



GHANA MEDICAL HELP

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Ghana Medical Help Annual Report 2012/2013

MISSION

With a research driven, impact-oriented approach, Ghana Medical Help is committing to sustainably advancing the quality of and access to basic healthcare in the most impoverished communities in Ghana for over two million West Africans.

OUR VISION

1. Sustainability – GMH is dedicated to creating a self-sustainable model for advancing the basic medical infrastructure in economically challenged communities.
2. Community Engagement – Integral for clear communication and providing support reflective of genuine community needs, GMH incorporates Ghanaian volunteers from the local healthcare communities in all of our on-ground operations.
3. Integrity – GMH uses innovative approaches to ensure continuous improvement of our socially accountable, transparent, respectful model of operations.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2012/2013 YEAR!

- Improving EDUCATION

Equipment Education Program's (EEP's) are a novel component to GMH that are designed to ensure all donated equipment is being operated correctly, optimally, and receiving regular monitoring. An expert GMH team thoroughly instructs a select one-two staff members from each hospital on how to properly set up, operate, and maintain the donated equipment, as well as how to acquire the maximum impact and longevity from each item. Moreover, these trainees are further instructed on their responsibilities as the GMH Coordinators for their respective hospitals, which include daily monitoring, quarterly reviews of the donated items, and monthly check-ins with the GMH Director of Operations, Dr. Dominic Akaateba.

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- Expanding our RANGE OF MEDICAL AID

For the first time, GMH supported nine hospitals in the most impoverished and least developed Regions of Ghana. We were very proud and excited to include in this year's operations our four newest partner hospitals from the Upper West Region, increasing the total population now receiving aid from GMH efforts to over two million people!

By meeting the front-line, basic equipment needs in these hospitals, doctors and nurses have been shown to make more accurate diagnoses and create a better healthcare environment in which mortality rates are cut by half and patients are more likely to seek the care they need, increasing the hospital attending by approximately 10,000 patients each year.

- Monitoring our IMPACT

With the presence of on-site volunteers, GMH monitors the direct and indirect results of our medical aid, which include:

- Up to 30% more patients treated each day during peak rainy season
- Annual patient attendance per hospital increasing by ~10,000 people
- Hospital mortality rate decreasing by 50%
- Maintaining the new ability to provide effective pediatric care
- Boosted hospital staff morale due to increased job satisfaction → improved patient care and willingness to remain working in these communities
- Improved community relationships with the healthcare system

Be sure to check out the Bongo Hospital report, which exemplifies with hard quantitative data the clear impact created when GMH comes into the picture (2012)!

For details of GMH operations and to see us in action, be sure to watch the NEW GMH promo video at www.ghanamedicalhelp.com!

GMH IN THE NEW 2013/2014 YEAR!

- GMH again has determined the most critical equipment needs at each of our nine partner hospitals, to be delivered for June 2014.
- Quarterly impact reports will be conducted in each partner hospital, restructured this year to supplement qualitative data with more quantitative.
- Initiate the research phase of the GMH pilot project aimed towards alleviating the dependency our hospital partners have on GMH.
- New fundraising goal: \$50,000.
- Application for charitable status has been submitted.

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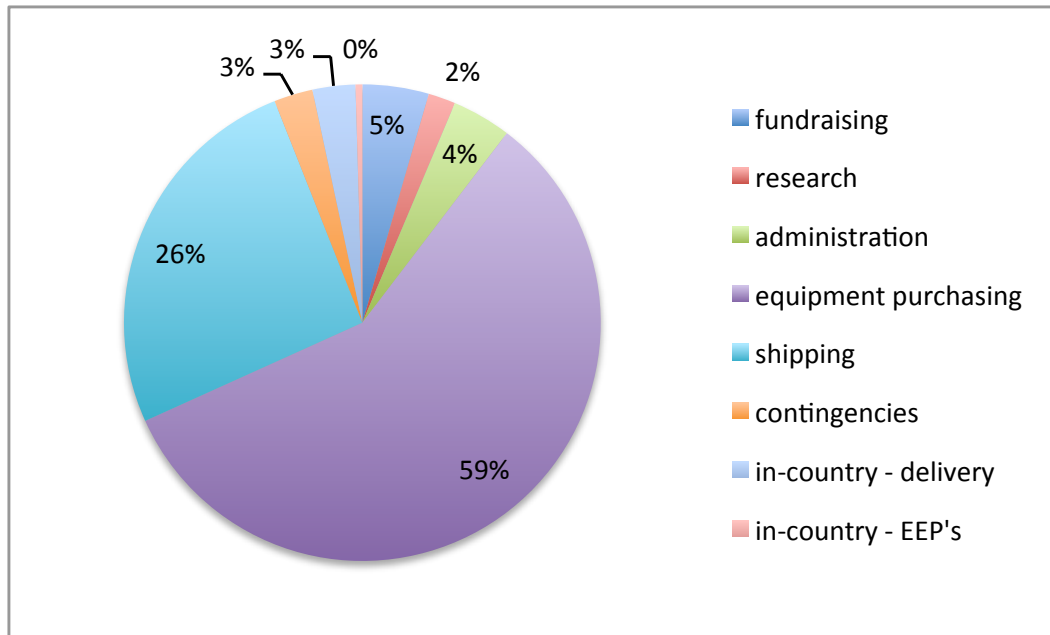
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BUDGET

Expenses: (Total budget: \$30,000)



The GMH TEAM

GMH would like to welcome our newest volunteers to the GMH family! We are proud to welcome Vicki Wells as Volunteer Coordinator, Shahira Wahba as PR Coordinator, and Erin Godard as GMH Accountant!

We also would like to introduce and thank the GMH Board of Directors, David Berkal and Taha Tabish, for volunteering their time to strengthen the organization and help to bring GMH to it's full potential.

Further, GMH would like to extend immense amounts of gratitude to Josh Layton at Loop Design (www.weareloop.ca) and Gracen Johnson (www.anotherplaceforme.com) for their generous design and videography contributions, respectively. THANK YOU for donating your time and talent!

Lastly, GMH would like to recognize and thank Operation Groundswell (www.operationgroundswell.com) for its incredible continued support!