collaboration with VIS Ghana, we organized 20-day intensive training for 15 participants (10 women and 5 men) from the community on organic vegetable production. Each participant received some toolkits including safety items, farm tools and seeds for their own production. The farm also, received facility uplift for which included drilling of functional borehole and solar mechanizing same.



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b. Training in Bio-entomology and Organic Farming

Through 3 separate trainings, we have trained 47 people (23 women and 24 men) including teachers and Agric extension officers (32) and practicing farmers

(15). The first training was a specialized training for Agric extension officers and Trainers of technical Institute with 8 participants within the project 'Skilling VET ecosystem: enhance enabled environments for private and public VET key actors in Ghana and Senegal.' The training took place 12 -16 February 2023 at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Odumase. The second Training involved 15 participants (10 women and 5 men) at Ngalekyi-Baku and Old Bakanta within the project "Education is the Passport for the future. Improving Ghanaian Education system focusing on methodologies, curricula, and extracurricular activities" in Ellembelle District' implemented by Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo (VIS). The training took place 06 - 10 November 2023 and 27 November - 10 December 2023. The training involved greenhouse farming training as well. The third Training took place at Kranka (01 -23 December 2023) within the project "A Borehole for the Women of Kranka".





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c. Don Bosco Earth Campus Project

The Sustainable construction project is establishing a Vocational Training Centre in Tatale 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 project in 2023 managed to complete a toilet

structure, 3 classrooms, a water facility and a round hut. The Project was visited by Prof. Arch. Anna Heringer; Dr Susanne Franke (of Don Bosco Mondo E.v.) and Arch. Martin Rauch. New approaches and ideas have evolved.



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3. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

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

<p>1 NO POVERTY</p> 	<p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p> 	<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> 
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a. Africa SDGs Youth Summit 2023

The 4th edition of Africa's largest Youth Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals was held 09-11 March 2023 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We promoted participation of 6 young people including 2 girls. There was exhibition of activities, especially on SDG 6, 8 and 13. The Team received award for SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation activities at the event.



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Also, we use it to support reintegration of victims of trafficking in persons and returning migrants. Within the year, we supported 35 young people to improve and start their businesses in Farming (11), Shops (5), catering (1), Fashion (4), Trading (6) and hairdressing/beauty (8).



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b. Assistance to Youth Entrepreneurship

We keep our commitment to promote youth entrepreneurship as a tool to empower young people to be self-reliant and mitigate irregular and risky migration.



4. AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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



a. Health Support

In the year under Review, we supported quality health access for rural women through individual supports in medical bills and medication. 3 major cases involving accidents were referred for assistance for bills and medications. Other cases were minor but critical.

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b. 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. 4 boreholes/wells (mechanized) were provided at Amorogo, Nkyenkyenkye, Ahiresu, and Kranka.



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c. Community-Based projects

As part of our continual effort at prevention, rehabilitation and 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, 1 community-based projects was established under the 'SIPABS' project of ICMPD supported by EUD. 1 gari factory at Ahiresu was established. A total of 24 beneficiaries (6men, 18 women) including returnees and victims of trafficking in persons.



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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 learn. We have participated in the **Austria-Ghana Business Forum 2023** held on 26 April 2023 at Kempinski Hotel, Accra, was attended by the Chancellor of Austria. We also participated in the **Orange Week 2023** held on 24-28 April 2023 at Accra. The events were organized by The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Accra. We were invited and participated in the Farewell & Welcome Cocktail Reception for Mrs Barbara Lehinger (welcome) and Mr Guido Stock (Farewell) on 11 May 2023 at Suncity Hotel Apartment, Accra. We have participated in **Job Fair** held 11 May 2023 at DBTI- Ashaiman. **UNEP DED Meeting with Local Stakeholders** in Accra, Ghana held 17 May 2023 at UN resident Coordinator's office in Accra. Project management Conference and Project Management Excellence Awards 2023 held at Royal Senchi, Akosombo 20-21 July 2023.



Project
Management
Institute
Ghana



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Nations

b. SIPABS project

SIPABS - Inclusive Preventive Action on Border Security in Bono and Bono East Regions is part of the SBS Ghana project being implemented by ICMPD and with funding from the EUD. BOK action (SIPABS) hinged on awareness raising; inclusion of local actors especially, the informal groups and associations; collaboration with local, traditional and state authorities; and promoting economic empowerment of vulnerable communities. The project closed in 2023 with all the main actions taken. Border visits to Kwamesekrom border and Kofibadukrom border with the stakeholders for engagement with the border communities and agents. 2 trainings were organized for the stakeholders on Social Inclusion and Trafficking in Persons with cooperation of

Ghana Immigration Service (GIS). Awareness campaign reached estimated 20,442 in both the Bono and Bono East regions in 50 communities. A community gari processing factory was established at Ahiresu community as model income-generating activity.



