

Drive to Inspire

### THE DRIVE REPORT

**JULY 2024** 



#### **OVERVIEW**

Welcome to the **July edition** of our monthly newsletter, where we recap our activities from the previous month.

This month marks exactly one year since the birth of our organisation. To commemorate this milestone, we are highlighting what has been accomplished over the past year.



### CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF CONTRIBUTING TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

#### Year One: Laying the foundation

Drive to Inspire-Africa is committed to inspiring and mentoring teenagers and young adults, especially girls, between the ages of 13 and 25. Our mission is to help them reach their potential and become valuable assets to their communities.

In our first year, we have focused on getting the fundamentals right, positioning ourselves for steady growth in Ghana and eventually into other parts of Africa, in line with our vision. Over the past year, we have worked to secure licenses and obtain necessary approvals, allowing us to engage with our primary target group: students.

This past year, we have also formed strategic partnerships that enhance our operational efficiency and ensure accountability to our donors and the public. These partnerships have been crucial in supporting our mission and expanding our reach.



#### One Year Of Empowering Young Minds Through Outreach

Our outreach activities form a crucial aspect of our organisational initiatives. They provide us with the opportunity to meet and engage with students, bringing seasoned professionals to their doorsteps to motivate them towards their career goals while offering necessary guidance.

So far, we have visited twelve schools within the Greater Accra, Central, and Eastern Regions and have engaged with over 7,000 students at the senior high level.

To ensure that students are well-informed about health issues, we introduced adolescent health talks where professionals from the Ghana Health Service join us to speak to students about relevant topics in their lives and how to address them.

These health talks are combined with other inspirational sessions from our founder and other professionals as well as technical and vocational experts who help students explore the opportunities available to them in the sector.



AKWAMOSA



**Akwamuman SHS** 09-11-2023



**Effutu SHTS** 25-04-2024



Anum Presby SHS 09-11-2023



**Oguaa SHTS** 25-04-2024





**Ofori Panin SHS** 17-05-2024

**KROBO GIRLS** 



**Krobo Girls' SHS** 29-11-2023



Manya Krobo SHS 29-11-2023



Abuakwa State College 17-05-2024



Wesley Grammar SHS

07-06-2024

SERVIOR HIGH TECHNICAL SCHOOL

ABUR

**Aburi Presby SHTS** 

28-02-2024



West Africa SHS

14-03-2024

WASS

**Odorgonno SHS** 07-06-2024



#### **Breakout Sessions - Up Close & Personal chats**

Our breakout sessions are a way to get up close and personal with students to answer their questions and provide guidance on various issues.

Although we encourage students to be confident and engaging during our sessions with the entire school populace, we recognise that not all students are comfortable having their concerns known to their peers.

Our breakout sessions offer one-on-one time for students to speak directly with volunteers whose career paths interest them, providing personalised support tailored to their individual needs.

These breakout sessions are a vital component of our outreach programme. By addressing individual concerns in a more intimate setting, we ensure that every student receives the attention and support they need.







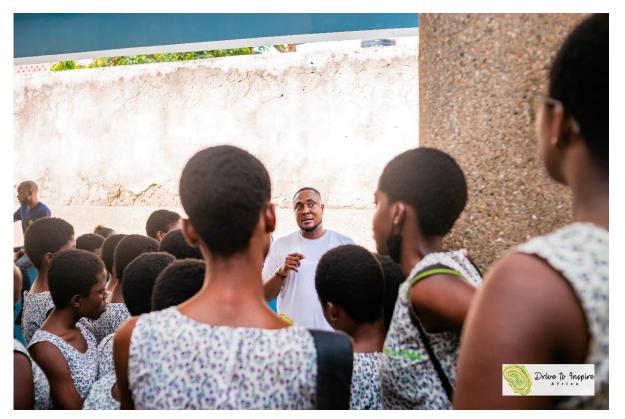
























#### One Year of Mentoring Young Women Oneon-One

Thirty-seven young women have benefitted from our mentorship for girls programme, which was first launched in February 2024, welcoming an initial cohort of 10 students. The deliberate decision to start with a smaller number aimed to allow our team to identify and address potential challenges before scaling up the mentorship initiative.

We are currently running a three-month mentorship for girls aged 18-30 years. The current programme has a cohort of 27 students who are in secondary and tertiary institutions across the country. Each mentee has been paired with one of our dedicated volunteers, professionals from diverse fields. Their primary responsibility is to engage with the students, providing guidance and addressing any questions or concerns they might have.

The impact of our mentorship programme extends far beyond the immediate guidance provided. Participants will not only gain knowledge in their chosen fields but also develop essential life skills, build confidence, and establish a network for support. This holistic approach equips them with the tools necessary to overcome challenges and seize opportunities, nurturing a generation of empowered young women ready to contribute meaningfully to society.



