



## TOUCHING HEARTS THROUGH COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

Visit the Dambai Health Centre in the Krachi East District of the Oti Region and you will find Patience Charway, a dedicated midwife and proud alumna of Amrahia Community School (ACS) passionately providing care to women, newborns and families.

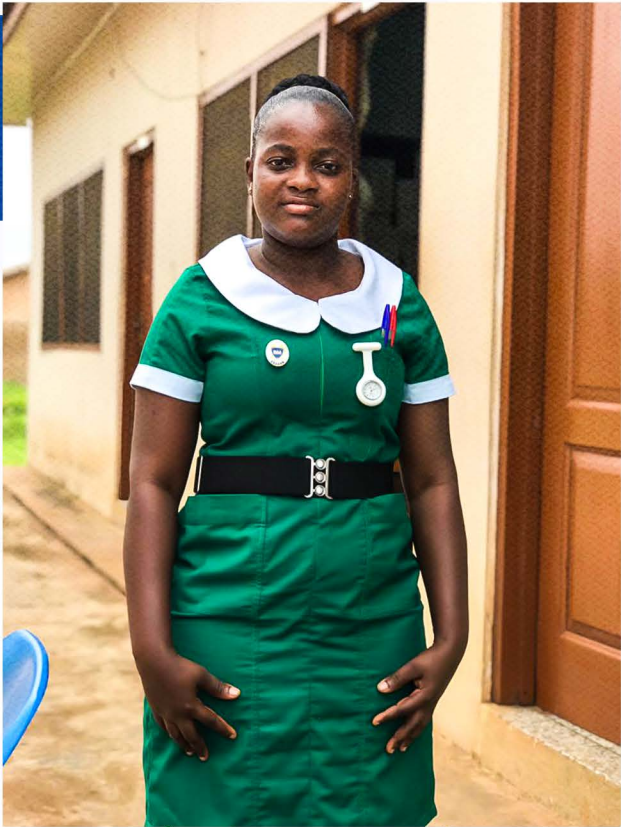
Patience was enrolled on the International Needs Child Assistance Programme (INCAP) from Kindergarten 1 until she completed her Junior High School education. In class five, her mother passed away after a brief illness, leaving her father to shoulder the responsibility of raising his family of five with limited funds. The INCAP support she received helped to provide her with essential learning materials that kept her in school.

With determination and hard work, she proceeded to Asamankese Senior High School after ACS. She later gained admission to the Nursing and Midwifery Training College in Pantang, where she completed her studies in 2017.

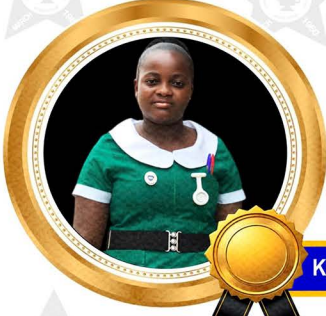
Working in an underserved District, Patience faces challenges such as: poor staff strength resulting in heavy workload, limited logistics and equipment just to mention a few. Nevertheless, she is focused on serving her patients with love and respect. It is not surprising that she was adjudged the Best Nurse/Midwife Award in the Krachi East District for 2024/2025 in recognition of her outstanding dedication and strong work ethics.

Mr. Gideon Adjete Charway, the father of Patience Charway, expressed his profound gratitude to International Needs Ghana for the timely support, which significantly reduced his burden and gave his daughter the hope to achieve her dreams.

In the next five years, Patience aspires to further her education seeking more knowledge and skills to improve healthcare in less privileged communities.



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**PATIENCE CHARWAY**  
SENIOR STAFF MIDWIFE  
(DAMBAI GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL)  
DISTRICT  
BEST NURSE / MIDWIFE  
2024/2025  
(OVERALL WINNER)

KRACHI EAST DISTRICT

*Congratulations*

# PARENTS UNITE TO POWER UP ADOLESCENT SAFE SPACES



In the heart of Old Zongo, a suburb of Agona Swedru, parents are taking bold steps to safeguard the future of their children. Through the creation of a vibrant WhatsApp group, they are closely monitoring their adolescents' activities and giving a powerful boost to the Promoting Adolescent Safe Space (PASS) Project.

