

# The King's Village, Ghana

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## **PROFILE OF THE KING'S VILLAGE, GHANA**

The King's Village is a Christian led Organization working in deprived rural communities in Northern Ghana which provides vital services and support spanning education, healthcare, farming training, water and sanitation to the poor and vulnerable. It is Christian charity which has the people and the community at heart.

The King's Village was established to make a lasting difference to some of the most disadvantaged people in the world through the provision of excellent health care by committed and professional staff. It adopts an integrated approach to solve the interconnected needs of health, water, sanitation and community mobilization. The work was established in response to the fundamental need of the people of the area.

Our aim is to make a lasting difference in underprivileged communities through addressing their fundamental needs, equipping and empowering them to transform their own lives and communities. Our projects are integrated, holistic and seek to support deprived rural communities and to empower them to break out of the cycle of poverty through helping them with their most felt needs.

The King's Village was pioneered established in 2003 through the work of Benjamin and Marion Owusu-Sekyere, both commissioned missionaries with Assemblies of God, UK. They were sponsored by the Heart Church Nottingham (Formerly Christian Centre, Nottingham) and supported by Living Waters Chapel, Assemblies of God, Kumasi as well other churches and Organization in the UK and other parts of the world and have the support of the Assemblies of God, Ghana.

The King's Village is based on a 43 Acres of Land provided by the Chief and elders of Zangbulung Community of the Kumbungu District, Northern Region of Ghana. Working together with a dedicated team of staff which use to include the present MP of Kumbungu, Honorable Moses

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Amadu Yahaya and the first ever medical doctor to seek full time posting to the then Tolon-Kumbungu district, Dr. Felicia Amoo-Sakyi, the King's Village has developed to become a Centre of excellence.

The King's Village work together with the Government of Ghana, individual Philanthropists and various organisations to provide increased access to good healthcare and education to the poor as well as helping to provide portable water and, improved hygiene and sanitation to communities including construction of household latrines within many communities in the Tolon-Kumbungu District. We continue to serve the poor in the rural communities of Tolon and Kumbungu Districts and to support them in their development in the following main areas of needs:

### **A.HEALTH**

The King's Medical Centre opened in May 2006 and was adjudged the leading district hospital in the country for 2010 under the National Health Insurance Assessment. The 58 bed capacity hospital seeks to provide quality and affordable healthcare to the poor. The Hospital cares for over 150 patients daily. It also runs a nutrition Centre, which is working to save the lives of hundreds of malnourished children each year. The second phase of the Hospital which is an emergency block opened in June 2009, provides 24/7 emergency services to the sick in the area. Individuals travel from many regions of Ghana to the hospital to receive good quality health. Locally, patients travel from as far as over 70km for healthcare and many travel on bicycles. The Hospital serves over 230 130 communities of both the Kumbungu and Tolon Districts. From January 2008 to October 2010, the hospital embarked on free registration of children under 12years in the districts of Tolon and Kumbungu and over 33,000 children under the age of 12 years were registered with the NHIS from 81 communities. To date great awareness has been created in communities about the importance of registering with the National Health Insurance.

The Hospital also attends to many within their communities through community medical outreaches. In spite of its efforts both at the facility and communities, it is still unable to extend services to communities that are cut off by the White Volta. During the rainy seasons when the river overflows its banks, it becomes increasingly difficult for patients to cross the river and access health care at the King's Medical Centre. The plight of the pregnant woman in labour during that season is that of grief with many untold stories and consequences.

The King's Medical Centre through partnership has provided Boat Ambulance on the river to facilitate extension of health care to communities along the White Volta River and beyond and has renovated and resourced the only Government Clinic in the area. The Medical Centre has proven track record of good management of resources and finances in the district and Ghana.

## **B. EDUCATION**

From a very small beginning, the King's School which started with 60 children has grown to the JHS level with over 360 pupils from 14 different rural communities. Our aim is to provide children in deprived communities with excellent education to enable them to reach their potential and to become future leaders in their communities and the country.

## **C. WATER AND SANITATION**

Our water and Sanitation program began in 2005 and sought to provide basic sanitation and hygiene support to communities to help prevent diseases and sicknesses. Working together with international organizations like World Vision, UNICEF, St. Dunstons, UK, Direct Relief International, US and the Royal Engineers of the British Army and the Ghana army engineers, the King's Village helped to provide water to over 40,000 people and latrines in many communities. Cleanest Village competitions were organized for over 30 communities, which helped to improve their basic hygiene and sanitation. We continue to seek support to enhance this program and extend it to many more communities.

