

# THE ARK FOUNDATION, GHANA

## ANNUAL REPORT, 2019



*“I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.” –[Psalm 9:1](#)*

About a year ago, Hedge Ghana spearheaded The Ark Shelter Campaign to support The Ark Foundation Ghana raise funds to reopen its shelter which was shut down in 2016 after 17 years of operation. The campaign targets were to raise **GHC 354,140** to reopen the shelter to provide critical services to women and children facing sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) particularly domestic violence; to raise an annual amount of **GHC288, 200** thereafter for operation and maintenance of the shelter. On Thursday, May 23, 2019 a reopening launch was held at the Ecobank conference hall to officially announce to

the public the reopening of the shelter. Full operation of the shelter began on June 1, 2019.

The total number of cases received from August 2018 to December 2019 at the Crisis Centre in Haatso, Accra and the Counseling Centre, in the Eastern Region was one hundred and seventeen (117). Temporary shelter services were provided for thirteen (13) survivors throughout the year. These cases were direct referrals from the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) and the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU) of the Ghana Police Service. Out of the thirteen (13) survivors received at the shelter eight (8) have been discharged and resettled into their communities whereas five (5) remain in shelter care. The table below provides a breakdown of the cases received.

Site	Male	Female	Domestic Violence	Non-Maint.	Child Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Child Custody	Educ. Supp.	Capital Support	Other	Total
Crisis Centre	5	107	40	24	2	14	4	1	10	18	113
Couns. Centre	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>117</b>

Based on the assessment of cases received, the following services and support systems were made available to survivors; *temporary accommodation, counseling, case-management and social enquiry, educational or skills training support, rehabilitation (medical, legal, psychological and pastoral aid support), feeding, clothing and other basic needs such as toiletries, child care, referrals, re-integration, re-settlement.*

## Networking

The Ark over the year under review has collaborated with governmental agencies and several NGOs. These include the Department of Social Welfare, Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU) of the Police Service, International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), and Legal Aid.

## Philanthropy/Donations

Since the launch of The Ark Shelter Campaign, overwhelming donations both in kind and in cash have been received from across the globe to support the shelter in the year under review. Donations in kind have been received from individuals, religious and non-religious groups and companies; items received include *refrigerators, deep freezers, rice cooker, gas oven, food items, clothes, detergents, and sanitary towels, baby diapers, etc.* An annual budget of GHC 354,140 for effective operationalization of the shelter was submitted to the team (Hedge Foundation and The Ark). We have thus far raised about 50% of our annual budget. Kindly find below summary of funds raised and expenditure made as at 30 December 2019.

	Transfer Charges 10%	Rate (5.3cedis)	Cedis	
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Dollars	Dollars	Cedis	TOTAL
<b>EXPECTED FUNDS</b>				
Go Fund Me	353.20	3,532	16,494.44	
Global Given	1,174.40	11,744.00	54,844.48	
Momo Merchant			1005.5	
<b>Total Expected Income</b>			<b>72,344.42</b>	
<b>ACTUAL FUNDS RECEIVED</b>				
Mobile money transfers (MTN)			46,085.55	
Direct bank payments			117,025.00	
<b>Total Actuals Received</b>			163,110.55	
<b>Grant Total of Funds</b>				<b>235,454.97</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AS AT 13 DECEMBER 2019</b>			89,769	

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<b>Balance on account</b>			73,341.62	
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### **Achievements**

Thanks to the many donors who have supported this campaign both in cash and in kind, The Ark has supported many women and children who have accessed our Crisis Centre in Accra as well as clients who have been provided temporary accommodation during trying moments in their lives.

### **Projections**

- Raise enough funds to support the needs of shelter clients seeking educational / skill support.
- Raise enough funds to operate and maintain the shelter
- Acquire a vehicle to facilitate easy and safe movement of clients and staff to and from the shelter and to run other errands.
- Support to renovate the shelter
- Acquire laptops

The Ark team is highly indebted to all funding groups, companies, networks and individuals who in diverse ways have supported the shelter campaign so far. We say Ayekoo to you all and God richly bless you!