

Monthly report for the Commonwealth of Learning under the
Poverty Reduction through Education, Innovation and Networks
(COL PROTEIN) 2006/7 Programme

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Project:

Winneba Open Digital Village for ICT Capacity-Building
and Community Development (C07-292)

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Introduction

oneVillage Foundation-Ghana (OVF-Ghana) was selected as one of the winners of the Commonwealth of Learning request for proposal under the Poverty Reduction through Education, Innovation and Networks (COL PROTEIN) 2006/2007 scheme in the second quarter of 2007. By June 2007, modalities were completed and OVF-Ghana started the implementation of the project. As per the contract terms under the grant, OVF-Ghana is to submit a monthly report and should detail;

- conduct of activities since last report
- schedule of activities in the next reporting period; and
- issues or problems.

This report summarises activities undertaken in the month of October 2007 under these headings.

Activities Undertaken

1. A selection panelist made up of five (5) persons were tasked to select participants from the project beneficiary and or target institutions in Winneba. In all twenty (20) participants were scheduled to attend the ODL materials production training from the 29th - 30th November 2007 at the Winneba Open Digital Village (WODiV).
2. The WODiV facility continues to receive patrons/visitors from both the University community and the general public. Patrons come to use the community wireless broadband Internet access. There was a thirty six percent (36%) rise of patrons in the month of September. The following are the breakdowns:

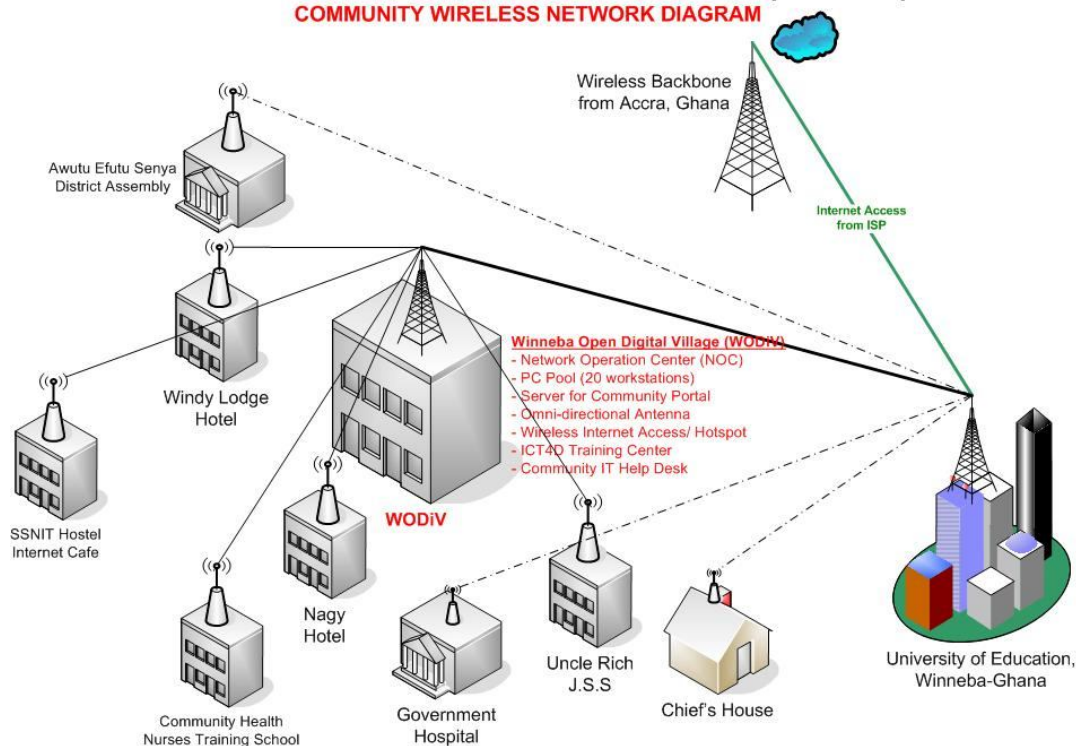
Source of visitors to WODiV	Number
University Community	308
General Public	56
TOTAL	364

Purpose of Visit	Number
Research	187
Browsing	169
Workshops	X
Visitors /Inquiries	8
TOTAL	364

3. Completed arrangements with Mr. Reuben Aggor to serve as the resource person for the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Materials Development Workshop on the 29th and 30th of November, 2007 at the Winneba Open Digital Village (WODiV) in Winneba.
4. The chief of Winneba, Nenyi Ghartey VII has given to the Winneba Open Digital Village a portrait of the aerial view of Winneba Township and soft copies of a write up on the popular Aboakyir Festival and Masquerade Carnival of Winneba.
5. The increasing demand for Internet access from potential subscribers to the network has necessitated the redesigning of the WODiV Network diagram to as shown below:

WINNEBA OPEN DIGITAL VILLAGE (WODiV)

COMMUNITY WIRELESS NETWORK DIAGRAM



Schedule of activities in the next reporting period: November 1 – 30, 2007

1. Organise an Open Distance Learning (ODL) training for personnel selected from the community and the University of Education, Winneba with COL Partners, Dr. C. K. Osei and Mr. Reuben Aggor as resource persons.
2. Continue to encourage and pursue members of the community to give out content from the community and Government agencies for the web portal.
3. Follow up on sponsorships requests submitted to potential sponsors.

Issues or Problems

The following issues arose and hindered work directly or indirectly;

1. Fluctuating electricity voltages in the Winneba area is affecting the performance of the Wireless equipment and malfunction leading to some downtime on the Internet service provision.
2. Expanding scope of work and few staff members is having a toll on project implementation.

Conclusion

There is a lot of support from both the Winneba Community and the University for the Winneba Open Digital Village for ICT Capacity Building and Community Development project. The center continues to receive new visitors daily indicating the need for the sustenance of the project.