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TITLE	WOMEN EMPOWERMENT
COMMUNITIES	AKROFUI, DOMPIM, KUSHEA, NSAWADZE AND EYISAN IN THE WESTERN REGION
NAME OF ORGANISATION	NUTSHELL CARE FOUNDATION
NAME OF SPONSOR	
BACKGROUND OF PROJECT	<p>The empowerment and autonomy of women and the improvement of their political, social, economic and health status is a highly important end in itself. In addition, it is essential for the achievement of sustainable development. The full participation and partnership of both women and men is required in productive and reproductive life including shared responsibilities for the care and nurturing of children and the maintenance of the household.</p> <p>In Ghana, women are facing threats of their lives, health and wellbeing as a result of being overburdened with work and of their lack of power to influence. In the catchment areas, women receive less formal education than men, and are at the same time, women's own knowledge, abilities and coping mechanisms go unrecognized. The power relations that impede women's attainment of health and fulfilling lives operate at many levels of society, from the most personal to the highly public. Achieving change requires policy and programmed actions that will improve women's access to secure livelihoods and economic resources, alleviate their extreme responsibilities with regard to house work, remove legal impediments to their participation in public life and raise social awareness through effective programmes of education and mass communication.</p>



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SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

The study areas have the same problems causes of discrimination.

- Low educational attainment for the women implying no productive work for the women.
- Men are preferred to women on the line of inheritance leaving the woman with no inherited resources.
- The social system prevailing in the areas recognizes the woman as belonging to the kitchen.
- Decision making pertaining to household and family planning solely is in the hands of the man.
- The communities do not have the adequate healthcare to tackle the needs of the woman and her babies.
- No organizations or active laws to enhance effective and stronger acceleration of women empowerment and gender equity.

Implication

- Lack of power within (confidence) them to express their worries about sexual and reproductive health even when it's against their will thereby they are been abused which could lead to fatalities and even death.
- Lack of basic and adequate health care for the woman and her children. Hence the woman could face risk of death when seriously ill.
- The needs and concerns of women are left out in decisions and policy formation which leaves the basic needs of the woman unsolved.
- Women are most hit by poverty because they do not have education and skills to be employed and do not have resources.
- Women are being subjected to domestic violence and its subsequent effects.



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<p>GOALS</p>	<p>General Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To empower women in Akrofui, Kushea, Nsawadzi, Eyisan and Dompim communities of the Western Region over a period of 2 ½ years. <p>Target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have at least empowered 60% of women in each community. <p>Specific Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To expand the welfare of women and their children. To enhance women's access to economic /and social opportunities. To enhance women's efforts at building self- confidence. To enhance women's participation in decision – making and social activities. <p>To enhance women to have part control over resources in their households.</p>
<p>DURATION</p>	<p>2½ years</p>
<p>TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE</p>	<p>US\$280,000</p>