# Making Dreams Come true in partnership with Asaase Broadcasting Company

We are proud of the strides we have made with Asaase Broadcasting Company, helping young talents realise their dreams. So far, we have facilitated internships for four promising students: two from tertiary institutions and two from senior high schools.

Angela Kwao, a second-year student at Manya Krobo Senior High School with a passion for journalism, stands out. After expressing her career aspirations during our visit to her school, she began her internship at Asaase Radio on 1 February 2024. There, she learned the fundamentals of journalism and gained hands-on experience producing news and radio programmes.

Another inspiring story is the story of Wisdom Dodzie Dzisah, a seventeen-year-old student at Presbyterian Senior High Technical School in Aburi. Wisdom, a talented poet, was given the opportunity to share his work through an interview on Asaase Radio.

We have also facilitated internships for two students from the University of Professional Studies, allowing them to gain invaluable experience at Asaase Radio.

As we continue to forge partnerships, we remain committed to securing more opportunities for young people to gain meaningful work experience and pursue their passions.





Angela was being taken through some lessons in the Asaase Newsroom





Angela Kwao sharing her experience after the internship on radio

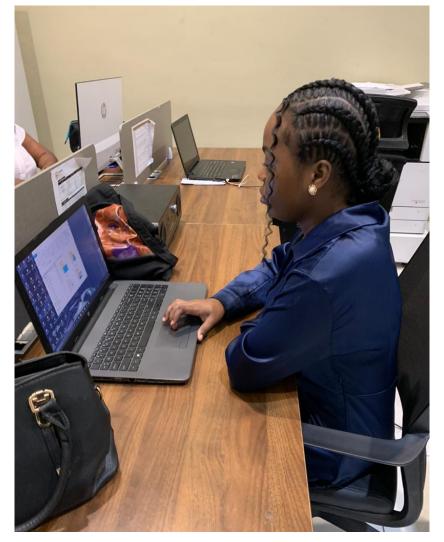




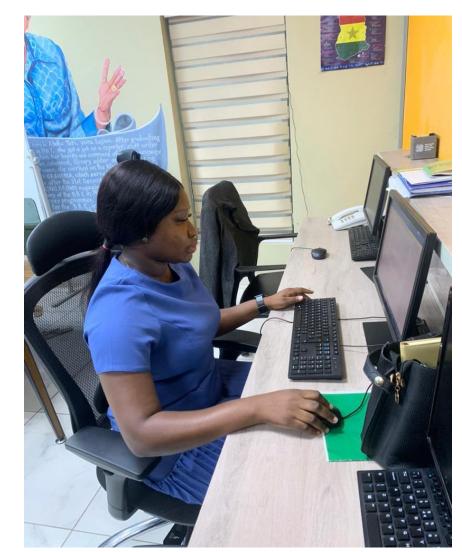


Wisdom during his interview





Lois Anima – Level 300 UPSA student



Ayesua Asante – Level 300 UPSA student



#### **Unseen: Best poses from our gallery**

As we celebrate one year since the organisation was founded, we're excited to share some behind-the-scenes pictures that you don't usually get to see.

Beyond the trendy conversations on our journeys, there's a shared love for striking a pose for the cameras. In the following pages, you'll notice some volunteers who seem to pop up in almost every picture they just can't resist the spotlight!

But that's not all! Our volunteers are pros at posing, and you might want to pick up some tips from them. Whether it's a classic thumbsup, a goofy face, or a perfectly timed jump shot, they've got it all covered. So get ready to see some candid moments, lots of smiles, and maybe even a bit of inspiration for your own photo ops.









































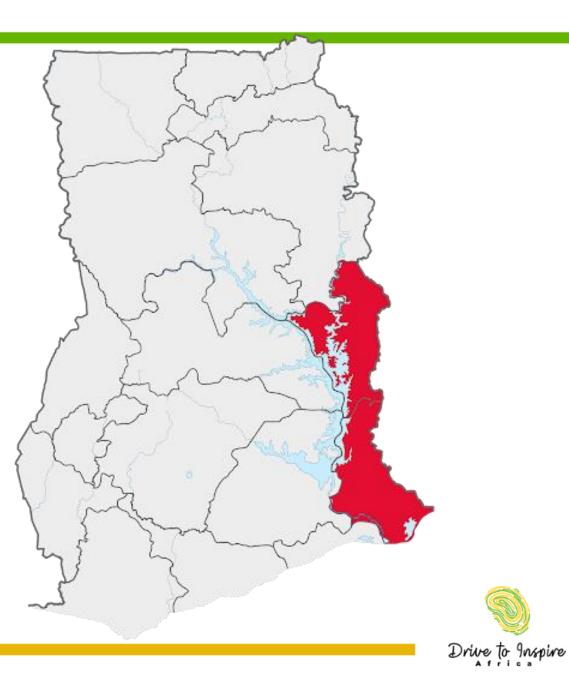








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