

NGO supports 103 children at Kpando

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A WELFARE package valued at GH¢ 15,000 has been delivered to 103 children rescued from child labour on the Volta Lake at Kpando.

The package comprises 56 suitcases each containing shoes, mosquito net, cover cloth, books, pens, Christmas dress and exercise books; 56 mat-

tresses and 47 polythene bags each also containing mosquito net, biscuits, dresses, sweets, shoes, books and pen.

They were donated by a non-governmental organisation(NGO), Madamfo (Ghana) Foundation, as a result of the recommendation of a Ho-based NGO, Community Development Concern(CDC) and the Department of Social Welfare at Kpando.

Making the presentation, the Country Director

of Madamfo, Mr Stephenson Kumadey, said the NGO was not a profit-making organisation.

He reaffirmed the commitment of the NGO to the welfare of the rescued children and added that he had seen their plight and that GH¢100 was paid per month to each of the 103 children for their upkeep.

In an address, the Kpando District Chief Executive, Mr Francis Ganyaglo, said the evolution of partnership between the district and the NGO was inevitable in view of interventions for the drilling of boreholes and education that had taken place in certain areas.

He stressed the need to strengthen co-operation for the delivery of educational facilities for children in the district, and indicated that more than 20 school buildings had been constructed under the Better Ghana agenda in the district.

He also said the School Feeding Programme was being implemented in 25 schools with more than 7,000 children as beneficiaries in addition to the supply of 5,000 school uniforms and 271,000 exercise books to children in the district.

The Executive Director of CDC, Mrs Joycelyn Akorfa O'clich, commended Madamfo Foundation for the quick response to the children's plight and said that it was a sign that they were championing the cause of deprived children.

The District Director of the Department of Social Welfare, Mr Roland Kumfo, disclosed that the children were rescued from Avate-Tornu, Wusuta-Kpebe and Kpando-Torkor.

Earlier, the District Co-ordinating Director, Mr Mark Anyigba, had advised the recipients to be disciplined and also asked parents to show more love and responsibility to their children in order to avoid the recurrence of waywardness among children.



• *The Kpando DCE, Mr Francis Ganyaglo, congratulating some recipients.*