

# **2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

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DANIEL NTOW OBESE FOUNDATION

1.0 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Partners and Stakeholders,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the 2024 Annual Report of the Daniel Ntow Obese

Foundation (DNOF). The year 2024 was a remarkable one as we continued to expand our impact in

education, healthcare, and community development. Our commitment to empowering children and

youth, promoting healthcare access, and supporting the community remains steadfast, and 2024 was

a testament to our unwavering dedication.

From sponsoring the training and graduation of 36 students (representing three cohorts) at the Daniel

Ntow Obese Children & Youth ICT Training Centre, to providing career guidance and psychosocial

services to over 1,200 students, our programmes have had a profound impact on lives. We also

extended our healthcare outreach services to underserved communities, ensuring that over 700

individuals received medical care. Additionally, our community engagement programmes, such as

sponsoring Games between Unity Congregation and Nkanfoa Community, fostered a sense of

belonging and sportsmanship.

These milestones would not have been possible without the hardwork of our Board and its Sub-

Committees, Partners, Volunteers and generous donors. As we look ahead to 2025, we remain

committed to deepening our impact and creating more opportunities for transformation.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Elizabeth Obese (Mrs.)

PRESIDENT, DANIEL NTOW OBESE FOUNDATION

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#### 2.0 ABOUT THE DANIEL NTOW OBESE FOUNDATION

The Daniel Ntow Obese Foundation (DNOF) was established on January 10, 2022, in memory of the late Daniel Ntow Obese, who passed away in May 2021. Officially launched on August 7, 2022, at PCG Unity Congregation, Nkanfoa, Cape Coast, it was incorporated in November 2023 as a Foundation Limited by Guarantee. It is a non-profit making organisation committed to promoting education, healthcare, and community development in Ghana. Through various initiatives, we aim to provide opportunities for young people, improve access to healthcare, and foster social cohesion.

Our Core Focus Areas are:

- a. Education and Youth Empowerment
- b. Healthcare and Well-being
- c. Community Support and Engagement

#### 2.1. VISION

To empower and transform lives in communities through knowledge dissemination and provision of innovative opportunities.

#### 2.2. MISSION

To uplift individuals and communities through innovative initiatives that foster education, inclusion, and social well-being.

#### 2.3. CORE VALUES

At the Daniel Ntow Obese Foundation, we are guided by these core values:

- a. **Fiscal Discipline:** Ensuring responsible financial management for sustainable growth.
- b. **Empowerment:** Equipping youth through ICT and skills training, career guidance and mentorship to unlock their potential.
- c. **Inclusion:** Embracing diversity and fostering a sense of belonging for all.
- d. **Innovation:** Using creative solutions to address challenges in education and community support.
- e. **Compassion:** Supporting faith-based organisations in deprived communities with empathy.
- f. **Transparency & Accountability:** Upholding trust through responsible resource management and clear communication.

These values drive our mission to make a meaningful impact.

#### 3.0 KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

#### 3.1. STRATEGIC AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### A. <u>Three-Year Corporate Strategic Plan</u>

In 2024, DNOF successfully developed and approved a three-year corporate strategic plan. The plan provides a structured roadmap for achieving our long-term goals in education, healthcare, and community development.

#### B. Constitution of Sub-Committees of the Board

To enhance governance and operational efficiency, DNOF established five subcommittees to oversee various aspects of its work. These sub-committees ensure effective planning, execution, and monitoring of initiatives. The Committees are:

- a. Fundraising Committee
- b. Outreach Committee
- c. Training Committee
- d. Scholarship Committee, and
- e. Media and Communication Committee

#### 3.2. EDUCATION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

#### 3.2.1. SPONSORSHIP OF DNOCY ICT TRAINING CENTRE

DNOF proudly sponsored the training and graduation of three cohorts from the Daniel Ntow Obese Children and Youth (DNOCY) ICT Training Centre. The ICT programme equipped young people with essential digital skills, preparing them for their future careers and other engagements.

## 3.2.2. <u>CAREER GUIDANCE AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR 1,200 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS</u>

We partnered with professional counsellors and psychologists from the Universities of Cape Coast and Environment and Sustainable Development to provide career guidance and psychosocial services to 1,200 students from the following Schools:

 a. Ankaful M/A Basic School, Ankaful, Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abrem District, Central Region 4 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

St Paul Catholic Junior High School, Nkanfoa, Cape Coast Metropolitan Assembly,
Central Region

- c. St Andrews Anglican Junior High School, Anum, Asuogyaman District, Eastern Region
- d. Presby Junior High School, Anum, Asuogyaman District, Eastern Region
- e. Saman-Abotar-Park M/A Basic School, Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abrem District, Central Region

The students were taken through the following topics:

- a. Discovering Strengths and Talents
- b. Matching Interest to Career Paths
- c. Understanding the Different Career Options
- d. Setting Career Goals and Staying Focused
- e. Education Pathways to: Senior High, Vocational, and Technical Schools
- f. Preparing for the Next Step: Choosing the Right Programme
- g. Building Self-Awareness and Confidence
- h. Making the Right Choices when it comes to Friendship and Peer Pressure
- i. Dealing with Stress, Anxiety, and Change
- j. Building Positive Relationships with Family and Friends
- k. Self-Esteem and Personal Growth

These sessions helped students gain insights into various career paths and equipped them with emotional intelligence strategies.

