

AUTONOMY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE GROWTH: AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROLE OF AID IN GIVING 'PREFERENTIAL OPTION' FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGED

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GIVING AID

Effectiveness and Damage: the dual phase of Aid in developing communities

- Politicians (when aid is given through government it increases the power and economic resources).
- NGOs (Giving relieve)

Continuous foreign aid and hyper-proliferation of NGO

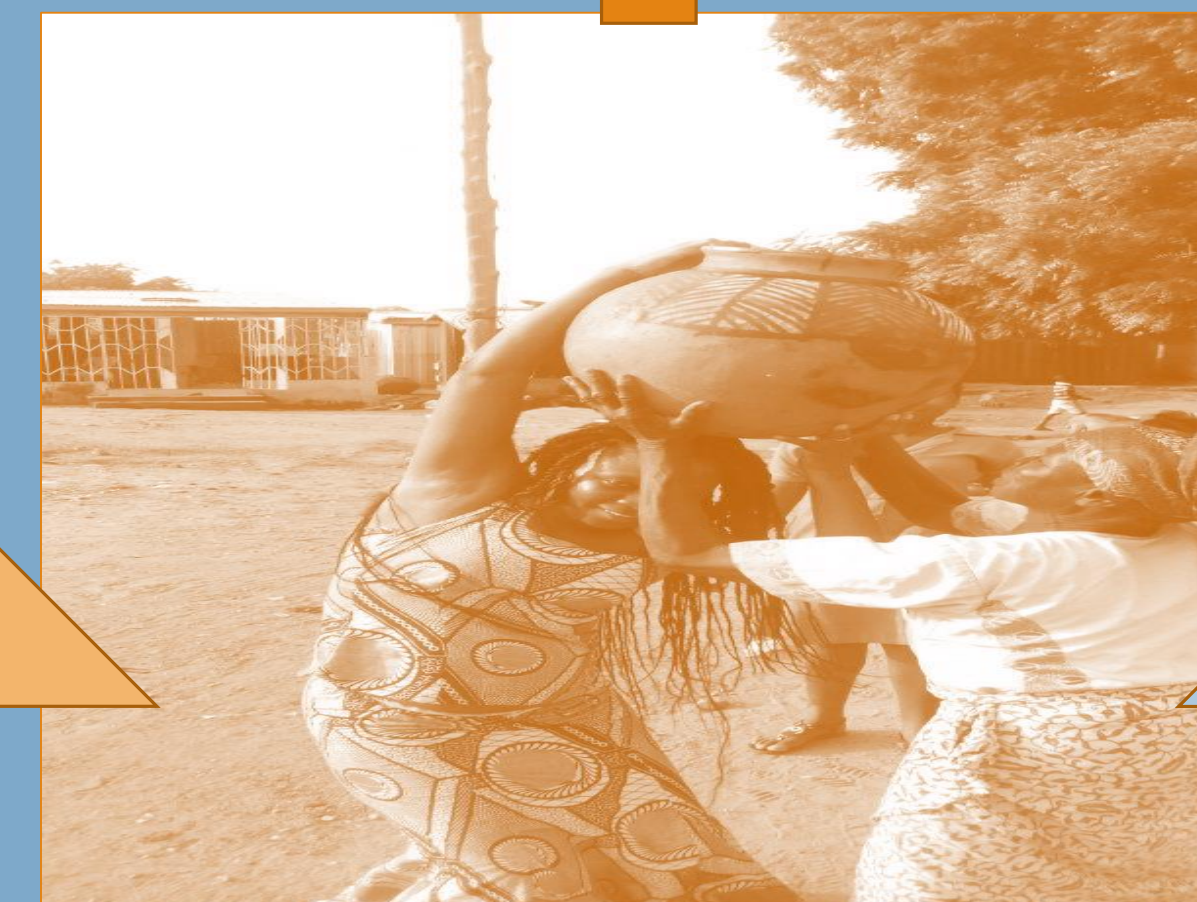
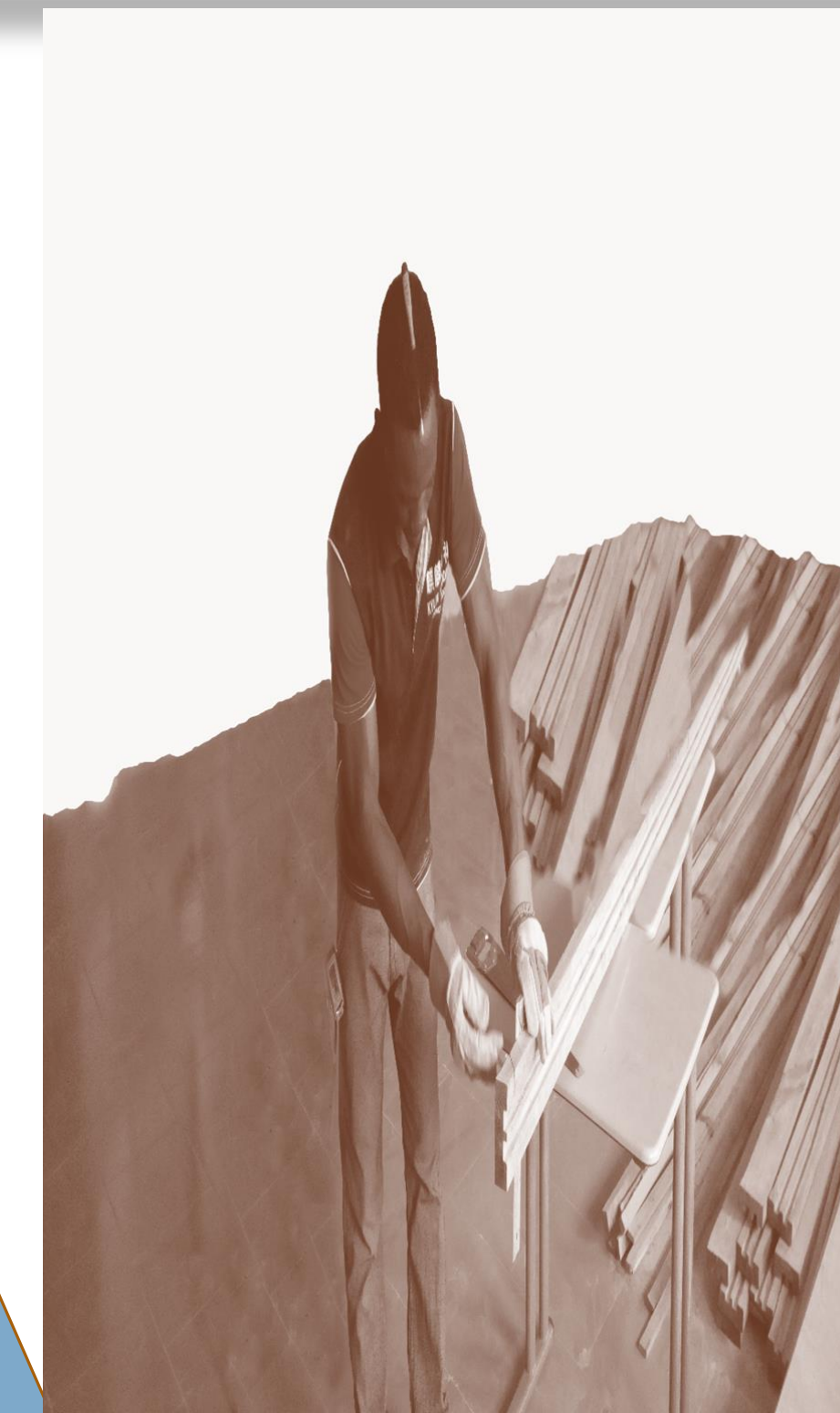
Destitution is on the rise!

Is there a question of integration?

Is there a question of misuse?

TOP-DOWN APPROACH

- There is both the administrative and Cultural detachment (Gershon Osei, 2015, 5) in giving aid.
- Agenda Ghana Beyond Aid
 - Free Senior High School Education
 - Jobs for youth (1000 in national builders corp)
- What are we making out of the help we are receiving?
- Help, a **good thing**
- **Creating Dependency**, a danger to rub the dignity that belongs to humanity



Mechanisms at play in less privileged societies / poverty situation

initiative at the grassroots level

Development/ Empowerment as process

Development Aid as a stage

TENETS OF OPTION FOR THE POOR

Dignity and Common Good (John Dear, 2011)

If we love others with charity, then first of all we are just towards them (Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate no 6)

THE DIGNITY OF THE PERSON

in relation to aid to the poor should not reside in "just giving"

Dignity = Need for Help but also possession of talents/capabilities

Transformative Development Aid

- 'just' meet the survival situations poor people

- aid should create the **opening for poor people to participate in**

the collective responsibility of maintaining dignity of humanity

– Eradication of Poverty is a collective responsibility, a responsibility also of the recipients of aid

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

Technical and vocational training
Education and Empowerment
Intellectual Development (Mentality)