

Mutual Health Organizations

BACKGROUND

Micro-Care Ghana is a non-governmental organization based in a rural village, 7 kilometers away from Kumasi metropolis in the Ashanti Region.

The organization has been in operation since 1995 with the vision to address the healthcare of the rural and urban communities and especially to promote an affordable and accessible healthcare.

PROGRAM AREAS

- Promoting quality and accessible healthcare for PLWHA.
- Providing appropriate information on HIV/AIDS/STD's.
- Setting up resource centre.
- Developing a comprehensive community outreach programs to cover the rural communities, churches, schools, market women associations and SME's.
- Primary Health Care Programs.
- Training First Aid Workers in the target communities.
- Substance abuse and addiction.
- Setting up various MHO's to suite different groups.
- Education on sanitation/water and environmental practices.
- Setting up reproductive and childcare programs.
- Poverty reduction through basic education.
- Setting up libraries in communities.

MISSION

MICRO-CARE GHANA believes that the social, economic and political independence of Ghana foremost depend on the health of the people. A healthy nation is a prosperous nation.

GOALS

- Reduction in preventive infectious diseases.
- Reduction in material death.
- Reduction in child mortality.
- Reduction in pre-mature death.
- Reduction of hospitalization and out-patient visits.
- Dramatic positive change in sex practices.
- Reduction in HIV/AIDS viral infection.
- Acceptance of PLWHA.
- To have 75% of the target group registered in some form of MHO schemes.

These goals are aimed at selected communities and groups within the catchment's areas.

APPROACH

1. Education
2. Projects
3. Disease surveillance
4. Surveys
5. Workshop/Group discussions
6. Training
7. Mobile Clinics

LEGAL STATUS

The organization is registered with the registrar general, the Government Agency responsible for registering NGO's and private bodies. It is registered with the Ashanti Region NGO organization supervised by the Ministry of Health and the National Coalition of NGO.

It is also registered with the department of social welfare for certification of recognition as an NGO.

STRUCTURE

The organization has:

1. Board of Directors
2. Executive Director
3. Project Coordinator
4. Administrative Secretary
5. Finance Officer
6. Field Workers
7. Community Health Nurses
8. The organization also has a General Assembly comprising representative, of adult local groups, which meet annually.

STAFF

The organization has the following categories of staff.

1. Full time.
2. Part time.
3. Volunteer.