

The Gold Coast Medical Foundation's Adoption of Yaw Duodu CHPS Compound

Ghana, with a population of over 33 million people, is widely recognized as one of West Africa's most politically stable and economically promising nations. Rich in natural resources such as gold, cocoa, and oil, and supported by a growing middle class, the country continues to attract international investment and global partnerships.

Yet behind this progress lies a pressing challenge: **limited access to quality healthcare for rural and underserved communities**. According to reports from the Ghana Health Service and the Ministry of Health, Ghana continues to struggle with a low doctor-to-patient ratio, particularly in peri-urban and rural districts. In many communities, basic medical supplies are scarce, healthcare facilities are overstretched, and residents must travel long distances—or pay costs far beyond their means—to receive care.

It is within this gap that the **Gold Coast Medical Foundation (GCMF)** has stood firm for nearly two decades.

Guided by our motto, **“Partnership for a Healthier Community,”** GCMF has remained deeply committed to improving lives through **free, comprehensive healthcare services, free medications, and sustained community health support**, especially in areas where healthcare access is either unavailable, distant, or unaffordable.

Founded by **Dr. Kwaku Boakye, MD, and Dr. Kwabena Boakye, MPH**—both Ghanaian-born physicians with a deep understanding of the country's healthcare realities—GCMF was built on firsthand knowledge of the stark inequalities between healthcare demand and healthcare delivery. In some facilities, even basic items such as medical gloves are considered a luxury.

In early 2024, GCMF identified one such high-need facility: **Yaw Duodu CHPS Compound** in the **Akuapim South Municipality**. This facility serves **Yaw Duodu and more than five surrounding farming communities**, whose residents depend largely on subsistence agriculture and face significant financial barriers to healthcare.

Recognizing the immense pressure on this CHPS compound and its critical role in the community, GCMF made the strategic decision to **adopt Yaw Duodu CHPS** under what we have named the **GCMF Legacy Project**—a long-term initiative designed not only to address today's healthcare needs but to strengthen the system for generations to come.

OUR INTERVENTIONS TO DATE INCLUDE:

- Renovation of the facility and washrooms
- Electrical and lighting system upgrades
- Provision of hospital beds and mattresses
- Infantometer and essential medical equipment
- Medical consumables, including gloves
- Wheelchair and ceiling fans
- Refrigerator for vaccine storage

- Borehole and water system interventions
- Television for patient waiting areas
- Free comprehensive health screening exercise
- Free medications and dental services

Through these efforts, **over 300–400 individuals**, including children and women, received free medical and dental care in our end of year healthcare outreach program in December 2025 of which GCMF brought in medical students, from **THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GREENVILLE, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA DENTAL SCHOOL**, many beneficiaries had not visited a health facility in years due to poverty, distance, simply cannot afford out-of-pocket healthcare costs or expenses.

To ensure accountability, sustainability, and community ownership, GCMF has formally signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with:

- The **Akuapim South Municipal Health Directorate**, led by **Ms. Emily Amponsah**
- Traditional leaders and elders of the Yaw Duodu community
- The Gold Coast Medical Foundation

This agreement cements a shared commitment to protect, maintain, and continuously improve healthcare delivery for Yaw Duodu and its surrounding communities.

Today, we invite **donors, partners, institutions, and well-meaning individuals** to stand with us. Your support will help us complete the full facelift of the Yaw Duodu CHPS Compound and ensure it delivers **adequate, dignified, and comprehensive healthcare** to thousands who depend on it.

Together, we can transform a modest facility into a lasting healthcare lifeline.

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Support the Legacy Project.

Help us build healthier communities—one life at a time.