At a recent reflection meeting hosted by International Needs Ghana (INGH), a facilitator from the Old Zongo safe space shared how this innovative parent-led platform is transforming the community. The group enables parents to openly discuss challenges their children face while staying actively involved in safe space activities. Facilitators share real-time updates from meetings, allowing parents to track their children's participation and progress.

The PASS Project is a vital social intervention designed to help girls enjoy their childhood free from the risk of early marriage and to empower them with knowledge to make informed life choices. These safe spaces are lifelines for adolescents, offering a secure environment where they can share their challenges and receive the support they need.

Launched in 2019, the PASS Project has since been implemented in 8 administrative districts in the Central Region. *(Cape Coast Metropolis, Komenda/Edina/Eguafo/Abrem, Mfantseman, Agona West, Assin Foso, Awutu Senya East, Awutu Senya and Gomoa East)*

Implemented by INGH in partnership with the UNFPA, PASS is part of the Global Program to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage. To date, over 15,000 adolescents in 110 communities across the Central Region have been reached.

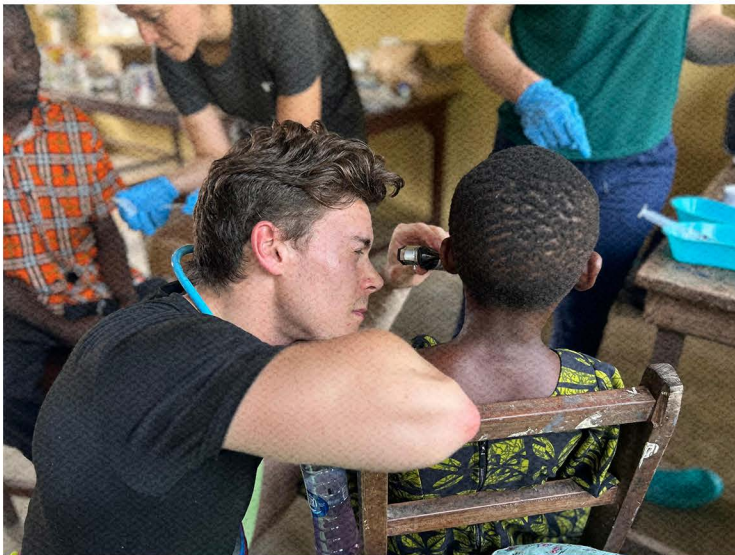
# MEDICAL OUTREACH



International Needs Ghana (INGH) executed its last medical outreach for 2025 with engagement in five communities (*Kanuwloe, Kpogede, Mepe, Lasievenu and Kuve*) in the Volta Region. The free medical outreach was undertaken in collaboration with International Needs Canada (INCA)

The outreach began with two special nutritional interventions at Kanuwloe DA Global Basic School and Kpogede Community School. The nutritional status of pupils from both schools were assessed, they were provided multivitamins and dewormers. Nutritional data of the pupils were collected to inform possible future nutritional interventions.

Four communities - Kpogede, Agave-Kuve, Mepe and Lasivenu benefitted from free medical screening, consultation, laboratory services and dental services. Patients diagnosed with chronic conditions which required long-term management were referred to various local health facilities.



# EMPOWERING PARENTS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Parenting over the years has changed drastically due to the new generation of children. In the past, most children strictly obeyed the instructions of their parents. However, in recent times, most parents go through a lot of hurdles to manage their children.

As part of INGH's efforts to ensure that beneficiaries of the International Needs Child Assistance Program (INAP) receive strong support from their parents, a training programme on effective parenting was organized for parents of pupils at Bubuashie 1 Basic School.

The session aimed to help parents better appreciate their responsibilities and understand the crucial role they play in making a positive impact on their children's lives. Additionally, parents were equipped with practical skills to help sustain their interest and active involvement in their children's education.

Topics such as parenting styles, children's temperaments and financial literacy were discussed to make parents more effective in discharging their responsibilities. Parents were encouraged to apply different parenting styles based on the temperament of each child. They were also guided on how to judiciously use their resources to support their families at all times.

INGH used child protection tools such as the balloon game to help them better appreciate their responsibilities.

