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Q1 Name of the organization:

Center for Innovative Social Development Ghana

Q2 The purpose of the organization:

Vision

The vision of CIS-GHANA is to create a just and fair society where everyone can grow his /her potentials to fully access the enormous range of social resources at our disposal.

Mission

Develop programs to empower livelihoods for people including the poor and vulnerable
Promote social inclusion by implementing strategies on social development models in deprived communities
To develop the potentials of people and engage them sustainably in entrepreneurial, agriculture and vocational programs
To promote and provide access to quality basic education within deprived rural communities
To empower citizens to participate effectively in decision making and demand accountability
To advocate for social safety nets and responsive policies for marginalized groups
To improve quality of life in communities with emphasis on women and children, youth, the elderly, the disabled persons, orphans and other special groups
To improve the health conditions of communities through elimination of health hazards in the environment that lead to untimely death among adults and children
To undertake research and projects aimed finding integrated solution to an array of issues which include slashing poverty, improve healthy lives and promote well being, bolster education, achieve gender equality, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture and ensure access to water and sanitation.

Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

The Center for Innovative Social Development Ghana has keen interest in the rights of older people especially those who belong to the informal sector in Ghana. The organization is member of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Persons (GAROP) and has been active participant in its activities including call for national advocacy strategy and effective coordination of Government engagements in the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing for possible UN Convention.

The Executive Director of CIS Ghana, is the National Convener of the Coalition for the Rights of Older People [COROP] –Ghana where he collaboratively works with Ghanaian NGOs/CSOs and important stakeholders to mainstream the rights of Ghana's elderly in policy development and management through responsive advocacy, institutional engagements and service based projects. As Ghana heads for a Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in December 2020, a key strategy of the organization is to push for the fundamental freedoms of the aged in policy debates, political campaigns and public programs. In this respect we are presently holding policy dialogue with influential think tanks, political parties and media houses to strongly consider the rights and welfare of older persons in their respective spheres of influence, policy spaces, and programming. The outcomes of these institutional interactions are critical to the success of Ghana's commitment to social and economic transformation agenda for its senior citizens.

Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

The Center for Innovative Social Development is active participant of the United Nations Global Compact in Ghana. Through this affiliation, we work with corporate bodies and organizations to sustain the decent work agenda in all levels of business, including proper remunerations, strong pension schemes and attractive retirement packages. We also lobby companies to commit certain quota of their Corporate Social Responsibilities Packages for the elderly.

The organization has field coordinators across the regions of Ghana. These officers' reports on the daily challenges and general issues affecting older people at the grass root for redress.

As a thematic lead on West African Civil Society Forum (WACSOF) on Social Development, the Center for Innovative Social Development-Ghana shares expertise with regional CSOs and institutions on effective mechanisms through which relevant actors can work towards the rights of older people in the region. Our participation in West African expert meeting on the Rights of Older Persons, convened by the Center for Human Rights, University of Pretoria offers an exemplary experience of such a peer learning engagement.

Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

Board of Directors

1. Mrs. Mercy Sowah Tetteh, Board Chair- Ghana
2. Paul Teiko Tagoe , Secretary -Ghana
3. Ms. Miranda Mercer-Ghana
4. Ms. Deborah Mensah-Ghana
5. Rev. Edward Addison- Ghana
6. Ms. Alice Oduro-Ghana
7. Ms. Vida Naa Amoko Tagoe-Ghana
8. Mr. Seth Baah –Ghana
9. Mr. Pascal Agbadi-Ghana
10. Archibald Nii Akramah Tagoe-Ghana

Q6 List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

Contributions from Board Members	GHS	78,253.70
Ball to All Charity, Arizona US	GHS	2,339.00
Dexcam Company Limited	GHS	124,343.43
Total	GHS	204,936.13

Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

2019 Annual Report CIS GHANA.pdf (171KB)

Q8 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

REPORT ON SKILLSTRAINING PROGRAM ORGANISED BY CIS.pdf (139KB)

Q9 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB): **Respondent skipped this question**

Q10 A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

Over the years we have established demonstrable record of working through strategic partners who deliver at scale and speed. We provide support necessary for the growth of movements, networks and coalitions to promote social inclusion, community participation, accountability and pro-poor development programs.

Our Members include the Ofaakor Women's Association made of 297 women and the Odupong Youth Organisation consisting of 122 young people. This brings our members to 419.

Q11 A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

CONSTITUTION Center for Innovative Social Development-Ghana.pdf (168.6KB)

Q12 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB): **Respondent skipped this question**

Q13 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB): **Respondent skipped this question**

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