

GET INVOLVED · MATERIAL SUPPORT

Luggage Donation Guide

A one-page packing checklist for supporters who want to send school supplies to basic schools in Elmina, Ghana.

CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE

Three ways to donate supplies

Please contact us before you buy, pack or post anything. We will confirm what the schools need now and the best way to get it to them.

1

Fund local purchases

SIMPLEST

Give a gift and our team buys the items from local suppliers in Ghana. There is no border crossing and no shipping delay, and the money stays in the local economy.

2

Ship to our Elmina office

Send books, school bags and stationery by door-to-door courier. Ask us for the delivery address first and label the parcel as a donation. Charges may still apply on delivery.

3

Carry a small amount

Bring a few light items when you travel. Customs officers decide case by case, and several of one item can be treated as a commercial quantity. We cannot promise clearance.

For laptops, tablets, or more than a few of any one item, please ask us before you travel or ship.

CURRENT NEEDS

What to pack: needed supplies

Please check this list with us first. Electronics must come with their charging cables. Local purchase can cover most of these items.

Digital & ICT hardware

For our Breman and Elmina computer labs.

- Working laptops (with power adapters)
- USB flash drives (16GB to 64GB)
- Wired optical USB computer mice
- Tablets and e-readers in good condition

Literacy & storybooks

For classroom libraries and reading clubs.

- British English phonics and decodable books
- Primary illustrated storybooks
- Illustrated children's dictionaries
- Flashcards (phonics, alphabet, maths)

Classroom essentials

Items pupils frequently lack for daily study.

- Mathematical geometry sets
- Scientific calculators (JHS and SHS)
- Coloured pencils, markers and sharpeners
- Sturdy school backpacks

Sports & first aid

Recreational health and school safety.

- Deflated footballs with hand pumps
- School first aid kits (plasters, antiseptic)
- Toothbrushes and dental care packs
- Clean, reusable sanitary wear packs

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT

Please do not pack

- ✗ **Sweets, candy or individual snack gifts:** they foster unhealthy dependency and dental health challenges.
- ✗ **Outdated Western school textbooks:** the syllabuses do not align with GES examination standards.
- ✗ **Faulty or obsolete electronics:** they transfer e-waste disposal burdens onto local communities.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

How your gift reaches the children

- 1 Tell us your plan**
Email or call us to say whether you want to fund, ship or carry, and what you have in mind.
- 2 We confirm what is needed**
We tell you which items the schools need now, how many, and the best route. If you plan to ship or carry, we also explain what to expect at customs.
- 3 Delivery to Elmina**
Shipped parcels and carried items go to our Elmina office. Locally bought items are collected from suppliers by our team.
- 4 Handover to the schools**
Items are recorded and handed to the schools. We will let you know when they have been delivered.

Organising a church congregation, school drive or diaspora group? Share this sheet with fellow travellers, and let us know the numbers so we can plan the handover.

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