EDUCATING GHANA’S YOUTH FOR TOMORROW’S OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSION EDUCATION

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Introduction
Education is not only critical but also necessary for everyone in today’s modern and technological society. We need to be educated formally but also informally. Iowa State University International Agriculture, Self-Help International in collaboration with the National Youth Council in Ghana has united forces educating youth within Ghana.

Purpose
The importance of education in today’s society is priceless. We must continue to educate youth about agriculture and the future roles they will hold. In Ghana, the National Youth Council under the Ghanaian government is providing unemployed youth with opportunities to learn leadership and farm skills. Leadership institutes have also been established to train youth in learning vocational skills/trades in agriculture, dressmaking, catering, carpentry and masonry.

Information Shared/Major Points
Through pictures and personal testimonies, this poster will highlight the programs that are making a difference in the lives of youth in Ghana.

Conclusions
The information to be shared is a direct result of my observations as a study abroad student in Ghana during this past summer. The presentation will allow me to share my personal experience with others and what is being done and how we can continue to improve upon youth programs in Ghana.

Educational Importance
As the partnership between Iowa State University International Agriculture Program and Self-Help International continue to flourish, other Iowa State students are invited to take part in educating youth in Ghana. They can share and teach Ghanaian students what they are learning here in the United States and become future contacts for providing current agricultural techniques.