

## PROJECT INFORMATION



### GHANA: HEALTH CARE

Your donation helps poor people receive medical care and supports health care services in Ghana.

**Many people in Ghana cannot afford a doctor. The Presbyterian Church offers a “Poor and Sick Fund” to help these people receive medical treatment free of charge.**

Although Ghana launched a national health insurance scheme in 2005, there are still many citizens who are uninsured. At the same time, the health insurance does not cover all costs. Patients have to pay for medication and most treatments themselves. Additional costs such as ambulance transport are not covered either. Luckily, the “Poor and Sick Fund” of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana (PCG) provides financial support to these people by assuming costs which patients are unable to pay for themselves. The church understands its Christian mission in a very practical way. Proclaiming the Good News also means helping people in their daily needs – with medical care, education and preventive treatments.

#### **More health care in rural areas**

The health insurance’s annual contribution is only twelve

euros, but many people in rural areas still have no access to the health care system. PCG health care services include five hospitals, 31 health stations, 12 primary health care facilities and three nursing schools. In rural areas, PCG health care services are often the only possibility for people to receive medical care and treatment. This is where the small health care stations provide a very important service.

#### **Model hospitals in Bawku and Agogo**

One of the hospitals, the Bawku Hospital, is located in the border triangle of Ghana, Togo and Burkina Faso. It treats emergencies from the whole region as well as about 500 outpatients a day at the hospital itself and at the surrounding clinics. The “Poor and Sick Fund” also helps people from neighbouring countries that do not pay insurance in Ghana. On this subject, Roger Wegurih, a hospital pastor, says, “Without the Poor and Sick Fund, many people here would even have to go without vitally needed treatment.”

The Agogo Spital is the model project of the Presbyterian health care services. The hospital has about 250 beds where doctors treat about 13,000 inpatients and 115,000 outpatients a year. Five wards offer help to the sick so that they can return to health.

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