



A Child Writing from Right to Left

## SAP:

All Children with Learning Difficulties in Ghana Included in Mainstream Education

- Children Support Programme
- Information
- Advocacy
- Training

...for children with Specific Learning Difficulties



We spread information on learning difficulties; advocate for learning support for children with learning difficulties in mainstream schools; undertake research and training on Specific Learning Difficulties; provide practical support for out-of-school children with learning difficulties; and develop learning solutions to address the educational needs of children with learning difficulties.

# Annual Report 2016



SAP received the prestigious Child10 Award at the 2016 Child10 Award Ceremony and Summit held from November 6-8 in Stockholm, Sweden. The Award is in recognition of SAP's distinguished services and significant contributions towards improving the lives of children with learning difficulties in Ghana. *Photo credit: Jenny Leyman*



# Thematic Area: Behaviour Change Communication

**Objective: Increased Community Understanding about Children with Specific Learning Difficulties**

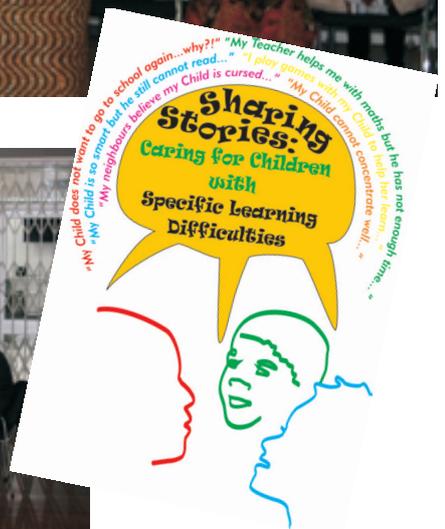
SAP spreads information on learning difficulties to increase awareness and sensitise parents and the general public on educational rights of children with learning difficulties. Communication is directed at enhancing positive attitudes and behaviour change towards children with learning difficulties. In 2016, SAP reached out to thousands of people through face-to-face and group interactions, media, website, newsletter, sharing of information materials and social media campaigns.

A very special day took place at the British Council Hall in Accra in June 2016. Over 20 parents of children with learning difficulties came together to talk about their children and mutually support each other for the challenges they faced with their children. Their children enjoyed their own programme elsewhere in the building. The sessions were introduced by Auntie Ama and her team, traditional storytellers who set the tone and challenged discussion about children who are 'different'. We organised the day in collaboration with Multikids Foundation.



## What Parents/Caregivers Can Do To Help Children with Learning Difficulties:

- \* Be patient, listen and try to understand your child's behaviour
- \* Help your child with homework
- \* Do not beat or call your child names
- \* Explain your child's condition to their teachers
- \* Join a self help group to advocate for your child's rights



We partnered with the Ghana National Education Campaign Coalition to participate in the Ghana Learning Project (USAID). The organisation sensitised community members, traditional leaders and education stakeholders in the La Nkwantanang Municipality to deepen their understanding of the importance of reading for all children.

# Thematic Area: Inclusive Interventions



*Objective: Enhanced Capacity of Basic Schools to Internalise Systems and Mechanisms that Provide Learning Solutions for Children with Specific Learning Difficulties.*

SAP reaches to out children with learning difficulties. Through SAP's Educational Centre at Kaneshie, out-of-school children receive individualised education and practical support with the aim of preparing and reintegrating them in mainstream education. To prevent school drop-out, SAP provides training on learning difficulties for teachers and educational stakeholders and develops learning solutions. SAP also provides homework support for in-school children with learning problems.

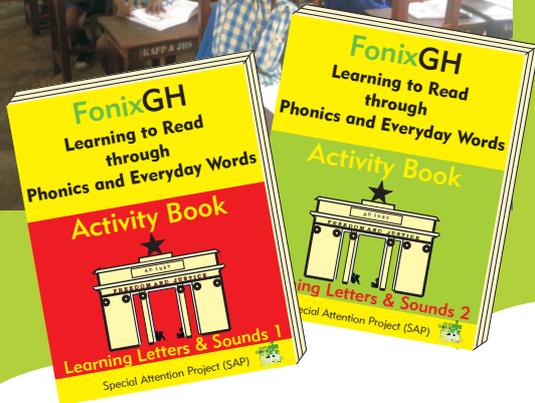
We reached out and provided direct services to out-of-school children with learning difficulties on the streets. The children were assessed and received individualised education based on their abilities. They participated in pre-vocational lessons to explore their interests and talents. The children were given free facilities for bathing and washing, as well breakfast and lunch. We facilitated the reintegration of nine children with their families.



We offered homework help classes to in-school children with learning difficulties. This was to help prevent school drop-out resulting from learning difficulties.

## FonixGH

Learning to Read through Phonics and Everyday Words

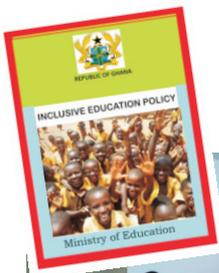


Our FonixGH reading method evolved from embryo stage to newborn babyhood. About 150 children in five basic schools learned reading with FonixGH Activity Book. Their experiences together with their teachers' feedback provided valuable input for the revised edition.

Over 80% of schools in Akan-speaking areas expressed interest in FonixGH, while feedback from school leaders led to further improvement of the books. By the end of 2016 the Activity Books were ready for further marketing. We carry out the FonixGH project in collaboration with Reach for Change and UNICEF Ghana.

In January 2016, the Flamingo Chicks landed at SAP. The inclusive dance school from UK took the children through a one-day workshop, and taught them beautiful ballet dances. The children walked like graceful flamingos, swam like supple fishes and even created rainbows!





Team SAP went into seclusion to learn about inclusion. We spent a day studying Ghana's freshly-launched **Inclusive Education Policy**, and became familiar with the Universal Design for Learning and the Child Friendly School concept. We also explored how the Policy promotes the rights of children with learning difficulties, and how we can contribute to this new phase of inclusive education in Ghana.



We carried out a promotion at the Marina Mall in Accra during the Christmas festivities to raise funds and create awareness. We thank the management of the Marina Mall for their support!



**SAP's Board of Advisors in 2016:**

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- Mr. Mohammed Bukari
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**We said Good Bye and Thank You to:**

- Mrs. Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie
- Mr. Ishmael Hammond



We thank our partners for their long-standing support and commitment in making difference in the lives of children with learning difficulties. We are also deeply grateful to the Management and Security Department of Kaneshie Market for their continued support and cooperation for the Children's Centre. A Big Thank You to all our corporate and individual donors!



**Robert (12):**

*"SAP is really helping me. I enjoy the batik lessons and class activities. I didn't like maths, but now I'm doing well. I now understand angles, long division and counting. The puzzles we play with also help me a lot. Thank you to SAP."*



**Help us to help children like Robert and Enock through our 'Road to Education' Campaign:**

Help Children with Learning Difficulties  
**Road to Education Campaign**

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**Enock (13):**

*"At first, I couldn't wash dishes, clothes and bath without help. When I came to SAP, I have learnt how to brush, bath and wash all alone. I enjoy the way teachers at SAP teach. I really understand when they teach. I also like the computer classes at SAP. God Bless SAP."*



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