

BOK AFRICA CONCERN



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2024 Annual Report

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Our Friends,

We are humbly honoured to present to you the works we have accomplished together in 2024. Though challenging, with a collective resolve, we made it through the year. Most of our activities did not receive much support but we sailed through. Our team were especially on top, scaling the hills and moving through the valleys, through fire and storm. Major hit but resilient. The sheer tenacity of the team was amazingly admirable.

In November 2024, BOK AFRICA CONCERN was officially registered in the Colorado State of the United States of America with Employer Identification Number (EIN), 33-2116382 and entity identification number, 20248252678 with Certificate Confirmation Number, 16750013. I wish to congratulate Mr Philip Agyei, Our USA Country Director and Ms Abigail Fosua Gyabaa, our Deputy Country Director for their dedication, hard work and commitment.

We also wish to congratulate Our President and Executive Director, Benson Osei-Savio Boateng on his nomination and enstoolment as the Papahene of the Dormaa Traditional Area as ***Baffour Kwasi Asibeh Boateng I.*** Congratulations Baffour. We know you will make a fine chief, and your people are indeed honoured to have you as a leader. We look forward to supporting your visions for the People you serve.

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.

In the year under review, we concluded and closed the SIPABS project and consolidated the gains in the DBEC project. We were thrilled to receive two of our International Board members in Ghana to monitor some of our projects and to interact with beneficiaries and communities. Ms Kim Theodora Arnolda Maria Verhoeven and Mr Vincent Valetijn for your visit. It was a pleasant experience to meet you.

We look forward to 2025 with generous resolution and graceful optimism resolved to garnish our works with international seasoning. Much gratitude is borne in our hearts and hope remain our anchor.

Ms Vivian Bosomaa

(Board Chair)

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

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](#). And a certified NGO (Non-profit) organization in the Colorado State of the United States of America with Employer Identification Number (EIN), [33-2116382](#) and entity identification number, [20248252678](#) with Certificate Confirmation Number, [16750013](#).

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 2024 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 2024.

THEMATIC AREAS OF INTERVENTION

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

1. Capacity Development
2. Green Economy
3. Youth empowerment
4. Agriculture
5. Rural Development
6. Gender
7. Social Inclusion

1. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

We have intervened in areas of aiding for education, Networking & Training.

SDG 4

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 12 people (10 females and 2 males) were assisted for tertiary education and apprenticeship (5 females).

Partners:

Private donors

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 2024, 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.

Partners:

Private donors

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 2024) and at Senase (28 April 2024) 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 2024. A staff also attended ***Regional Conference on Migration for development and Equality*** held at University of Ghana Migration centre (14 – 15 March 2024) organized by University of Ghana Migration centre. Also, participation in ***Skilling ECO-VET Advisory group meeting***, (19 June 2024) 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 in Accra.

Partners:

VIS, UG; IOM

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2. GREEN ECONOMY

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

SDG 2

SDG 4

SDG 13

a. Mentor Farm

A mentor farm at Tainso was improved with facility development. In collaboration with VIS Ghana, we assessed the existing borehole, tested and solar mechanized it. The improvement was carried out between May and June 2024 at Tainso. The farm later received training for 20 participants including 11 women and 9 men. The farm is managed by Mr Addison Donyinah, now part of 14 Mentor farms in the Bono and Bono east regions of Ghana.

Partner:
VIS Ghana

(Picture – Mentor Farm)

b. Training in Bio-entomology and Organic Farming

we have trained 20 people (11 women and 9 men) practicing farmers at Tainso in the Sunyani West District of the Bono Region of Ghana. The training took place 14 -18 October 2024 at Tainso Mentor farm, Tainso near Odumase. The training involved soil fertility and plant Nutrition; how to prepare organic compost, crop protection; post- harvest handling, storage, packaging and Marketing within the project “*Supporting Rural Development in Tainso Community*” funded by *Fondazione Opera Don Bosco, implemented in Burmu (Tainso), Bono Region.*”

Partners:
VIS Ghana

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 2024 managed to construct (partially or fully) a Round Hut (Store) Agriculture, Hostel for Boys (40 capacity), Boys Toilet/Washroom

Block, 2-unit, One bedroom SC – Guesthouse (Fr Nicho), Zigato Lodge, Round (Summer) Hut, Kitchen & Dining hall, Re-roofing of the Construction Classroom Block, Re-construction of Katharina House, Repair of damage caused to walls of existing buildings and fence walls, Developing Solar Energy Concept, Developing Sanitation and Wastewater concept, Construction of Biogas System (basic). The Project was visited by Prof. Arch. Anna Heringer twice during the year. New approaches and ideas have evolved.

