

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

**December 2007**



**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. 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 summarizes activities undertaken in the month of December 2007 under these headings.

## B. Activities undertaken

1. Open and Distance Learning materials were collected from participants and is being edited by COL Partner, Mr. Reuben Aggor of the University of Ghana.
2. Discussions are ongoing with two radio stations (Radio Peace and Windy Bay FM) after their participation in the Open and Distance Learning workshop to broadcast the ODL materials.
3. The Local Government of the district (Awutu Effutu Senya District Assembly) initiated discussions to join the Winneba Open Digital Village (WODiV) wireless network and preparations are ongoing to hook them up.
4. Patronage of the WODiV facility by the University community increased due to students preparations towards exams and the statistics are as follows:

Category	No. of Visitors
University Community	123
General Public	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>

Purpose of Visit	No. of Visitors
Research	37
Browsing	108
Workshops	-
Visitors /Inquiries	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>

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

1. Finalize editing of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) materials for text and radio.
2. Secure approval of UEW to support the airing of ODL materials on the UEW Radio station (Windy Bay, 98.3 FM).
3. Follow up on sponsorship for computers to furnish the WODiV facility.

**D. Issues or Problems**

1. Demand for ICT services from the community at the facility is increasing staff workload and remuneration is expected to increase as well.
2. Lack of computers at the facility is causing the facility to loose potential customers for ICT related services – including training.
3. Remuneration for project staff is still low and does not seem to motivate them enough.

**E. Conclusion**

The year ended on a very positive note with the facility filling a very big vacuum in the provision of ICT related services within the community. The sustainability of the facility in the coming months and on the expiry of the grant will be the driving force to achieve in the new year of 2008.

The management and staff of oneVillage Foundation will like to take this opportunity to thank Commonwealth Of Learning (COL) in providing this unique opportunity to the Winneba Community and the total project beneficiaries.

Wishing you all the best of Year 2008!