### **Governance and Management**

The King's Village Trustees, chaired by the Executive Director, are responsible for Governance and Constitutional matters and is legally responsible for the overall management and control of the King's Village and meet at least 2 times a year. The Trustees appoints various professionals and experts who form the Board of Directors with a Chair. The Trustees also serve as members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors accepts overall responsibility for operational, finances, management, Policy and Salary decisions.

The Board of Directors delegates the day-to-day running of the Centre to the King's Village Management Team, which meets formally every fortnight.

### **Risk management**

The Board of Directors actively review the major risks that the King's Village may face and monitor them continually and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have on the future of the organization. It regularly reviews the activities and services delivered by the various departments under the King's Village to ensure compliance to projects objectives and partnership agreements. Detailed considerations of the risk are delegated to the King's Village Management Team.

Through the risk management processes established by the King's Village, the Board of Directors ensures that they are satisfied that any major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary and that all major risks are adequately mitigated and managed.

Key controls used by the organization includes:

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Formal agendas for all Board and Committee activities strategic plan for the organization, Budgeting, financial controls, management accounting and auditing; Formal written policies; Terms of Reference specifying the roles, responsibilities and authority levels of the individuals and committees to which the Trustees and Board of Directors delegates clear authorization and appraisal levels; and Vetting principles as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable.

### **Operational Objectives**

The Trustees work with the Board of Directors to guide the Management Committees and staff of each department to set specific objectives for the year regarding the outputs and outcomes of each service. The overarching key objectives set by the Trustees always relate to the running of the overall organization rather than to service delivery within a particular aspect of the work. The key objectives set are:

- 1.To ensure that the core values of the organization is outworked in all the work and activities of the King's Village as whole and that everyone involves in the work of the King's King's Village work to ensure that these values run through all elements of our work including project delivery, governance, volunteering and partnerships.
- 2.Execute strategic programs to address numerous causes of ill health and disease, poverty squalor, deprivation, illiteracy, inter alia, in disadvantaged communities through integrated Christ-centered developmental approach.
- 3.Provide quality healthcare and educational services; and increase access to portable and clean water, improved sanitation services, and entrepreneurial development opportunities.
- 4.Collaborate and/or liaise with ministries, departments and agencies, inclusive foreign/international ones, developmental partners, both local and international, in an interconnected harmonization to address these challenges.
- 5.Embark upon Leadership training and maintain competent staff that will execute King's Village projects/ program.
- 6.Monitor and evaluate the impact of our services on the individuals (in particular) and the communities (in general).
- 7.To ensure prudent measures are in place for the ongoing financial security and sustainability of the organization
- 8.Ensure good communication between the King's Medical Centre and partners and the organization and maintain ongoing contacts with and well as communicate with them on projects they are sponsoring.

9. In order to avoid duplicating the administrative structures for the management of the various departments and projects and programs across the organization, the whole organization is managed through a centralized administrative system. The system provides a framework for good governance and leadership for the organization as a whole as well as practical support in the following areas such as management, financial accounting, coordinating, maintenance, and security and transport services to the various departments. Financial requirement for this is a proportionate and shared responsibility of all departments and projects.

10. The King's Village maintains a prudent financial accountability audited by an independent internal auditor and an external Government approved auditing firm audits King's Village Annual Accounts.

### **Funding for the King's Village**

The King's Village is funded through the following key ways:

1. Internally Generated income from the services provided at minimal cost to the poor.
2. The National Health Insurance authority whose role is to reimburse the facility for services it renders to NHIS card-bearers mainly funds the King's Medical.
3. Individuals without Insurance are charged a basic cost recovery fee.
4. Occasionally, there are donations from individuals, local and abroad, to support the work done by the King's Medical Centre.
5. Parents pay minimal School fees and the remained cost of education is provided through child sponsorship.
6. People have always supported major capital projects because the work of the facility improves the lives of many people and bring compounded benefits to the local people as well as satisfaction to donors.

The work of the King's Village is strategic and life saving spanning keys aspects of the needs of humanity and ensuring the wellbeing of the people we serve, their health, education, water and sanitation.

We seek for wellbeing of the poor in deprived communities. We have various projects planned for the long term but we believe with the help of God they can be developed quickly through various partnerships that only God can bring about. We seek for partnerships and support towards the various aspects of our programs as indicated on this website. Please Donate to support us now.