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## **AAA PROJECT ACTIVITY REPORT**

Reporting Period: **January 2020 – May 2023** Organization: **AAA Global.**

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### **1. Executive Summary**

This report presents an overview of AAA's operational status and project-related activities from 2020 to 2023. The period under review was significantly affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic, which constrained funding access and halted project implementation. From 2020 to 2022, AAA was unable to conduct active business or projects.

In 2023, AAA initiated a recovery phase following re-migration, focusing on capacity building and re-engagement with international development funding mechanisms. A key milestone during this phase was participation in a BMZ-funded project financing seminar in Hannover, marking the resumption of structured project development efforts.

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### **2. Organizational and Project Background**

AAA is committed to implementing development-oriented projects aligned with international cooperation standards. Prior to 2020, the organization had planned to expand its project portfolio through external funding and partnerships. However, unforeseen global disruptions significantly altered operational capacity during the reporting period.

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### **3. Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic (2020–2022)**

#### **3.1 Operational Status**

Between 2020 and 2022, AAA was unable to carry out business operations or project implementation. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in:

- Severe restrictions on mobility and in-person engagement
- Suspension or reduction of donor funding opportunities
- Inability to secure project financing
- Delays in strategic planning and project execution

As a result, no active projects were implemented during this period.

### **3.2 Funding Constraints**

The pandemic created an unfavorable funding environment, particularly for small and medium-sized organizations. AAA was unable to access sufficient external funding to initiate or sustain projects, leading to a temporary operational standstill.

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## **4. Recovery and Project Re-Engagement in 2023**

### **4.1 Re-Migration and Resumption of Activities**

In 2023, AAA began a gradual process of organizational recovery following re-migration. The period from **17 March 2023 to 25 May 2023** marked the reactivation of project-oriented activities, with a strategic focus on rebuilding institutional capacity and donor engagement.

### **4.2 Capacity Building: BMZ Förderseminar**

From **17 March to 19 March 2023**, **Mr. Light Aboetaka** participated in the **BMZ Förderseminar in Hannover**, focused on **Projektförderung (Project Funding)**.

The seminar contributed to:

- Enhanced understanding of BMZ funding structures and priorities
- Improved capacity in project concept development and proposal writing
- Increased familiarity with compliance, reporting, and accountability requirements
- Strengthened readiness for future BMZ and government-funded project applications

This activity represents a critical step toward restoring AAA's project implementation capabilities.

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## **5. Financial Overview (2020–2023)**

### **5.1 Funding Status**

- **2020–2022:**
  - No external project funding received
  - No project-related expenditures incurred
  - Operations remained inactive due to lack of funds
- **2023 (Reporting Period):**
  - No project implementation funding secured as of May 2023
  - Limited costs related to capacity building and preparatory activities
  - Focus placed on non-financial investments such as knowledge acquisition and strategic planning

### **5.2 Financial Management**

AAA maintained prudent financial management by avoiding unfunded commitments during the pandemic period. Preparatory activities in 2023 were undertaken with a focus on sustainability and future donor compliance.

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## **6. Impact and Outcomes**

Although no field-level projects were implemented during the reporting period, the following institutional impacts were achieved:

- Preservation of organizational continuity during a global crisis
- Strengthened institutional knowledge on donor funding mechanisms
- Improved readiness to design and submit high-quality project proposals
- Re-establishment of engagement with BMZ-related development frameworks

These outcomes position AAA to effectively resume project implementation once funding is secured.

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## **7. Challenges and Lessons Learned**

### **7.1 Key Challenges**

- Global health crisis disrupting funding flows
- Reduced donor accessibility for emerging organizations
- Operational delays caused by mobility and administrative constraints

### **7.2 Lessons Learned**

- Importance of institutional resilience and capacity building
- Value of donor-oriented training and compliance readiness
- Need for diversified funding strategies to mitigate external shocks

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## **8. Outlook and Way Forward**

AAA is committed to leveraging the knowledge gained in 2023 to:

- Develop donor-aligned project proposals
- Engage with BMZ, NGOs, and government funding programs
- Rebuild partnerships and secure sustainable project financing
- Resume field-level project implementation in subsequent funding cycles

The organization views 2023 as a foundational year for renewed growth and impact.



## 5. Activities Implemented (continued)

### 5.3 Re-Migration and Reintegration Support Activity (AAA Under Cover Re-Integration Program)

On 22 March 2023, Mr. Light Aboetaka travelled to **Ghana** together with **Mr. Eric Hanson Abaka**, a re-migration beneficiary from Germany, under the **AAA Under Cover Re-Integration Program**.

The purpose of this activity was to support the structured reintegration of the returnee through institutional coordination and referral to relevant reintegration and business development services in Ghana.

As part of this process:

- Mr. Eric Hanson Abaka was formally introduced to the **GIZ Integration Office in Ghana**.
- He was referred for **further assistance and enrollment into a Business Training Programme** aimed at supporting sustainable economic reintegration.
- The coordination ensured alignment with existing GIZ reintegration mechanisms and avoided duplication of support structures.

#### Officer in Charge:

Mr. Kwaku Yeboa  
GIZ – Ghana

This activity reflects AAA's commitment to supporting safe, dignified, and sustainable re-migration and reintegration processes through cooperation with established government and development partner



#### **Activity Description**

From **24 March to 17 April 2023**, **Mr. Light Aboetaka** travelled to **Kombirissi, Burkina Faso**, to carry out activities related to **AAA's organizational registration, capacity-building training, and a tree-planting pilot project using the Groasis Waterboxx Technology**.

The mission aimed to strengthen AAA's institutional presence, support local capacity development, and pilot an innovative, water-efficient reforestation approach suitable for arid and semi-arid environments. The activities formed part of AAA's preparatory efforts toward future **UN-SDG, BMZ-aligned environmental and climate resilience projects funding**.



#### **Activity Description**

From **19 April to 8 May 2023**, **Mr. Light Aboetaka** travelled to **Blitta, Northern Togo**, to implement **AAA tree-planting activities and to conduct training sessions for forestry staff**.

The activity focused on:

- Supporting tree-planting initiatives aimed at environmental protection and land restoration

- Strengthening the technical capacity of local **forestry staff** through practical and knowledge-based training
- Promoting sustainable forest management and climate-resilient practices

These activities contributed to AAA's broader objective of developing environmentally sustainable interventions **on climate protection, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable land use.**



#### Activity Description

From **9 May to 24 May 2023**, Mr. Light Aboetaka was based in **Accra, Ghana**, where he carried out **institutional compliance and project monitoring activities** on behalf of AAA.

#### Institutional and Regulatory Activities

During this period, Mr. Aboetaka worked on:

- The **renewal of AAA's organizational certificate** with the **Registrar General's Department (RGD)**
- The acquisition of a **new operational license** from the **Ministry of Social Welfare and Gender**

These actions ensured AAA's continued legal compliance and operational eligibility to implement projects in Ghana in line with national regulatory requirements and donor expectations.

### **Project Monitoring Visits**

In addition to administrative tasks, Mr. Aboetaka conducted **monitoring visits** to several **existing AAA project sites**, including:

- **Wa**
- **Adidome**
- **Achimota Forest**
- **Tetteh Quarshie Interchange**

The visits aimed to:

- Review the status of ongoing and previously implemented activities
- Assess environmental and operational conditions at project locations
- Strengthen oversight and documentation for future donor reporting

These monitoring activities contributed to institutional accountability and informed planning for the continuation or scaling of AAA's project interventions



