



# Quashie School Project makes dreams come true!

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## Support for master-apprentice project in Oyoko

Dear reader,  
Besides theoretical training for Ghanaian students, the Quashie School Project is now keen to start a master-apprentice project, for young people who prefer to learn through their hands. Theory and craft, it goes hand in hand. We have found craftsman Ampofo willing to mentor 2 students to become furniture makers and he is eager to get started. Would you like to lend us a hand?

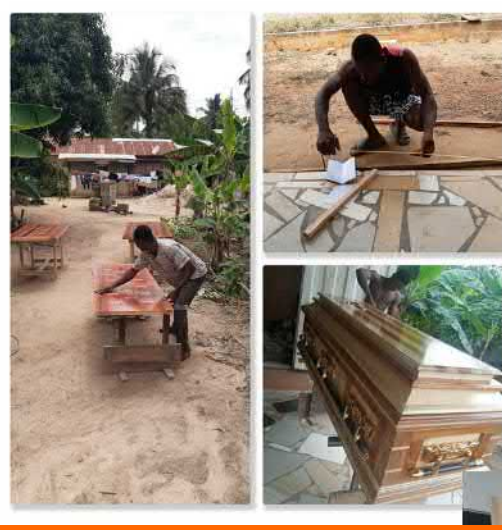
We are looking for donors to support us financially. Annual, monthly or one-off. It would be great if you join in!

Warm greetings, Moniek Jacobs  
Ambassador Quashie School Project

## Visiting in early 2023



Together with the boards in the Netherlands and Ghana, we looked at how best to start the master-apprentice project. We will start with 2 students, internally and bear the financial responsibility for the entire project. If this project succeeds, we will expand.



Ampofo is a versatile man. With equal precision, he makes a cabinet, a door, a roof or a coffin.



Each apprentice gets their own set of tools for them to work with. After obtaining the certificate, it becomes their property, as a start for their own business.



Ampofo has been known within our foundation since 2016. We know him as a warm and committed person. Ampofo has great patience and knows how to turn a dispute around with a natural elegance. He is talented and has his heart in the right place.



## Will you help?

This can be done by donating via the donate heart, the QR code or by sending a donation to:  
**Quashie School Project**  
Account no: NL80TRIO 0788 8632 23  
Bic code: TRIONL2U  
Subject to: master apprentice

If you want more information, then feel free to contact me.

Warm greetings, Moniek

## The story of Ampofo

After my parents' divorce, my brother and I had to live with my father at a young age. When he went to Nigeria, he left us with an aunt. She dies soon after and since my family has no money to take care of us, so her neighbour takes us in. He gives me a new name, Richard Prempeh Ampofo. Thanks to the neighbour, I was able to finish my Junior High School. I would like to continue studying and get an education in a technical school but unfortunately there is no money for that. In consultation with the neighbour, I choose to become a furniture maker. The neighbour pays for my tools. After this master-apprentice journey, I continued with other masters, all with their own speciality. This has made me a good craftsman and I am very keen to pass on my knowledge and skill to a new generation.

Warm regards, Ampofo

## Craftsmanship is mastership

At this time, the master-apprentice route is still the same as when Ampofo started learning to be a furniture maker. The duration of the project is four years. The apprentice is learning from a master for 3 years. The fourth year he works independently for the master in gratitude for his training. The apprentice completes the period with an official examination through NVTI (National Vocational Training Institute). After passing this, he receives a Certificate.

## Added value

As in the Netherlands, the furniture maker trade is not very popular among young people. In Ghana, too, practical education is looked down upon these days. Because of reactions from their environment, young people (especially boys) often do not dare to choose a master-apprentice route. We think it is important to draw attention to the furniture making trade and make it attractive.

Bringing boys from another region to Oyoko and offering them accommodation will make it easier for them to develop. The additional provision of practical English lessons and preparatory education for their own business is an extra incentive for them to take the plunge. They also participate in a personal development programme within the **Quashie School Project**. By having theoretical and practical students go through a development together, there is a greater understanding and respect for each other. Together with obtaining a certificate, the master-apprentice project provides students with a good foundation for their future.

## Costs of the master-apprentice project

The duration of the master-apprentice project is four years. As there are one-off and annual costs, we show the total for four years. The table below is a calculation for 2 students.

| costs master-apprentice project                      |                 |                   |                    |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| costs per 2 apprentices in € (€1=10 cedis)           |                 |                   |                    |
|  | costs one time  | costs annually    | costs 4 years      |
| tools  | € 260,00        |                   |                    |
| boots 2 pairs  |                 | € 50,00           |                    |
| safety wear  |                 | € 120,00          |                    |
| accommodation costs 2 apprentices per room           |                 | € 150,00          |                    |
| living expenses 20 cedis a day                       |                 | € 1.460,00        |                    |
| bunk bed   | € 180,00        |                   |                    |
| mattress   | € 240,00        |                   |                    |
| unexpected   |                 | € 200,00          |                    |
| education (English and business management)          |                 | € 500,00          |                    |
| <b>total one-time</b>                                | <b>€ 680,00</b> |                   |                    |
| <b>total annually</b>                                |                 | <b>€ 2.480,00</b> |                    |
| <b>total of four years</b>                           |                 |                   | <b>€ 9.920,00</b>  |
| <b>total whole project 4 years for 2 apprentices</b> |                 |                   | <b>€ 10.600,00</b> |



We are happy with every donation!



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