Partner:

Don Bosco Mission Austria; Anna Heringer Studio; DBYN; Zigato Architecturals, Don Bosco Mondo Bonn

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3. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

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

SDG 1

SDG 5

SDG 8

a. 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. Also, we use it to support reintegration of victims of trafficking in persons and returning migrants. Within the year, we supported 18 young people to improve and start their businesses in Farming (2), Shops (3), catering (1), Fashion (2), Trading (3) and hairdressing/beauty (7).

Partners:

JBS; AIC; OKB

4. AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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

SDG 2

SDG 3

SDG 6

SDG 8

a. Health Support

In the year under Review, we supported quality health access for rural women through individual supports in medical bills and medication. 4 major cases involving accidents were referred for assistance for bills and medications. Other cases were minor but critical.

Partners:

Private

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. 3 boreholes/wells (mechanized) were provided at Dormaa Ahenkro, Nkyenkyenkye, Kootokrom, and Tainso.

Partners:

VIS; Private

(Picture – Water project)

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. The project was officially ha handed over to the Ahiresu community.

Partners:

ICMPD

(Picture – community based)

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.

SDG 1

SDG 3

SDG 5

SDG 16

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 several online and in person meetings and conferences.

Partners:

VIS; PMI Ghana; UN

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 2024 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.

Partners:

ICMPD; EU; GIS; SBS Ghana

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d. Medical support

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

e. Single mother assistance.

We are supporting 5 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

f. 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 2024.

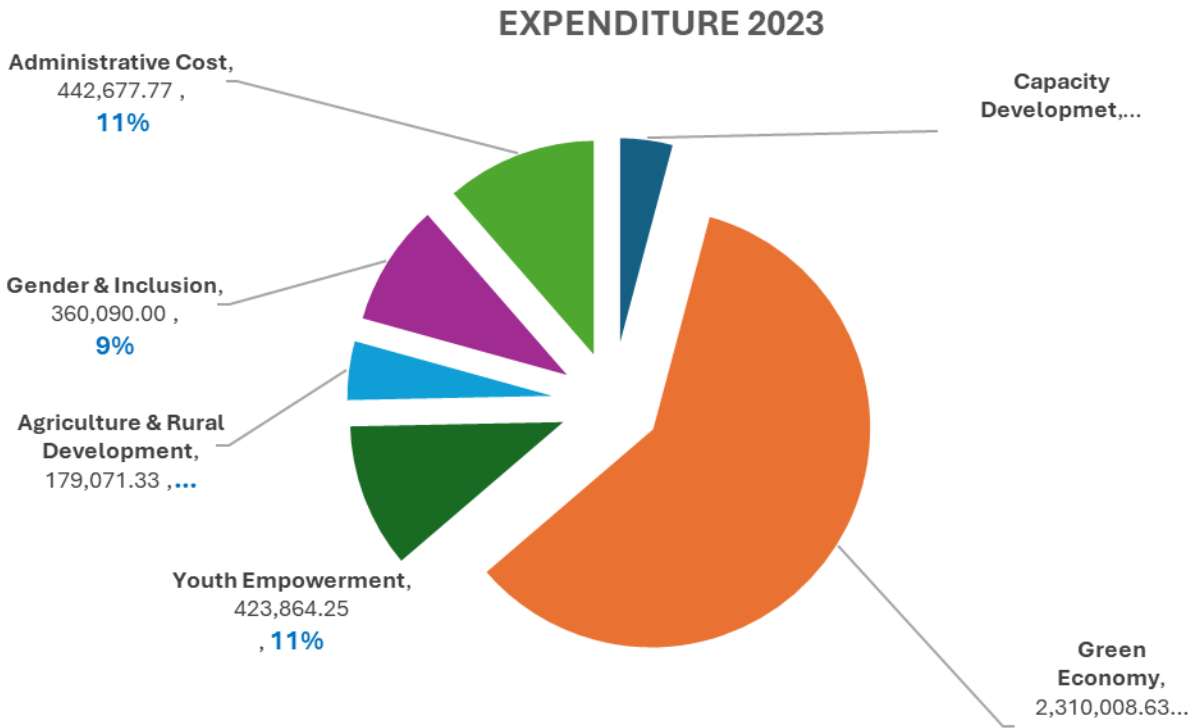
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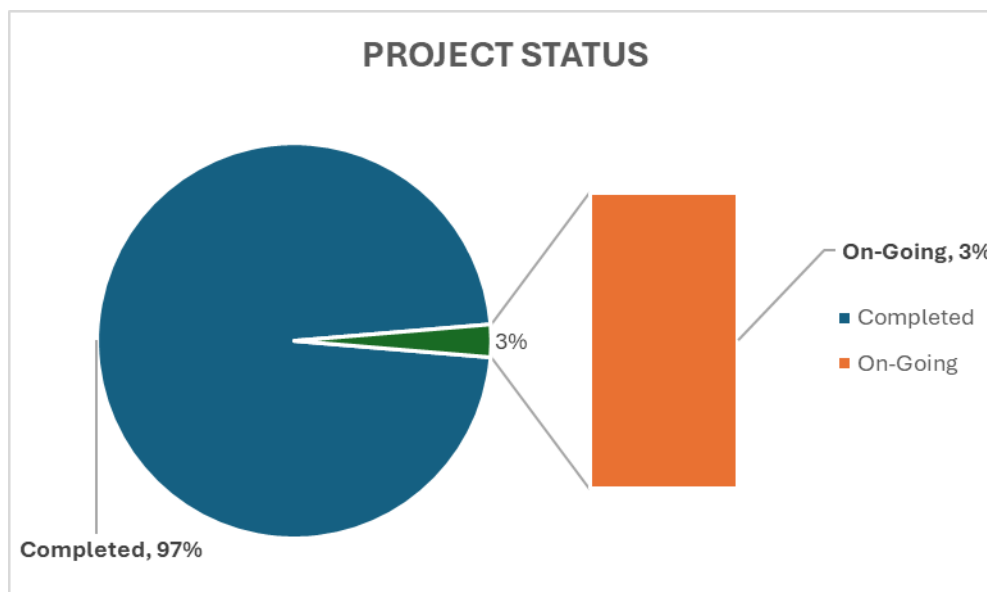
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AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income 2024

