

DEVELOPMENT ACTION ASSOCIATION FISHERIES TRAINING CENTER - DFTC



DAA Fisheries Training Center – DFTC

The DAA Fisheries Training Center (DFTC) was established under a Feed the Future Initiative USAID sponsored Sustainable Fisheries Management Project (USAID/ SFMP). DFTC to build the capacity of fisher folk, particularly of those in the artisanal and industrial sectors, in the areas of best and responsible fishing, & fish processing and trading practices through-out the value chain. This is in line with the key USAID/SFMP objective which seeks to rebuild targeted marine fisheries stocks through the adoption of sustainable practices. Special attention has been given to women fisherfolks and women-led fish processing businesses to improve their business capacity and skills.

Vision:

To empower people to become self-reliant and economically sound (reduce poverty and better their livelihood) to participate fully in sustainable development activities along the agricultural value chain inside and outside Ghana.

Mission:

To produce highly proficient technical and vocational persons in industry relevant programs to acquire appropriate skill-sets (knowledge, skills and attitude) using effective and sustainable competency-based training approaches for self or formal employment in the Agricultural value chain.

Goal:

The overall goal of the strategic plan is to create a competent, motivated, adaptable, and innovative workforce in the fisheries and agricultural industry which will contribute to poverty reduction and increase in productivity.

Strategic Objectives:

- Improve productivity through healthy and hygienic fish processing practices to meet certified standards.
- Provide training in responsible fishing and processing practices.
- Produce and promote healthy processed fish for consumption.

Services Delivered by the DFTC

The Center will provide the following services to beneficiaries:

1. On-site and off-site Competency Based Training (CBT) services with accreditation from Council
2. Technical Vocation Education and Training (COTVET) in the following areas:
 - ✚ Best practices in fishing & fish processing
 - ✚ Hygienic Fish Handling
 - ✚ Entrepreneurship and Business Development
 - ✚ Literacy, Numeracy and Safety protocols
3. Fish and Fishery Based Products:
 - ✚ Fresh and Smoked fish sales to premium markets in Ghana
 - ✚ Fishery based products for exports

DFTC Location and Set-Up

The center which incorporates concepts of “green building” is situated at Kokrobite in the Ga South Municipal Assembly of the Greater Accra Region of Ghana, about 5km off the Accra-Winneba highway covering a total of 280.3 m² usable floor space size on 0.20 acre or 807.5 m² (skewed 99.8x84.3ft) land.

Construction of the main Center which begun in November 2016 was completed and launched in June 2018. The training facility is made up of a conference hall/ training room(s) and a demonstration area, offices and some accommodation units.

Interim Fisheries Training Center - iDFTC

Before the completion of a permanent fisheries training center, an Interim DAA Fisheries Training Center – iDFTC was established by refurbishing an already existing training area of DAA at Tsokomey, also in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana, with major focus on fish processors and fishermen, targeting them with various post-harvest improvement practices such as hygienic fish handling, business services development, improved smoking technology demonstrations and other approved best fishing and processing practices.

The iDFTC has been in operation since its official inauguration by the then Minister of fisheries Madam Sherry Ayittey in April 2016. The interim center was managed by DAA with a support and supervision from an advisory committee made up of representatives from the Fisheries Commission (FC), SFMP country office, SNV and DAA board.

The DAA Fisheries Training Center at a Glance

- ✚ More than 400 fishers, majority being women and women led businesses have received training in responsible fishing and processing practices in hygienic fish handling, business service delivery, fire safety, safety at sea and other fishery chain value additions since June 2016.
- ✚ Trained 150 oyster harvesters/pickers (90% women) in oyster ecology, biology, mangrove nursery establishment, oyster culture establishment and other natural resource management.
- ✚ Trained 30 oyster harvesters (95% women) in scientific research and data collection at the Densu Delta (RAMSAR Site) on;
 - Water quality monitoring
 - Water turbidity and Salinity
 - Water temperature and PH.
- ✚ DFTC continues to serve as a model modern community fish procession center and has receive appreciations from the Fisheries Commission (FC) of Ghana, COTVET and many visitors to the center.
- ✚ Serves as the focal center for the development of a pilot Community Co-Management Plan for the management of the Densu Oyster resource.
- ✚ Developed two National Proficiency curriculums in fisheries and fisheries improvements using TVET requirements which has received accreditation from the National Council for Technical Vocational Education and Training (COTVET) in 2018



National Proficiency Curriculum developed under the DFTC



Trained Data Collectors of the Densu Oyster Pickers from the DFTC



Training in Healthy Fish Processing at the DFTC



Some Fish Based Products of the DFTC Under Accreditation form Food & Drugs Authority of Ghana at the DFTC