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MEMORANDUM

From: Director, VOICE GHANA, Ho
To: Director, Special Education Division of GES, Accra
Date: 29th August 2012
Info: Director-General, GES, Accra
Chief Director, MoE, Accra
Director, High Institution, GES, Accra
Administrator, GETFund, Accra
Headmaster, Mawuli Senior High School, Ho
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Subject: Braille Resource Centre at Mawuli Senior High School, Ho

The construction of a Braille Resource Centre in the Mawuli Senior High School at Ho, Volta Region was started in 2006 as part of the Ghana Education Service plan to make the school inclusive for students with visual impairment. This is in fulfillment of Section 17 of the Persons with Disability Act, 2006. It is just appropriate that the project is receiving funding from the Ghana Education Trust Fund (GETFund).

Unfortunately, this project remains uncompleted as at now. This continues to be a worry and great concern for many, especially persons with disabilities in the Volta Region. Hence, VOICE GHANA, which is a registered non-governmental organization, managed for and by people with disabilities in partnership with STAR-Ghana – (Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Responsiveness in Ghana) www.star-ghana.org and its donor partners (DFID, EU, DANIDA, and USAID) has designed an advocacy strategy to engage high level decision making authorities to expedite actions in completing the Braille Resource Centre, so that Mawuli Senior High School can start admitting students with visual impairment.

The headmaster of the school, Mr. John Mawusi Osei-Nyansa, confirmed in our meeting with him on 18th June 2012 that the Braille Resource Centre project is about 85 per cent complete. This is, indeed, welcome news although the project can be completed by now. As a result of this, VOICE GHANA has started donating some Braille books and large prints including talking calculators that we received from our partner in USA, to Mawuli Senior High School for use at the Resource Centre.

It is still worrying to note that the contractor of the Braille Resource Centre has some funding issues to sort out with the financiers of the project.

VOICE GHANA is, therefore, appealing to your good offices to prompt financiers of the project to make funds available for the completion of the project as early as possible, in the best interest of people with visual impairment.

We would also like to suggest that, with progress of work undertaken at the Centre so far, it is just appropriate for Mawuli Senior High School Authority to consider admitting a few students who are visually impaired on pilot basis for the 2012/13 Academic Year.

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