DONORS	TOTAL DONATIONS	
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	GHS 105,933.13	€ 9,016.58
INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS	GHS 6,373,179.64	€ 386,179.33
PRIVATE DONATIONS	GHS 30,131.37	€ 3,500.31
RECEIVABLES	GHS 1,650.00	€ 102.11
Total	GHS 6,510,894.14	€ 398,798.33





FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DONOR/THEMATIC AREA	EXPENDITURE		DONATION	
	GHS	Euro	GHS	Euro
Balance Brought Forward			105,933.13	€ 9,016.58
Total Donations, Advances and Grants			6,404,961.01	€ 389,781.75
Capacity Development	98,482.03	€ 5,799.88		
Green Economy	3,731,448.62	€ 232,352.01		
Youth Empowerment	653,844.45	€ 38,506.74		
Agriculture & Rural Development	162,371.41	€ 9,562.5		
Gender & Inclusion	210,295.50	€ 12,384.89		
Administrative Cost	442,677.77	€ 26,070.54		
Balance (On-going Projects 2024-2025)	1,211,774.36	€ 71,364.8		
Totals	6,510,894.14	€ 398,798.33	6,510,894.14	€ 398,798.33

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VIS Ghana

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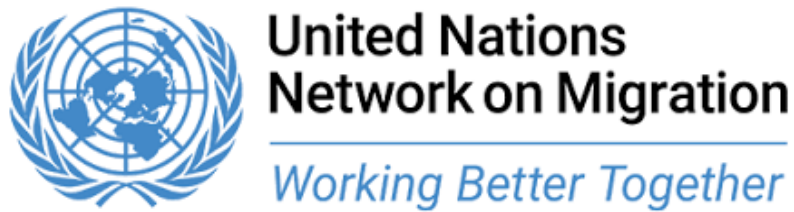
UN Trust fund

CSO Platform on SDG

Zigato Architecturals

Ernest de Bosco Construction LTD

NETWORKS



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.

IOM Ghana

Africulture Innovative Consult LTD

OKB

Thank you for your special partnerships.

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WE affirm that the content of this report represents, as much as possible, the true situation as presented.

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