

Energy Globe gives Future with Solar Power

Energy is the basis for a sustainable future and the key to economic development. While around 80% of world wide energy demand is consumed annually in industrialized countries with 20% of the world's population, about half of the world population does not have regular access to energy; most of whom live in sub-Saharan Africa. The Upper Austria's Energy Globe Foundation makes a step forward with a project in Ghana. Villages off the local power grid are to be supplied with sustainable solar power in a step-by-step process. The project was recently initiated with a number of local media representatives of international organizations and Ghanaian Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson present in a village near Accra.

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"We have to reach out globally and help together to create a future for our global youth". Electricity and light are generated with specialized power generating systems based on the latest technology. Installation takes approximately 20 minutes and 4 LED lights illuminate the once dark night and power is generated for recharging mobile phones or pocket lights. The cost of such a system, the lifetime of which is more than 10 years, is to about 5 cents a day. Representatives of World Bank, EU, UN, global corporations and governments, who were present, were impressed by the simplicity of the solution.

But the people concerned, the people living in the village cheered for this bringing of light the most. "This is a very special day for us, joy is floating through the village." Patience, 18, says. She is particularly pleased with the security that is ensured by this new source of light.

In addition to the safety aspect - especially for women and children - cardinal Turkson emphasized a further important advantage of the new photovoltaic installations in his very moving speech: training and education, since students now can learn in the evening too. In the first pilot village which in February was fitted out with dozens of solar panels by Energy Globe the productivity of a basket weaver increased by 300 per cent.

Details of this project that changes the world in the truest sense of the word can be found at www.solarlightforall.com. The initiative was launched by Energy Globe Foundation's founder Wolfgang Neumann. Energy Globe Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on raising awareness about energy efficiency, renewable energy and resource conservation (www.energyglobefoundation.com).