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onevillage and Exponential Education to Form Partnership to Bring Tutoring Program to Local Schools in Kpando, Ghana

New York, NY – January 8, 2015 – **onevillage**, a nonprofit focusing on community empowerment in Kpando, Ghana, has partnered with Exponential Education to bring tutoring programs to the local schools. The community expressed a real desire for this service and rather than reinventing the wheel **onevillage** turned to Exponential Education as a program partner. "We saw the success Exponential Education was having in other communities in Ghana and thought it would be a perfect fit," says Leia Welsh. "Our goal is to create a program to give students the extra academic support they need at no cost to them or their family."

Exponential Education's key program is a peer-to-peer after school tutoring program that provides unconditional and conditional scholarships to high school students in need, while improving literacy and numeracy skills for struggling junior high students. Exponential Education helps improve junior high pass rates so that students can continue onto high school, and ensures that high school students who are financially at risk of dropping out are able to stay enrolled in school through stipends and scholarships.

The **onevillage** /Exponential Education partnership is beneficial to both organizations. **onevillage** will act as a point of contact and support for Exponential Education operations in Kpando, and will provide access to community leaders and stakeholders. Exponential Education will introduce their model to the Kpando community and help **onevillage** staff build an educational program modelled after Exponential Education programs but tailored to **onevillage's** needs. "onevillage's scholarship program fits perfectly into Exponential Education's mission of keeping Ghanaian students in the classroom. We are excited to grow our reach to the Kpando area and collaborate with an organization that's already making huge educational strides in the community," says Helen Gradstein, Exponential Education's Executive Director. **onevillage** and Exponential Education will jointly fund all educational programs.

As a pilot, the program will consist of two joint **onevillage**/Exponential Education programs, with a total term reach of 60 students. The programs' impact will assist 10 Kpando high school students gain crucial leadership, confidence and public speaking skills, as well as assist with their high school fees. Fifty junior high students will gain a role model and mentor within their community, and will also, on average, improve their numeracy and literacy skills by over 200%. Following a successful pilot program, both organizations expect the program to have a permanent reach of approximately 180 students per year.

About onevillage:

onevillage is dedicated to building healthy communities through advancements in education, health care, infrastructure and economic growth. **onevillage** is based in New York City, with satellite offices in Chicago and Denver. **onevillage** is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity recognized by the IRS. Further information is available at www.onevillageglobal.org.

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