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SkyFox Limited on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019, signed an agreement with the Department of Social Welfare to enrol their Vocational and Rehabilitation institutions into the Integrated Aquaculture and Crop Production Project under the Securing Water For Food initiative.

The joint partnership signed in Accra is expected to benefit at least 10,000 students and staff of the institutions. Both parties are expected to uphold their various roles to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

According to the Director of the Department of Social Welfare, Mr. Daniel Nonah, who mentioned that he is excited about the project because it was an opportunity for his department to raise funds to support the activities of the

institutions under his management. He also said that the project will be able to provide funds and training for the less privileged in order to integrate them into the society.

“Our main aim is to integrate the vulnerable, so we are dealing with them and we know this will help us to be able to make more impact on their lives,” he said. The signing of the MOU was undertaken for SkyFox Limited by the Country Managing Director, Mr Mumuni Samyuri and Mrs. Louisa Wosey-Kumah, the Human Resources Manager of the Company while Mr. Daniel Nonah, Director of Social Welfare and Mr. Seth Appeageyi, Head of NGOs & Certification signed on behalf of their institution. SkyFox Limited, under this partnership, is expected to finance the cost of fingerlings,

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feed and the construction of surface fish ponds, capable of producing a total of seven tons of fish every six months. In addition, the company also financed the construction of one hectare irrigation land for the production of vegetables and other crops. Aside providing the necessary infrastructure and logistics for the project, the company will provide training for the needy and out of school youth and adults with disabilities on the SkyFox biological filtration technology for intensive aquaculture and greenhouse technology. The beneficiaries will be taken

through construction, plumbing and metal related works as well as equipped with entrepreneurial skill to enable them expand their production. The Department of Social Welfare on other hand, will be making provision for land and water to execute the project as well as assign students to manage the fish ponds and crop production on a daily basis, under the supervision of SkyFox experts. They will ensure beneficiaries complete a full cycle of training listed in the agreement.

US Ambassador applauds SWFF Project in Sierra Leone



HE Maria Brewer interacting with some of the beneficiary farmers

Her Excellency Maria E. Brewer, U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone has paid a visit to the SkyFox' project being implemented in collaboration with the Njala University in Sierra Leone. The Ambassador was taken on a conducted tour by staff of the University and SkyFox to inspect the fish ponds and give her a firsthand assessment of the project. The Ambassador also used the opportunity to interact with farmers on their farming experiences under the project.

Mr. Patrick James, SkyFox Country Managing Director in Sierra Leone, said the purpose of the Ambassador's visit was to discuss with the University authorities and community beneficiaries on the importance of the SkyFox interventions to the aquaculture sector in Sierra Leone and examine the impacts that the project was making in the country.

"She was so delighted when she learnt from the farmers that they are happy with the SkyFox operations especially with the type of species we are culturing and the crop component also. The fingerling production facility was also a major attraction during the visit," he said.

The Country Managing Director also says that in an interview with the Ambassador, she expressed satisfaction with what she saw in the field and encouraged the University and SkyFox to work harder in order to reach the entire country and the sub region.

The Ambassador, according to James, further encouraged the partners to keep up the good work and deliver even beyond the project by supporting existing and new farmers with inputs and technical skills to maximize the benefits of fish and vegetable farming.

Madina project attracts more partners



The Headmistress of the institute inspects the project with a student

The joint SkyFox and National Community Development, Vocational and Technical Institute (NCDVTI) aquaculture and crop production project, located on the school premises, has become a centre of attraction in the community and to several other institutions.

The first phase of the project has recorded a very impressive outcome with the expected maturity period for the fish having reduced from six to four months, according to the Country programme Manager, Mumuni Samyuri.

“There’s no magic about this; the success rate was as a result of availability of highly committed Site Manager and the use of the project as an opportunity for practical teaching and learning for the students by the institute. Feeding, cleaning, and draining of used water for instance are all done at the right time, ensuring that the fish develops in the most conducive environment,” Said Mr. Samyuri. The Madina School Project, as it is usually referred to, is similar to the Securing Water for Food (SWFF) Project that SkyFox has been implementing at Dambai and Adawso in the Oti and Eastern Regions respectively since 2017 with the exception of the target beneficiaries.

The site has so far seen to the production of about 3,000 catfish and a hectare of maize, lettuce and pepper farm. In 2017, SkyFox Limited signed an MoU with the National

Community Development Vocational and Technical Institute, which was meant to be beneficial to at least 500 students and staff of the school.

Under the MoU, SkyFox Limited financed the cost of fingerlings, fish feed, and the construction of ten surface fish ponds capable of producing a total of 15 tons of fish every six months. In addition, the company also financed the construction of the irrigation land for the production of vegetables and other crops.

SkyFox Limited also provides extension services and training for the students and staff on the SkyFox biological filtration technology system for intensive aquaculture.

The NCDVTI on other hand, made provision for the land and water supply to execute the project, as well as assign students to manage the fish ponds and crops on a daily basis, under the supervision of SkyFox experts. They also ensured students and teachers completed a full cycle training in aquaculture and crop production.

At a recent visit to the site by officials from the SkyFox Head Office, the headmistress of the school, Mrs. Rachael Kpelle, expressed her profound gratitude to SkyFox for bringing on board such an initiative. According to her, the project keeps attracting people and institutions to the school and it has become a model that others want to imitate.

Mamarazzi Food Company Limited hits the fish market



Mamarazzi Food Company Limited, a subsidiary of SkyFox Limited, is the sole distributor of SkyFox Food products in Ghana. While SkyFox concentrates on producing aquaculture and crop production, Mamarazzi handles the marketing and sale of the products and thus takes off the hassle of getting buyers from the shoulders of the farmers.

Mamarazzi thus completes that cycle of making agribusiness a lucrative venture for every Ghanaian. This is because while SkyFox provides the infrastructure and extension services to the farmer, Mamarazzi buys directly from the farmers (once the farmer so wishes) and manages the resale elsewhere. Farmers therefore have the luxury to maximize the use of their time and focus on

producing more food, while SkyFox and Mamarazzi take care of all the rest. Filled with food scientists, nutritionists and certified caterers, Mamarazzi sells smoked, dried and fresh fish on both wholesale and retail bases.

Mamarazzi also provides catering services either in bulk or just in a walk-in fashion. The company can be engaged to supply food at parties, weddings, funerals, and any social function.

To bring processed food to the doorstep of patrons, Mamarazzi has set up several Fish Points at vantage points in Accra, where grilled or roasted catfish is served with popular Ghanaian delicacies like Banku with hot pepper and salads.

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