

PROFILE - LIVE MILENORVISI WOMEN GROUP

Live or Livega is a small community in the north western part of Akatsi located in the Volta Region of Ghana. It occupies a land space of 100 ha. The vegetation is basically savanna with two good rainfall seasons per year. Land acquisition is based on leasehold. Live is a very deprived community with a very hard working population.

The Milenorvisi Women Group is predominantly women with a couple of men rallying support. The membership of the group stands at 20, drawing membership from the entire Live and Livega enclaves. The basic crops cultivated by the members of this group are cassava, maize, cowpea, peanuts (groundnuts), okro, and chili pepper. In addition, the women are also into gari processing and the harvesting and selling of velvet tamarind (black berry).

The Milenorvisi Women Group was formed in 2002 to pull resources together and to also attract the donor community to support its quest to develop the community. The group was supported by the cooperative unit of the Akatsi District Assembly. Training received from the cooperative unit includes; group formation, group dynamics, record keeping, leadership skills, and group cohesion.

The group caught the attention of DSC in the implementation of the DSC/HPI livelihood support package. DSC took the group through training in areas of beekeeping, HIV/AIDS, gender and domestic violence. Additional training was also given to cover areas such as group dynamics, group cohesion, record keeping and leadership skills. DSC supported the group with a livelihood package with the following items; 100 beehives and stands, beekeeping equipments (bee suit, boots, knives, flash lights, hats & veils, gloves, buckets, and smokers), 200 cockerels and 60 improved mango seedlings.

DSC's work in the community has attracted the European Union to support the group with a cassava grater, a press and a gari processing unit. The group and the entire membership expressed joy at the assistance of both DSC and EU.