



Newsletter April 2017

April has been another busy month for Trax, with fieldwork, training, workshops, meetings, and more. The region also received its first rainfall of the year and we hope that it signals the onset of the wet season and it will start to rain frequently in May. In this Newsletter, you will find updates on current projects and an exciting new initiative. Enjoy reading.

Ghana Alliance for Agroecology and Food Sovereignty (GAAFS) Launched

GAAFS seeks to ensure a food system which is socially just, culturally sensitive, environmentally sustainable and economically viable.

Ghana Alliance for



Agroecology and
Food Sovereignty

Trax are proud to be taking a lead role in this initiative, along with other organisations, groups, and individuals across Ghana who want to see a better food system through agroecology and food sovereignty.

GAAFS was officially launched with the publication of *Our Manifesto: A Better Food System for Ghana*. This was launched to coincide with the International Day of Peasants Struggle. Read the manifesto, find out more about GAAFS, or join the Alliance online at: www.gaafs.net.

Good Progress Made at Construction Site for the Trax-Kavli Scholarship Farm

Construction is well underway at the Trax-Kavli Scholarship Farm site. The building of the animal pen is nearly completed and is left with the fencing of the farm. Training of the first batch of community livestock workers and commencement of pastureland development will begin soon.



Construction of the animal pen, storage building and office at the Trax-Kavli Scholarship Farm

Save Ghana's Food from Crisis

Ghana is experiencing unprecedented changes which are having a profound effect on our food systems. Farming practices in Ghana are degrading our environment and crop yields are declining in some areas due to loss of soil fertility. We are eating the chemicals which are incorrectly applied to crops, causing illnesses. Imported food is often highly processed which is having a negative impact on our health, causing increasing rates of obesity, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Food production and consumption no longer follow our traditional cultural and social values and our traditional knowledge about farming and nutrition is being lost. Policy is taking away the rights of farmers and consumers to control their food system.

Take action: join GAAFS at:
www.gaafs.net/join-the-alliance/



Field visits have identified significant contamination of local water bodies.

Keep In Touch

Trax is now on Instagram! You can find us by searching @TraxGhana to follow our story.

If you are interested in partnering with Trax or you want to make a donation, please contact us via email at: info@traxghana.com

Trax Internet Café to be Opened Next Month

Are you looking for a very cool place to browse? Then hop into our well-furnished internet café and have fun. In our café, there are a lot of packages that will keep you glued to your seat. We have very nutritious and delicious cool drinks to quench your thirst, whether you are working, studying, browsing, or socialising.

Also, Trax has a secretary service where you can get support with your: typing, printing of documents, typesetting, photocopying, fax, comb-binding, lamination, scanning, desktop design and printing, online registration and checking of results.

Located in the centre of Bolgatanga, the Trax internet café is ideal for all your computing needs. Computer upgrades and internet installation have taken place and the café will open to the public in May 2017.

Partnerships are Crucial for Success

Since Trax was established 28 years ago, we have always worked in partnership with others. Sometimes partnerships are through exchange of knowledge and expertise, sometimes partners fund Trax projects, and sometimes it is for collective action towards a shared goal.

In recent weeks Trax have been involved in many interactions with former, current and potential partners. These include the United Nations Development Programme, CARE International, the Coalition for the Advancement of Organic Farming, the AfriAgric Project, and many others. We continue to highly value our partners.