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ICMPD

International Centre for Migration Policy Development



European Union

SBS Ghana

Strengthening Border Security in Ghana

c. Medical support

We have provided financial and medical aid to some individuals within the year. 12 individuals (8 females) received health support.

d. Single mother assistance

We are supporting 9 single mothers' situations in terms of accommodation (rent), fees for children, food, clothing and support for shop space. They are in Dormaa, Domasua and Odumase/Sunyani and Madina.

e. Awareness campaign and SIPABS Project

The Strengthening Border Security in Ghana (SBS Ghana) project is funded by the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) and implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), in cooperation with the Ghana Immigration Service. SIPABS - INCLUSIVE PREVENTIVE ACTION ON BORDER SECURITY IN BONO AND BONO EAST REGIONS is implemented as part of the Strengthening Border Security in Ghana project (SBS project).



This project aims (within the objective of the SBS project) to promote concerted action in border management with traditional authorities and local associations; to increase knowledge on irregular migration and Trafficking in persons; and to promote economic empowerment (income generating activities) to stem irregular migration (& Trafficking). The implementation commenced on the 8 May 2023 and will end on 7 July 2023.



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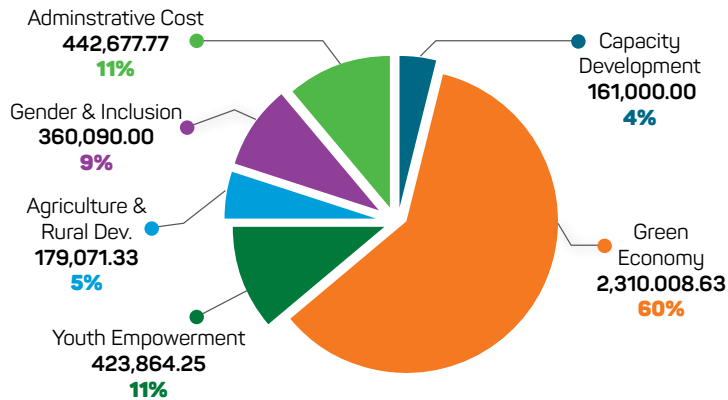


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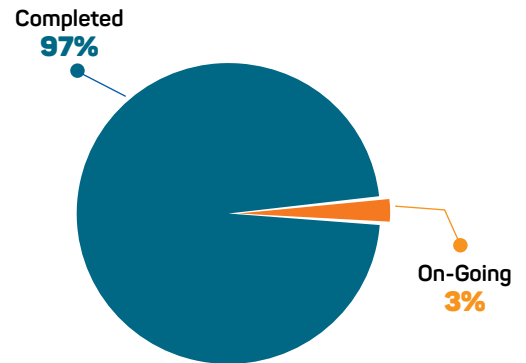
TOTAL INCOME 2023

DONORS	TOTAL DONATION	
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	GHS 31,304.20	€ 2,664.48
INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS	GHS 3,390,581.10	€ 288,592.03
PRIVATE DONATIONS	GHS 58,559.72	€ 4,984.36
COMPANIES	GHS -	€ -
BOK AFRICA CONCERN	GHS 88,945.22	€ 7,570.64
RECEIVABLES	GHS 413,254.87	€ 35,174.52
TOTAL	GHS 3,982,645.11	€ 338,986.03

EXPENDITURE 2023



PROJECT STATUS

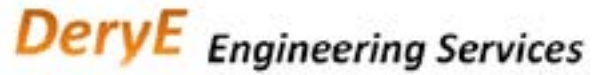


FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023

DONOR/THEMATIC AREA	EXPENDITURE		DONATIONS	
	GHS	EURO	GHS	EURO
Balance Brought Forward			31,304.20	2,664.48
Total Donations, Advances and Grants			3,951,340.91	336,321.55
Capacity Development	161,000.00	13,703.64		
Green Economy	2,310,008.63	196,618.24		
Youth Empowerment	423,864.25	36,077.55		
Agriculture & Rural Development	179,071.33	15,241.80		
Gender & Inclusion	360,090.00	30,649.35		
Administrative Cost	442,677.77	37,678.87		
Balance (On-going Projects 2023-2023)	105,933.13	9,016.58		
Totals	3,982,645	338,986	3,982,645	338,986



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PREMIUM PARTNERS

At BOK Africa Concern, consistent over 3 years with at least 2 projects receives the Recognition of Premium partner. The Platinum, Gold, Silver and blue levels are associated with amounts and extended years.

From this Year we recognize the following Premium partners for having worked with us for consistently four years or more.



*Thank you for your
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