

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

**January 2008**



**Project:  
Winneba Open Digital Village for ICT Capacity-Building  
and Community Development (CO7-292)**

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## A. 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. 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 summarizes activities undertaken in the month of January 2008 under these headings.

## B. Activities undertaken

1. A management meeting was held with the Programs Director of Radio Peace on the cost of broadcasting ODL materials on their frequency. Discussions are far advanced for the airing of the materials.
2. Mr. Kafui A. Prebbie (OVF Country Director, Ghana) attended a Consortium Partners meeting for an European Union sponsored project under the EU FP-7 Programme dubbed “**Digital World**” launching at Paris from 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 and showcased Winneba Open Digital Village Project( WODiV) as a sustainable ICT4D facility. This has opened the door for discussions with the EU for possible funding of the project in the next phase. A proposal is therefore being written to establish ten (10) Open Digital Villages across the West Africa sub-region. This is a priority for OVF Ghana who is leading efforts to form consortium to work on securing funding for the project.
3. Mr. Abiola Olaposi ( OVF Country Director, Nigeria) visited the WODiV to learn at first hand operationl functionalities in preparation for the Ibadan Open Digital Village in Ibadan, Nigeria.
4. Ms. Aisha Ganger and Ms. Cece Samuel from the University of Jos, Nigeria visited the Winneba Open Digital Village to discuss collaboration with oneVillage Foundation, Ghana and learn about our best practices of the Open Digital Village Project for possible replication.
5. Negotiations are ongoing for a local computer dealer to supply the centre with 20 computers.
6. Discussions backed by letters have been sent to the Community Health Nursing Training School in Winneba for their students to develop more content for radio production.
7. Patronage of the WODiV facility has generally decreased over this reporting period due to University's closure for the Christmas holidays:

Category	Number of Visitors
University Community	37
General Public	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>

Purpose of Visit	Number of Visitors
Research	7
Browsing	122
Workshops	-
Visitors /Inquiries	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>

**C. Schedule of activities in the next reporting period: February 1 – 31, 2007.**

1. Secure a comprehensive air time schedule from the radio stations for airplay.
2. Secure 20 computers for the Winneba Open Digital Village (WODiV).
3. Prepare for studio recording of edited content developed by participants.

**D. Issues or Problems**

The following issues arose and hindered work directly or indirectly;

1. Lack of funds to furnish the facility with computers.
2. Increasing patronage of the center by community members demanding ICT services.
3. The communication cost for follow- ups on sponsorships increased administrative overheads for January 2008 .

**E. Conclusion**

The facility has the potential of providing all the ICT related services within the community and beyond. All effort is therefore being made to secure more staff to ensure the sustainability of the facility after COL funding.