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SWITCH ON THE POWER



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It was quiet for a while. But not at the workspot. The generator house is completed, the emergency generator is connected and of the next phase of the Power Project is underway.

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Technical engineers from GSHT from Switzerland and HTU from Ghana at work in Dzodze, Volta Region Ghana.

GHANA

Ghana - (economic-)hungercrisis

Emerging Hunger Hotspots: The world is experiencing a third major food crisis in 15 years. This one comes on the heels of a pandemic, increasingly erratic weather patterns and an inflationary surge. Usually we focus on the hardest hit, but this series sounds the alarm...

<https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/analysis/2023/05/02/hunger-ghana-economic-crisis-hunger>

St. Anthony's Hospital

The extremely vulnerable residents in the Volta Region and the hospital have also suffered in recent years. A pandemic, inflation, devaluation, war in Ukraine. The hospital itself also had concerns: the changes in management, the fluctuations in the power supply, problems with transport and patient retention.

It has made them more combative and united. The hospital has a Toyota Pick Up now, for outpatient care, the Power project is progressing and the hospital is working on its own self-reliance with PR and Marketing, events, social media, fundraising:

* Instagram:

<https://instagram.com/stanthonys.hospital.dzodze?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

* Facebook

<https://m.facebook.com/102402842615016/>

* Fundraising/GoFundMe

<https://gofund.me/9b07e013>

ST ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL PRESENTS

JANUARY
Cervical
CANCER
Awareness

Theme: JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER

Date	Activity	Target Area	Venue
2 nd	Awareness	Agbovo FM	Agbovo FM
24 th	Awareness	Fafa FM	Fafa FM
28 th -31 st	Screening	General Public	Hospital Premises
2 nd	Awareness Creation	Staff/Student	Dzodze
27 th	Awareness Creation	Immigration Service	Immigration Conference Hall

PROMOTION AND EVENTS:

Education and Preventive Health Care by St. Anthony's Hospital

GHANA, a piece of history:

Amateur film Henk van de Meeberg: ORION projects in Ghana in 1986 (Development Aid). Impression of living conditions in Ghana. - Images of daily life, groups of Ghanaians posing for the camera and household chores; - adults and children; - truck with medical devices; - container with Orion tools; - babies are vaccinated; - population gets water from a well constructed by Orion; - activities in pharmacy; doctors treat patients; - children do rehabilitation exercises; - volunteers dig a trench for electricity cables for the construction of a hospital. * Interviews about the health centers, the vaccination program and the use of solar panels.

<https://www.amateurfilmplatform.nl/films/ghana-waar-orion-actief-is>

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COOPERATION, mistakes, difficulties

"Hello madam, Our ultrasound scan machine Aloka prosound alpha 10 has broken down because of power fluctuations. We need your help please!! Thank you!"

With this cry for help, SOSSAH went to St. Medic in Apeldoorn. They responded very quickly and helpfully. Thanks to the joint efforts of St. Medic project leader Auke Wiersma, Govert van den Nieuwenhuyzen, Joost van der Meulen of Biomedic, Dr. Kees van Egmond of St. Kind op de Been (Orthopedic Assistance Foundation), Godson (clinical engineer manager), management from St. Anthony's and SOSSAH, a solution was found and a new hard drive was brought to Ghana and successfully deployed.

"Equally or more important than the material benefits of a development project are the less tangible changes in capacity and confidence that make a community more resilient in difficult circumstances, and better able to claim and defend its rights."

<https://globalnation.substack.com/p/theres-only-one-thing-people-hate>



PROJECT LENT ACTION '22-'23: 'Facelift Maternity Ward'

The project Eigen Doel 401865 of the Dutch National Episcopal Fasting Action has recently been successfully completed. The facelift of the Maternity was a collaboration between the hospital, the Keta-Akatsie Diocese, St. Francis parish gem. Ruephen, St. Anthony's Hospital, Dutch Episcopal National Lent Campaign and SOSSAH. The residents, the care workers are very grateful for your support!

PUBLICATION: SOSSAH Annual Financial Report 2022 :
<https://www.sossah.nl/documenten/Sossah%20-%20Annual%20Accounts%202022%20-%20draft.pdf>



SOSSAH News: SOSSAH is continuously working on its structure and conducting various studies (feasibility, etc.)



SOSSAH on tour: With varying goals on our way to, among others, Wilde Ganzen, St. Medic, SMA, St. John of God's Hospital Foundation, Arzte fur Afrika, St. Homico and what is yet to come.



FUNDS- MEMBERS 'RAISING':
 Anyone who likes us or a project like Power and wants to participate is cordially invited to respond:
info@sossah.nl



VISIT TO GHANA: next fall.

PROJECT 'Power saves lives in Ghana' , Nov. 2021 – 2022?

The Power Supply Rehabilitation Project is a project of St. Anthony's Hospital, Keta-Akatsi Diocese, Swiss Foundation SGHT and Ghanaian HTU, and SOSSAH. We worked hard together with the local population, with great results:

- * The emergency generator is connected.
- * The new Generator House has been completed.
- * SOSSAH, responsible for fundraising, is busy finding sponsors for the next phases. Anyone who likes a project like this is cordially invited to respond:
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Events

SOSSAH looks back with gratitude on various events. At the beginning of April 2023, we were guests in the foyer of Schouwburg de Kring, at the invitation of Theatergroep Respect. In July, the SOSSAH volunteer team could credit SOSSAH's second Exotic Market in Nispen. Thanks to the buyers of our 'Beads for Life', the Preventive Healthcare team can reach many Ghanaians in the remote regions and provide them with good healthcare and well-being + future.

Actions, other fundraising activities

SOSSAH's project 'Switch on the Power' was nominated for action 'Warm Hart 2023' by the KRO-NCRV. We didn't make the top 5...but being nominated is a reward in itself.

SOSSAH was ranked 90th out of 269 organizations.

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