

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

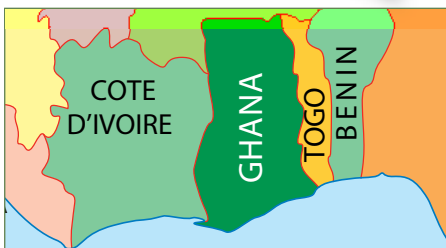
Support life-saving healthcare in Wiawso, Ghana

Your donation will support primary healthcare for local communities in Ghana

In their own words

'We are standing in very close solidarity with USPG as co-workers in our mission in health.'

The Rt Revd Abraham K Ackah,
Bishop of Wiawso



Ghana factfile

Independence: First black African nation to achieve independence (1957)

Capital: Accra

Languages: English (official), sante, Ewe, Fante, Boron (Brong), Dagomba, Dangme, Dagarte (Dagaba), Akyem, Ga, Akuapem

Religion: Christian 69%, Muslim 16%, traditional 9%, other/none 7%

Export: Gold, cocoa, timber, tuna, bauxite, aluminium, manganese ore, diamonds, horticulture

USPG in Ghana

The church in Ghana was started in 1752 when we sent the Revd Thomas Thompson to begin church work in West Africa. This year, USPG is supporting the province with over £51,600.

Registered charity
in England (234518) and in Ireland (CHY 7998)



Anglicans in
World Mission



Transforming lives through healthcare

▶ USPG is supporting healthcare development in the Diocese of Wiawso, in Ghana, where chemical fertilizers have poisoned food supplies and unclean water means malaria and diarrhoea are common. Donations to this initiative will fund the rebuilding of health clinics that are no longer fit for purpose in the villages of Subiri and Bodi.

In Subiri, there is a special focus on immunisation and maternity care. The clinic here, built in 1984, is dilapidated. But a new purpose-built clinic will offer modern resources and more security.

The clinic in Bodi is housed in a former school, built in 1971 and now run down and beyond repair. Staff undertake more than 1,000 consultations per month and oversee around 30 deliveries. Particular challenges here include snake bites and respiratory infections.

USPG Director for Health David Evans visited both villages early this year. He said: 'Medical staff, villagers and church

communities in this remote region are working together to try and reinvigorate healthcare. As well as rebuilding these clinics, there is also concerted effort to increase prevention through primary healthcare. Increasingly, health experts are emphasizing that prevention is better than cure, and more cost-effective.'

John Darkwa, a rural farmer, has good reason to pay tribute to Bodi Clinic – it saved his wife's life when she came down with a sudden attack of severe stomach cramps – diagnosis unknown.

John recalled: 'I panicked.. I ran into the village shouting for help. We tried all kinds of herbs, but they seemed to make the situation worse.'

'We took her to Bodi on an improvised wooden stretcher. Thankfully there was a midwife there, so she was able to help, and my wife's life was saved.'

According to the midwife, if we had arrived even 20 minutes later my wife would not have survived.'

For further details, email projects@uspg.org.uk