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MESSAGE FROM MR. JONATHAN AMUAH (TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY DEAF STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF GHANA)

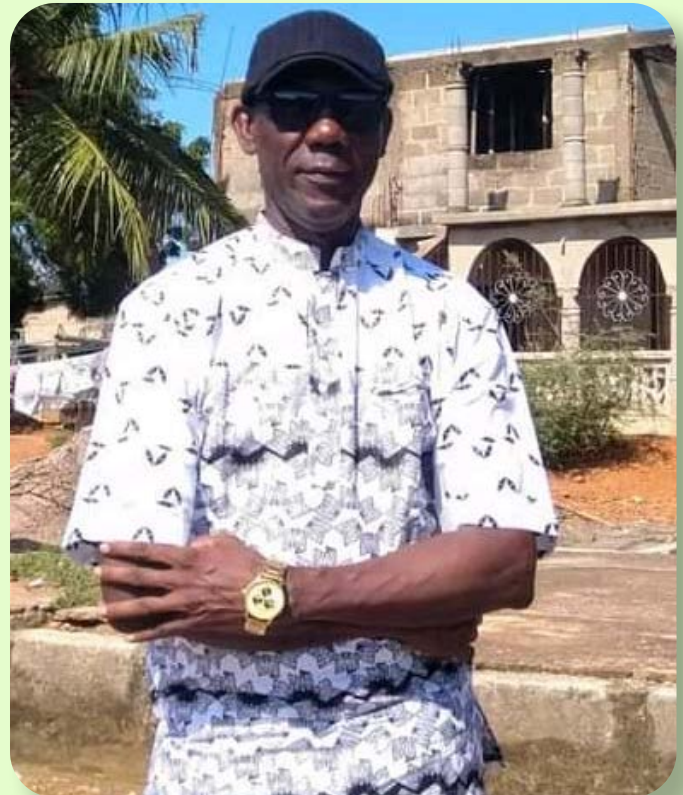
Dear Friends,

As Africa faces the ongoing pandemic, the path ahead remains uncertain for the Deaf communities. But I have faith that the Deaf people will continue to learn and even benefit from hardship by aligning with government and other civil societies.

I also would like to convey my appreciation to DeafNET for their continuous work in Africa, to support the Deaf organisations. I am looking forward to further development of Sign Language all over Africa.

Finally, I wish all the Deaf people in Africa good health and let us continue to stay safe.

Merry Christmas and happy new Year 2022!!!!!!!



Despite the challenges posed by COVID 19, the DeafNET team has managed to successfully execute most of its approved projects. Additionally, the trustees have provided implementation support to all our projects to achieve project objectives and sustainability. Some of DeafNET's projects achievements and other initiatives throughout the third quarter of 2021 are highlighted hereunder.

02

SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING

South Africa May – October 2021

DeafNET in partnership with the Department of Social Development presented six Sign Language workshops in the Western Cape for NEET Youth, from June to October 2021.

The workshops were hosted in Bredasdorp, Philippi, Villiersdorp, Crossroads, Fish Hoek and Beaufort West. The project aims to empower youth with sign language so that they can communicate with Deaf people. It is an opportunity for them to be empowered with knowledge and awareness of Sign Language and Deaf culture.



03

BEEKEEPING IN KENYA

June – December 2021

2021 has been yet another year for Kakamega Deaf Association, DeafNET and the Deaf beekeepers, in Kenya. The beekeeping entrepreneurial self-help project for Deaf people aims to equip rural Deaf communities with knowledge and skills to improve their socio-economic circumstances.

The beekeepers have shown incredible resilience despite challenges from COVID-19.



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EXCHANGE VISIT

October 2021

On the 30th October 2021, ten beekeepers from Kenya visited Jinga Apiary, in Uganda.

The aim was to:

- Learn, compare and generate knowledge on beekeeping
- Share ideas and experiences on how to improve both ventures
- Observe the erection of beehives in Jinja
- Learn how to handle the delicate beehives and care for bees
- Understand the importance of pollination, the positive impact of bees on the ecosystem and learning about location sites needs
- Networking, educational and cultural exchange



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

August 2021

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, DeafNET hosted its Board of Trustees and the Annual General Meeting virtually, in August 2021.

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DEAFNET HIV TOOLKIT 2

South Africa August - September 2021

DeafNET is taking a step toward increasing HIV awareness in the Deaf Community, in Africa.

In August 2021, DeafNET welcomed Ange Lukufu (Deaf artist) and Marie Louise Kanda from DRC!

They were working on DeafNET's HIV toolkit, expected to be launched in February 2022.



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LEADERSHIP

South Africa 27 Sep – 6 Oct 2021

A Social Competence in Leadership workshop was held at the Deaf Family Church hall in Worcester, South Africa. The training was attended by participants coming from South Africa, Malawi, Uganda and Swaziland. It was aimed to equip future Deaf facilitators with the essential insights and skills to directly improve leadership in Deaf organizations in their respective regions.



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RED STAR PROCESS Chad

October 2021

The Red Star Process program had positive impact on the education and bilingual language development and levels of literacy of Deaf learners as was illustrated at the Centre de Formation Professionnelle des Jeunes Sourds, Deaf schools in Chad where it was implemented successfully.



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STUDENTS DEAF ASSOCIATION

Ghana - October 2021

Mr. Jonathan Amuah who is currently based at TUDSAG (Technical University Deaf Students, Association of Ghana) has shown total sacrifices as a guide, a counselor and an asset for the Student Deaf Association. He has been awarded a merit certificate for his nonstop participation in and sustained commitment to the activities of Deaf students.



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CONGOLESE SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY

Congolese Sign Language (CSL) is set to receive a boost as a CSL dictionary of 6000 words.

Ms. Marie Louise Kanda together with a Deaf team is currently working with the DRC Ministry of People with Disabilities and other Vulnerable, to achieve the objectives.



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DEAFNET AFRICA WORKSHOP

After careful consideration and prioritizing the health and safety of the Deaf attendees, the anticipated new date for the Africa workshop will be in October 2022, the specific date to be confirmed.



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UPCOMING TRAINING Red Star Process

Follow-up support in the Red Star Process to the Centre de Formation Professionnelle des Jeunes Sourds, Deaf schools in Chad and CERMON Deaf school in Cameroon is scheduled to take place at the end of January 2022. This is part of strengthening the knowledge and skill level of the Deaf educators who took part in the training at the De la Bat School in 2020.

Facilitators training

A SAQA (South African Qualification Authority) accredited facilitation training course will be hosted for future accredited facilitators in January 2022. Formal recognition for Deaf facilitators will provide a means to identify competent facilitators.



WAY FORWARD

DeafNET project steering committee has decided to train Deaf people to facilitate workshops in Africa from 2022. DeafNET is currently building a qualified project team (Deaf) to execute our accredited programmes. Our new approach empowers our beneficiaries to take control of their development and develop the Deaf community in their respective region.

Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for the most up-to-date information on what's happening.

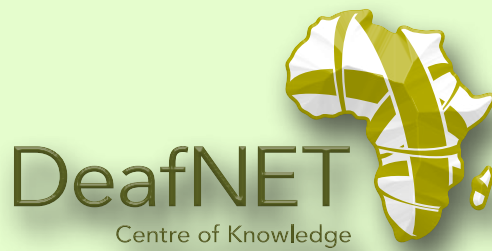


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