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Team effort urgently needed to improve Ghana's poverty reduction efforts

As Anti-Poverty Week kicks off and with the deadline for the millennium development goals almost at a close, Net Organisation for Youth Empower and Development) NOYED-Ghana is urging Ghanaians to step up the fight to end poverty with unity and determination.

"Around the world we have halved extreme poverty over the last 20 years, but we cannot forget that there are still over 1.2 billion living in extreme poverty and this has to stop," NOYED-Ghana Executive Director, AlhassanAbduliIddi said.

"In Ghana alone we have seen poverty decrease by more than 10 per cent in the past eight years, but with over 28 per cent of Ghanaians living below the poverty line, we will have a long way to go."

MrIddi said the only way to end extreme poverty was to work together.

"There's no doubt that the high level of dependence on NGOs needs to stop, but to do this communities need to be supported and empowered take responsibility for the own development," MrIddi said.

"International Day to Eradicate Poverty is about everyone doing their part to make a difference.

"In Ghana, individuals, communities, NGOs, and governments need to start working together more effectively to share resources, information and ideas, as well as reduce the high level of corruption that exists everywhere if we really want to see positive development in this country."

This year the theme for International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is "Leave no one behind: think, decide and act together against extreme poverty".

NOYED-Ghana is an inclusive organisation focused on improving access to education, health services and governance for women and children through community led programs and campaigns allowing them to build the skills and capacity needed to improve their quality of life.