

## Project Description: Arthur Engel-Schools, Ghana



The non-profit association "Freundeskreis Humanitäre Hilfe in Ghana e.V." has existed since 1996 and has been committed to school education in Ghana for many years. All volunteers in Germany contribute without any compensation so that every cent that flows to our association can go to Ghana. This is partly done through our small shop on the Lower Rhine, where we sell Ghanaian handicrafts, which we acquire from cooperatives in Ghana.

We are currently building a school with a kindergarten near the city of Tema, called the "Arthur Engel-Schools," using donation funds and modest sales proceeds. Due to the global economic crisis, which has also reached Ghana, and inflation reaching record levels, we had to adjust our original calculations and continue building more gradually than planned. What was originally financially sufficient for two buildings suddenly wasn't enough for even one. However, we also want to build sustainably and create a modern and attractive learning environment for the children. After all, this also contributes to motivation and learning success. The kindergarten section started operations a year ago and is already caring for over 30 children. The primary school plans to enroll the first children in 2025 when the building is fully completed and the first preschoolers transition into it. For the higher grades, we aim to build another school building on the already acquired neighboring property in the long term. We hope to raise the necessary funds again in the coming months or years so that we can accompany the children throughout their school years and enable them to achieve a quality school graduation. In the meantime, 11 people have found employment at our school. The team includes a

headteacher, educators, assistants, a cook, a cleaner, and a guard, all of whom receive a monthly income through us. We ensure the continued education of our educators through regular training, in cooperation with the University of Cape Coast, among others, to meet the requirements of the newly introduced educational standards in Ghana, which closely resemble German standards. Senior experts from our group also travel to Ghana, working closely with Ghanaian education specialists to jointly develop curricula with the teaching staff. Our guiding principle is: No child should be left behind for financial reasons, even if it is a private school. In small learning groups, we closely monitor each child, especially the girls. Non-violent education, individual support, and guiding children towards high-level school graduations are our goals. To achieve this, we need sponsors who can financially support underprivileged children throughout their kindergarten and school years. Often, personal contact with the families is possible if desired but not mandatory. With EUR30 per month, you can provide a child with a good education, a daily hot meal (which is not a given for many), school clothing, and learning materials. As a sponsor, you are already creating a life perspective for a young person in Ghana.

You can follow the progress of our project "Arthur-Engel-Schools" on [www.hallo-ghana.de](http://www.hallo-ghana.de).

