

# 2022



# IMPACT REPORT



There was much going on prior to the hospital commissioning: paving, landscaping and cleaning; installing windows, doors, tiles, lights, and signs; submitting paperwork for medical and government authorities; establishing policies and planning for consumables, pharmaceuticals, equipment, and staff.

Following the commissioning on August 21, 2022, over 300 people made their way to Carpenter to be interviewed for the 100-start up positions available. By December, equipment was in place, staff had moved in and received orientation, pharmaceuticals arrived, shelves were stocked, and a few patients trickled in, even though it had not yet been announced that the Leyaata Hospital was ready to receive them.

Many had dreamed of this hospital for over 50 years and many more, since the day eight years ago when it was decided to begin the process. A huge thanks to you, our faithful partners, for making this dream a reality! Your prayers, financial support, and encouragement gave us the courage to push through amid challenges and setbacks.



*"The partnership between health professionals from around the world and the NEA & Leyaata Hospital community is unique. Built upon decades of friendship and common vision, we continue to strive toward the essential goal of health for all."*

**- DR. JENNIFER WILSON**

Lead Physician, Ghana Health Partners

**- DR. ROB HICKS**

Lead Surgeon, Hernia International Carpen-

*"We needed to know that the hospital was truly going to make a difference. I am sure you will all agree that this is going to have an amazing impact for many people and many communities around this part of Ghana."*

**- CINDY LAMBIER -**

The Jim Pattison Foundation Director

**1** WELL, WATER TOWER, WATER TANK,  
AND STANDING PIPE INSTALLED

**5** SEATER VIP  
(VENTILATED IMPROVED LATRINE)  
CONSTRUCTED


**3** CHURCH BUILDINGS  
CONSTRUCTED

**6** WASH COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS  
TRAINED

**4** CONGREGATIONS  
ESTABLISHED

**60** SCHOLARSHIPS  
PROVIDED

**American Leprosy Mission is partnering with  
NEA on the Wi Songla (Forgotten Diseases)  
Project.**

**74** PASTORS & WOMEN CO-OP  
LEADERS TRAINED TO 



**Wi Songla Project Volunteers Training**

- identify neglected tropical diseases  
(yaws, buruli ulcer, leprosy, lymphatic  
filariasis, bilharzia, and onchocerciasis)
- create awareness in communities
- mitigate against stigma
- refer suspected cases to health facilities  
for care



# BABANAYAA PROJECT

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2,139 bags of peanuts were harvested by the 500 Babanayaa women farmers. They saved GHS 29,780 and generated an additional income of GHS 45,415 from the use of their motorking.

Since the inception of the project, a total of 22 females received scholarships. Aside from receiving assistance with their school fees, they were also provided mentorship with our Adolescent and Gender Officers.

In December, 250 co-op members were trained on Reproductive Health, Safe Food Preparation, Gender and Human Rights. Many of the participants showed interest in knowing more about cervical cancer. Some of them booked appointments to meet the midwife after the training.

Our partnership with the Government of Canada, which first provided assistance in 1987 to support women's cooperative farming, makes it possible to reach more communities and help girls and women improve their well-being through projects like this.



*"I'm happy that my nurses and midwife here in Wakawaka will not have to carry containers to look around for water to attend to patients. Also, the VIP and water system will further promote hygiene and prevent disease outbreaks."*

**- HAIJA FUSEINA SULEMANA -**  
Bole-Bamboi District Director

*"The training has provided a lot of knowledge for the participants concerning their sexual and reproductive health and empowered them with their decision making. It has also given them insight into the care of their adolescents."*

**- MILLECENT DAPAAH -**  
Midwife Specialist & Facilitator





MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**DR. DAVID MENSAH**

# PARTNERS FOR GOOD

YESTERDAY, TODAY, & TOMORROW

**"F**or we are partners working together for God."  
(1 Corinthians 3:9)

Reflecting on 2022, I and the members and partners of GRID & NEA, truly stand in awe and thanksgiving to God for all He has accomplished in and through us. The commissioning of the Leyaata Hospital exemplifies our theme **"partners for good - yesterday, today, and tomorrow."** It was amazing to see so many of our **special partners in Carpenter** all at the same time.

- Pastor Rob Whitaker from CCC, **Bloomington IN**, the **first US church to support NEA**
- Pastor Dale Dawson and his wife from **Uxbridge Baptist Church**, which have **stood faithfully behind the work for decades**
- the **courageous GRID board**, who voted 'yea' to move forward with this enormous task, special mention to **Jacques Lapointe**, GRID Chairman, who took on the additional role of chairing the hospital fundraising
- the **NEA board** who never gave up on this 50 year dream
- the **NEA staff** who worked to ensure the events of the day went smoothly
- the **chiefs and elders of the land**, who gave support in many ways
- **local communities** who came in their numbers to clean and help prepare 'their' hospital site and buildings
- **The Jim Pattison Foundation**
- **The Makbraneth Foundation**, which has partnered with GRID & NEA for over 20 years
- special guests who **gave so generously to make this hospital a reality**
- **Tim Beacon of Medical Aid International**, who gathered, procured, and shipped all the state-of-the-art hospital equipment

- The **Ghana Government officials**, especially the **Ministry of Health**, for their support
- The **Leyaata Hospital board**, for their guidance
- The **ECAC board and pastors**, for their prayers
- The **Ghana Health Partners**, represented by **Dr. Wilson and Dr. Hicks**, who announced they are **ready for the next stage of partnership** through the transfer of their skills and the establishment of a training centre

The hospital took centre stage of course; however through the support of other partners of GRID & NEA, we have new churches in several communities, much-needed water and sanitation facilities in Wakawaka, a dormitory which will help in facilitating training programs, and new housing for one of the local pastors. In addition, several partners have provided scholarships for 60 students this year. Special thanks to Westney Heights Baptist Church for the sponsorship of pastors-in-training and the Joan Maguire Nursing Scholarship Fund.

2022 was an exciting year but I must add that 2023 is already yielding wonderful results.

***Lives are being saved and changed – for good.***

Our partnership with God and with each other has, is, and I trust will in future, feed the hungry, give clean water to the thirsty, heal the sick, release many from poverty, and faithfully bring the Good News of God's love to many in our ever-expanding field of work.

**GRID** (Ghana Rural Integrated Development) and **NEA** (Northern Empowerment Association) are partner organizations working to alleviate poverty in Northern Ghana. **Motivated by Christ's love, our mission is to assist poor communities to meet their basic needs in a sustainable manner.**

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