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African Bicycle Contribution Foundation Presents Additional, Free, Bamboo Bikes; This Time in Koforidua, Ghana

Nana Owusu Agyare I, Koforidua Education Officials Attend Distribution Event

Koforidua, Ghana, 15 December 2016 – The African Bicycle Contribution Foundation (ABCF), a U.S.-based, 501(c)3 corporation, today announced that it has presented 30 free Eco-Ride bamboo bikes, to transport-dependent students, parents, small farmers and healthcare workers, at Akwadum Cluster of Schools, in Koforidua, Ghana.

ABCF had previously, in late September of this year, distributed 30 of the bamboo bikes to similar groups of recipients, in Accra and Kumasi.

Both, the September events, in Accra and Kumasi, and today's event, in Koforidua, were hosted by ABCF partner organizations Bright Generation Foundation (BGCF) and Ghana Bamboo Bikes Initiative (GBBI).

Speaking to students at Akwadum Cluster of Schools, on behalf of ABCF executive director Patricia Marshall Harris, and GBBI founder Bernice Dapaah, Solomon Owusu, GBBI's development director, said, "We keenly want to remind our recipients that the ultimate aim of giving away these bikes is to remove the tediousness and drudgery of having to traverse long distances just to get to a school or a farm. It is our expectation that the quality of the bicycle may measure up to your need to save more time to either study or increase productivity."

Also addressing the bicycle recipients was Nana Owusu Agyare I, chief of Akwadum; Mr. B.K. Ofori, municipal director of education; and Ms. Gertrude Mensah, regional director of education.

In her acknowledgement to recipients, guests and assembled dignitaries, Headmistress Madam Theresa Puplampu said, "On behalf of beneficiaries, I want to express our profound gratitude for this generous donation."

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Since its initial bicycle distribution in Kumasi and Accra, in September, ABCF has received positive feedback from several recipients, including Kumasi-area small farmer Robert Fei, who has said: "Walking for miles to my farm always took away half of my energy. I felt truly exhausted. Imagine my joy when ABCF gifted me with this robust bicycle! Now I can convey heavy loads of farm produce back home for sale."

In that same regard, healthcare worker Solomon Adade offered the following: "I have spent many years as a community nurse walking on foot to our clinic. This was especially tough when I was on duty in the evening shift. [After receiving the bamboo bike from ABCF] my reporting time has improved dramatically. I will keenly maintain this bike for many years."

Who Is ABCF?

The African Bicycle Contribution Foundation (ABCF) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation whose mission is to generate funding to underwrite the distribution of bicycles to needy students, families and transport-dependent small business owners on the African continent. The Corporation has made a commitment to finance the free distribution of 2,500 bicycles, in Ghana, over its first five years of operation.

ABCF works in partnership, in Ghana, with the Ghana Bamboo Bikes Initiative, Bright Generation Community Foundation, Values For Life, The Respect Alliance, Village Bicycle Project, and the U.S.-Ghana Chamber of Commerce.

For further information about ABCF, please contact the ABCF office: info@africanbike.org

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