

# The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

## Mission International SCIO

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### 1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

Partial funding of a conflict resolution project between two villages in the rural communities of Upper East Region of Ghana. The project continues meetings between representatives of the two villages that have built mutual trust and is fulfilled in providing something they agree that they both need. This is provision of clean water in the dry season from a borehole well in each village.

### 1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

In the Upper East Region of Ghana close to the border with Burkina Faso life is hard with frequent disputes between families and communities over many issues including lack of water for their subsistence farming and meagre survival. Mission International's partner in the area, Rev Peter Awane, runs a number of different ministries for Christians and for the wider community. One of these is Naare Project which is registered as a local foundation. Its purpose is to bring reconciliation between conflicting families and communities. They have had success in bringing different peoples together to resolve their differences and live in harmony.

How it works is to hold meetings with people separately to understand their stories and gain their trust. With this understanding they move on to meetings between the parties with representatives from each side, eg, 11 of the youth, 11 members of women's groups, 11 from among the chief and elders, 11 members from the landlord party, 11 from the assembly man and opinion leaders. Among matters discussed are ideas for a project that each side could work on that will bring lasting mutual benefits to them and the community. This typically needs some funding from their own and external resources.

One such project involves the peoples of the villages of Doba and Kandiga that are about 3 miles apart. They lie between the larger townships of Navrongo and Bolgatanga. The project they wish to see is for each village to have a water bore-hole with a submersible pump that will provide water from the aquifer in the dry season both for their families and to grow better crops for sustainable livelihoods. Because of the 3 mile separation of the villages it is not possible to provide a common bore-hole. Rather they wish to have one in each village but each project will be launched by leaders and representatives from the other village and they will keep in contact to share experience and learn together.

One of the ways that Mission International works is to send funds each year to all our partners in developing countries to provide children with a Big Meal usually at Christmas time. In Rev Peter Awane's case funds were used to provide Big Meals for children in Doba and Kandiga villages in April 2022 as part of the reconciliation process. The story and photos of happy children are posted on 14th April 2022 on the Mission International Facebook page.

Rev Peter Awane has sent us copies of quotations from a borehole drilling company and an electrical engineering company for drilling and completing the boreholes and fitting a 1.5kW submersible pump powered from the nearest suitable power connection point. In addition to the two water supplies some funding is requested for a final community peace meeting between the two villages to cover drinking water, food and transport. The total cost comes to £6,000 of which this application is for £2,000. We will be seeking the remaining £4,000 from another grant-making trust.

The benefits of the project will be to cement the building of contacts and trust between the two villages by removing a common issue of mistrust and fighting in this semi-arid area of lack of drinking water and water for their crops in the dry season. People are better fed and children learn better in school. This approach addresses two issues together which is not common in our experience – mutual suspicion and hostility is resolved and lack of clean water in dry months leading to poverty and under-achievement is addressed with bore-hole wells.

### 1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

B - Peace-building and conflict resolution

#### 1.3b Peace-building and conflict resolution

This project continues the work of Naare Project (a foundation in Ghana) to bring two hostile communities together by face-to-face work to build trust and where they have talked together to resolve their differences culminating in a project to meet their agreed need and that will enhance their precarious survival as subsistence farmers in a drought-prone area.

### 1.4 Which country is the project based in?

Ghana (GH)

### 1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

No

#### 1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

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### 1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Progress in drilling the boreholes, installing the pumps and connecting them to electrical supplies will be monitored by Naare Project staff. Success is easy to evaluate. The wells provide water in the dry season and people's lives and livelihoods should be seen to improve. Maintaining harmony between the villages will need ongoing encouragement.

## 2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Final peace-building meeting: water, food, transport	£848	
Drill well in Doba village and install pump	£1,506	
Connect up Doba well pump to electrical supply	£1,055	
Drill well in Kandiga village and install pump	£1,506	
Connect up Kandiga well pump to electrical supply	£1,055	
Bank transfer costs	£30	Total £6,000
TOTALS	£6,000	

## 2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
This grant application	£2,000	£0	
Application to Sainsbury Family Trusts	£4,000	£0	To be submitted soon
TOTALS	£6,000	£0	

### 2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£2,000

**2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?**

No

**2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)**

£168,559

**2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?**

Yes

**2.6b Upload File**

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/2021-Report-and-Accounts.pdf>

**2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful**

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**3.1 Your name**

Mervyn Currie

**3.2 Your contact telephone number**

07511 877804

**3.3 Your position within the organisation**

Volunteer fundraiser

**3.4 Your email address**

[fundraiser@mission-international.org](mailto:fundraiser@mission-international.org)

**3.5 Organisation name**

Mission International SCIO

**3.6 Please state the status of your organisation**

Scottish charitable incorporated organisation

**3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does**

Work with Christian partners in over a dozen developing countries mainly in Africa and South Asia to support them in their Christian ministries and their projects to improve the life chances of their people. These projects include income generation, educational facilities, skills and leadership training, basic healthcare and social welfare projects, all for the benefit of the whole community. Our director knows all these partners personally and maintains regular contact.

**3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation**

Swan House

Explorer Road

Dundee

DD2 1GB

**3.9 UK telephone number**

07927 043472

**3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)**

SC038645

**3.11 Year established**

2007

**3.12 Website (if applicable)**

<https://mission-international.org/>

**3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)**

<https://www.facebook.com/Mission-International-157690194579957>

**4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?**

Directory of Social Change/Funds Online