



We believe in the rights of all children, everywhere and that they should be valued, protected and met by all.

We exist to make this the reality for children in northern Ghana, where more than half of all families live in poverty and need our support to give their children the protection, health and education they need to escape poverty for good.

Our work is entirely led by local staff with a simple approach of listening to their communities and empowering them to make sustainable changes themselves.



Our work in:

## Health

Projects under our Health Programme remove the barriers which keep children out of school, tackle issues which put their safety at risk and promote good health and well-being for all children to thrive.

### Programme Goal

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for child development

### Programme Objectives

#### Access

Increase the number of children who can access primary healthcare free of charge through the National Health Insurance Scheme

#### Quality

Improve the quality of primary healthcare facilities and services for children and families

#### Extra needs

Improve the quality of life for children living with disabilities or extra healthcare needs and their families

#### Health advocacy

Increase the number of people that understand and follow good health and well-being practices impacting children, including ante/post-natal care, paediatric health, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)

### What we do

#### Deliver healthcare services

The AfriKids Medical Centre (a primary hospital) provides essential healthcare in a region with only one doctor for every 35,010 people. By working with the National Health Insurance Scheme, it offers treatment for Malaria and other common conditions free of charge to enrolled patients, making these life-saving services available to even the poorest families. AfriKids health outreach includes basic health screenings for children at school and specialist clinics and support groups in the community for families living with disabilities and extra needs.

#### Improve the range and quality of healthcare services

AfriKids' strong relationships locally and around the world have bolstered healthcare skills, services and equipment in northern Ghana. The award-winning GAS Partnership for health (a collaboration between Ghana Health Service, AfriKids and University Hospital Southampton in the UK) is bringing global best practices in maternal and paediatric health, trauma response and safe surgery to Ghana, some the first of its kind in the country.

#### Educate children and communities on good health

Through AfriKids' extensive network and trusted local reputation, it is educating communities on how to keep children healthy at home and the importance of accessing essential health services such as family planning and antenatal care. Through education on the causes and effects of disability, including with inspiring spokespeople who have disabilities themselves, AfriKids is also tackling the stigma and fear of disabilities, ending harmful practices like the killing of "spirit children" and promoting the rights of all children.