#### 3.2.3. EXCURSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST

As part of our efforts to inspire young learners, thirty-four (34) students from DNOCY ICT Training Centre visited the University of Cape Coast to be exposed to higher education opportunities (especially in ICT), university life, and other career possibilities.

#### 3.3. HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

#### 3.3.1. MEDICAL OUTREACH

The DNOF organised medical outreach services to provide essential healthcare services to over 720 residents of:

a. Saman-Abotar-Park, Komenda-Edina-Eguafo-Abirim District, Central Region

- b. Sekyere Krobo, Wassa East District, Western RegionThe services included:
- a. **General Medical Consultation:** Free check-ups and treatment for common illnesses, such as Malaria, Upper Respiratory Tract Infection and Hypertension.
- b. **Screening Services:** Blood pressure, blood sugar levels, blood haemoglobin levels, malaria, and BMI assessment.
- c. Pharmaceutical Support: Free distribution of essential medications.
- d. **Eye Care Services:** Eye screening for vision impairment, prescription of correction lenses, and distribution of reading glasses.
- e. **Ear-Nose-Throat (ENT) Services:** Screening and treatment for common ENT conditions such as infections, hearing impairments, and allergies.

## 3.3.2. CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

To support disadvantaged families, DNOF distributed clothing items to residents of Saman Abotar Park and Sekyere Krobo communities, bringing relief and comfort to many families in need.

#### 3.4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

#### 3.4.1. PCG UNITY CONGREGATION AND NKANFOA COMMUNITY GAMES

To promote unity and social cohesion, DNOF organized and sponsored community games for the PCG Unity Congregation and the Nkanfoa Community to foster social interaction, teamwork, and community unity through sports.

#### 3.5. IMPACT OVERVIEW

In 2024, DNOF made a significant impact in various sectors:

INITIATIVE	IMPACT
ICT Training Sponsorship	3 Cohorts graduated with Proficiency in
	Basic ICT Skills and Computational Thinking
Career Guidance and Psychosocial Support	1,200 JHS students benefited
University Excursion	34 students inspired
Medical Outreach	Over 700 residents received healthcare
Clothing Distribution	Hundreds of families supported
Community Sports Events	Promoted social cohesion and well-being

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#### 4.0 CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Through the execution of our mandate, we encountered the following challenges and learned some lessons that will impact our work in the future.

#### 4.1. CHALLENGES

- a. Limited funding for scaling up ICT training programme
- b. Transportation constraints for excursions and outreach programmes
- c. Need for more healthcare professionals during medical outreach

#### 4.2. LESSONS LEARNED

- a. Strengthening our partnership with local and international donors can help expand our outreach.
- b. More structured mentorship programmes will enhance the impact of career guidance.
- c. Advanced planning and resource mobilisation are essential for effective programme execution.

#### 5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We extend our most profound appreciation to the underlisted for their contribution to making a difference in many lives.

- a. Our Board of Directors, Members and Sub-Committee Teams for their leadership and dedication.
- b. Our partners, donors, and volunteers for their unwavering support.
- c. The DNOCY ICT Training Centre Team.
- d. Healthcare professionals who support the medical outreach services.
- e. Community Leaders and School authorities for their cooperation.

Your contributions continue to make a difference in the lives of many.

#### 6.0 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

A detailed financial statement, including sources of funding and expenditures, will be presented separately.

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7.0 CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK FOR 2025

As we move forward, DNOF remains committed to expanding its reach and impact. In 2025,

we aim to:

a. Build strategic partnerships to secure more funding for sustainability

b. Expand the ICT Training to other underserved children and youth

c. Roll out the DNOF Scholarship Scheme to support brilliant but needy students

d. Increase the healthcare outreach programme to more communities.

e. Strengthen career development initiatives for students.

f. Capacity building initiative aimed at empowering faith-based organisations in

underserved communities to serve their congregations and communities effectively.

g. Capacity building for Drivers to equip them with essential knowledge and practical

skills, ensuring safer roads and enhancing their understanding of motor insurance

policies.

h. Capacity building for Artisans with the knowledge and skills required to enhance their

business performance, customer relations, and financial literacy.

We are excited about the journey ahead and look forward to another year of transforming lives.

Signed:

Elizabeth Obese (Mrs.)

**PRESIDENT** 

Date: February 2025