# Enabling People.
# Transforming Communities.
# For Good.

GRID & NEA

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

**6** **930** MORE PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

**7** MORE WELLS DRILLED

**7** MORE HEALTH FACILITIES CONSTRUCTED OR RENOVATED

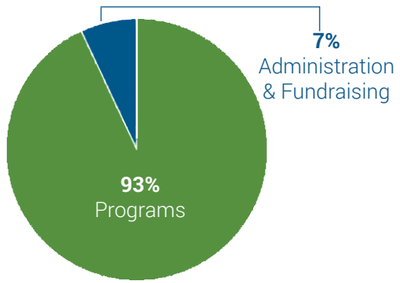
**2** MORE COMMUNITY FISH PONDS CONSTRUCTED

**4** MORE CONGREGATIONS ESTABLISHED

**31** MORE STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS

## HOW WE STEWARD YOUR GIFTS

This year, **93%** of funds were used for programs benefitting the communities we serve, and **7%** for administration and fundraising.



*Enabling* **120 youth** in **four communities** to reach their full potential through our **"Growing A Future"** program; funded by ***Stronger Together***.

**Over a thousand** attended the ECAC Christmas Convention in Ayorya. *Growing in their faith, they are better equipped to be His ambassadors.*

*Collaborated with the Government of Ghana* to supply **2M fingerlings** for aquaculture programs in Northern Ghana.

*Nurturing the next generation of church leaders.* **177 youth leaders from 44 churches** attended the ECAC 2018 Youth Conference.

# 2018

**80 pastors** with their spouses *received training* in leading the forty-four congregations.

**200+ villages** *impacted* through members of Northern Ghana Christian Chief's Association. *Committed to do justice, love, mercy and walk humbly with God .*

**650 women in 11 villages** *shipped 418 metric tonne of shea butter and* ***earned about $1,500 each*** (more than three times the annual earnings of substinence farmers in the North of Ghana).

*"My people used to struggle to get to the hospital when they got sick. Now, they come to me to take them to the hospital. Transporting patients was difficult but with the provision of the Motor King, it's now convenient. My committee members have gained more knowledge on how to safely deliver babies. Pregnant women received 'susu' boxes and mosquito nets which prevented my village from malaria. Leyaata Ane has really helped me and my community. The hard work and success that the Leyaata team has shown resulted in a high interest from other communities."* **- Chief Saaka Dramani**

## GHANA HEALTH TEAM

**3,795** PRIMARY CARE PATIENTS

**315** HERNIA SURGERIES

**1,105** ADJUNCT CARE PATIENTS

**145** DENTAL PATIENTS

**915** EYE CARE PATIENTS

**145** EYE LASER PATIENTS

## LEYAATA ANE

**52** HEALTH WORKERS trained

**7,000+** ADOLESCENTS were encouraged to make healthy choices and stay in school

**630** BABIES resuscitated

**4,000** NEW MOTHERS were supported by community health volunteers

**6,500** BIRTHS occurred in facilities with Leyaata trained healthcare providers

## IMPACT

**85%** fewer infants dying in the first month of life

**360** COMMUNITIES benefitting from GRID & NEA programs/projects

**250** chiefs joined together in a vibrant network that promotes PEACE and resolves conflicts

**500** scholarships granted

**650** kilometers OF WATERWAYS PROTECTED

**2080** farmers INCREASED yam or cassava farms

**5500** women become SELF SUFFICIENT

**50K** patients attended

**122760** people with access to CLEAN WATER

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We at NEA watch for special signs of lasting change in lives and communities. For example, when we started working in the community of Yaara, no one had a house with a tin roof. Today we rejoice to see that most houses are covered in tin. The reason we celebrate? We know that families usually have four first priorities for any money that they earn:

1. **Provide adequate food for the family.**
2. **Pay to register the family for health insurance.**
3. **Pay school fees for children to attend secondary school.**
4. **Roof the house to make it safer.**

A tin roof means that a family has enough to provide food, basic healthcare and send their children to school … and enough leftover to improve their shelter.

Tin roofs show that Yaara has changed – for good.

Another sign of change is the smiles on the faces of women, like those in the photo on the front of this report. For many years we saw fear in expectant mothers' faces, which grew more pronounced the closer they came to delivery. Too many witnessed other mothers and babies die in the process. They were left out of any discussion about using family funds to pay for them to go to a health facility for a safe delivery. Many were kept at home because of taboos or the shame of the insults that said they were weak women for wanting safe childbirth. But today, in 160 communities, women and their families have received training about the importance of safe childbirth. They have been taught how to save money for expenses, and been given a wooden piggy-bank plus a small savings starter so that they can prepare for safe childbirth. The result is that faces of fear have changed to faces of joyful anticipation.

These smiles show that life for parents in 160 communities has changed – for good.

On behalf of all the people you have enabled and all the communities you have helped to sustainably transform through our partnership, we extend grateful thanks. The Lord being our helper, we are trusting that in the days ahead we will see more tin roofs and more broad smiles.

Shalom,

Dr. David Mensah
GRID & NEA Executive Director

# A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

This is our first "official" annual report to you, our partners in GRID's and NEA's work. It is intended to provide meaningful information about our work and our progress in fulfilling our mission in Ghana, not only in 2018 but on a broader scale. It is my sincere hope that the information provided will help bring you closer to how you are making a difference in a land far from our shores but where all is in place to meet the needs other than the provision of resources from our own shores.

The expression ***'this is one of the best-kept secrets'*** is the most frequent feedback I get in response from those hearing of our work and its impact for the first time. While this is encouraging, it also identifies the huge and untapped opportunity of our getting our work better known to a larger community here in Canada and the USA. Improvements in this area have already started in 2018 and will continue in the months ahead.

We need your help not only to provide the necessary resources to get the work done but also to spread the word to those who don't yet know of the good work going on in Ghana. The harvest is ready. Will you be among those who will help bring it in?

I thank God for you,

Jacques Lapointe
Chairman

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