

INFOSHEETS – IDANRE HILLS PROJECT



OVERVIEW OF IDANRE TOWNSHIP - WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Background

Idanre Town is a community located on the eastern part of Ondo State about 8km to Akure, the State capital. The whole especially the small village Odode, is surrounded by four heavy rocks called Idanre Hills. The hill has antecedent which has links to War and missionary the land. The hills have 615 steps and inhabited people who had lived over communities like Odeja, Otolorun and the hill for many years.



Idanre town harboured and 'Oke Idanre' meaning impressive history invasion activities into in the medieval have 1000 years. Several others had lived on

Description of Project

On the hills existed many features of historical values which have now become centre of attraction and tourist activities.

First Project

- **Idanre Mission** by Anglican is located in a unique "the evil forest" and "Igbo Olodumare" spirits paraded



Primary School was built missionary in 1820. This environment described as fondly called by the people where demons and evil themselves in the earliest

century. Many of the indigenes benefited from this educational facility at the peak of the hills. The school is now overtaken by thick forest and losing value of ancient monument. The surroundings and inside needed improvement to attract tourism.

Second Project

- **Ancient Palace of King:** Worshipped of over 360 gods (deities) were done in the ancient palace of the king. Some of the gods were in the palace for over 800 years. There are 4 traditional statues which represent the authority of the king to carry out judgment on the people over issues. The palace has been dilapidated and the structure is given way. All the ancient antiquities are taken over by grasses and as a result of no care, values of history are being lost.

Other Features on the Hill:

- **Orosun** relic is where new visitors were received before proceeding to the hills.
- **Agborogun** relic is a limited point that prevents militant invasion to penetrate into the community on the hill.
- **Thunder Water** is a swiftly flowing river that forecast the possible outcome of war before the warriors proceed to fight.
- **Arun River:** On the hill is also present the flown river called Arun River. The significance of the rivers is the mystical ability to cure all manners of sickness. The water serves as healing therapy for all infected disease in the land.

Objectives of the Project:

- Create opportunity to share experience among the campers in their various fields of interest
- Create more awareness on the uniqueness of the monumental city.

Works at the Camp Site

Work: Volunteers will plant trees and flowers and also carry out a beautification project in a Primary School on Idanre Hills, Ondo State. Participate in the intercultural activities in the workcamp.

Study Part: Heritage Preservation, Renovation and Intercultural Learning

Accommodation: Living will is in the school with volunteers sleeping on local mats and few wooden bed made available. Volunteers should come with own sleeping bags and sheets, a choice could also be made to have tent at the top of the hill for few days.

Language: English

Terminal: The project site is Idanre Town in Ondo State

Extra Tips: There will be social nights and cultural weekends. So volunteers should come with cultural habits and possible costumes and cookies to denote their culture. Intercultural cooking competition will be done at camp.

Expected Results of the Project:

- Produce a small video clips and interactive forum for sharing future experiences
- A photo gallery and album will be created for international publication

Participants

- The participants will be highly motivated youths between the ages of 18 – 30 years and few veterans to guide and observe the events.
- Local Community youths and some representatives from Youth based organizations will be attracted.
- The project is also gender sensitive as both male and female will be considered for participation

Location:

At the top of Idanre Hill is a Mission School built in 1820 by Anglican Missionary.

Dates of Project:

- Workcamps: 5th – 19th August 2011

Transportation, Feeding & Accommodation

Feeding and accommodation will be provided.