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KINROSS IS MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT FOR COMMUNITIES IN NEED



"I DIDN'T THINK MY CHILDREN WOULD COME HOME," SAID GRACE ANTWI-ANOBEA, THE MOTHER OF TWIN BOYS BORN AT THE BIBIANI DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN SOUTHWESTERN GHANA.

"We nursed them under the phototherapy and they were fed with the tubes we had from the donations," explained Juliana Owasu-Antwi a maternity nurse who helped care for the boys who were in distress and experiencing severe jaundice. Looking gratefully at Juliana, Grace replied, "We are ok now. God has done it. My heart became peaceful."

The Bibiani District Hospital is just one of the hospitals supported by the generous corporate philanthropy of Kinross Gold Corporation. Kinross is the world's fifth largest gold mining company, with operations in Brazil, Chile, Ghana, Mauritania, Russia and the United States.

Their partnership with Project C.U.R.E. was launched in 2012 as part of Kinross' overall goal of improving community well-being. The Tasiast mine in Mauritania was the first site selected to support Kinross' commitment to increase access to quality healthcare services through training nurses and providing necessary medical supplies and equipment. The Kinross Tasiast mine operation has funded the delivery of ten 40-foot cargo containers of donated medical relief with a value of more than \$4.5 million. The donations have now been delivered to more than 22 clinics and hospitals located throughout the country.

An essential element of the Kinross and Project C.U.R.E. partnership is evaluating the success and sustainability of the equipment and supply donations. Thus far in Mauritania, a comprehensive impact evaluation has been conducted at 21 recipient healthcare facilities. The findings are encouraging.

More than half of the facilities reported increased capacity and the addition of new services in their laboratory, orthopedics, maternity and surgical departments. The Akjoujt Regional Hospital staff commented that, "Patient health and staff health has greatly improved with the use of the gloves and other supplies."

Given the success of activities in Mauritania, the Kinross and Project C.U.R.E. partnership expanded to include its Chirano operations in southwest Ghana in 2014. There they sponsored the delivery of six 40-foot containers of supplies valued at more than \$2.3 million. The donations were distributed to 14 hospitals and clinics in the region.

The population in the region has been growing rapidly. "The government has got a lot of demands on its resources to put in health care," said Kenneth Norris, Vice President & General Manager of the Chirano Mine. "It's a wonderful partnership with Project C.U.R.E. We're not just building buildings and having a hospital or clinic, we're also able to put in the supplies that are very important to the healthcare needs of these communities."

In an effort to reduce child mortality in the Tasiast mine catchment area, Kinross added the first of several Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) trainings. Project C.U.R.E. has successfully implemented HBB in dozens of countries around the world, equipping midwives, nurses and doctors with the critical skills for effective neonatal resuscitation. A total of 45 medical staff have been successfully trained, as well as six trained as Master Trainers. As a "train-the-trainer model," HBB ultimately provides the ability for Master Trainers to pass their life-saving skills to their peers.

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Project C.U.R.E. biomedical volunteers prepare donated equipment that was sent to the hospital.

Just a few months into the program, 15 babies were reported to be successfully resuscitated using HBB methods in the area.

The results of the Kinross-Project C.U.R.E. partnership have been remarkable. Overall, the quality of care has improved across all sites, both in Mauritania and Ghana. For example, at the Bibiani District Hospital, the Chief of Surgery said that prior to the donations, the surgical staff could not monitor the vital signs of a patient while under anesthesia. With a recent

donation of a patient monitor, the medical staff are now alerted to signs of physical distress. That has allowed them to save lives.

Likewise, the facilities also reported an increase in capacity, as well as an increase in the number of deliveries. In many places, mothers deliver on the floor or makeshift tables. Project C.U.R.E. delivers OB/GYN exam tables and delivery beds. Deborah Asante, a midwife at Bibiani explained,

“The hospital was short of so many supplies, so when they came they brought us a whole lot of things that helped us in providing care for the pregnant women, the mothers and the babies.” What’s more, the staff reports, “We are reinvigorated now that we have the proper instruments and supplies to offer the quality of care we are trained to provide.”

“Our partnership with Project C.U.R.E. is a great example of how we can provide long-term benefits to our host communities,” said Ed Opitz, Vice President, Safety and Sustainability at Kinross. “Through the partnership, and in close collaboration with local health authorities, vital medical equipment and training is provided that have a real and positive impact—the program saves lives and improves the healthcare of entire communities.”

As we begin 2017, Project C.U.R.E. and Kinross are excited to continue their partnership in Ghana and Mauritania, and to further increase access to quality healthcare and improve the well-being of local communities in both countries. In the words of Elizabeth Ekua Abakah, a Nurse/Matron at Bibiana Hospital, “The community treasures the hospital. Project C.U.R.E. and Kinross have saved the community.”

TO SEE THE POSITIVE IMPACTS OF THE WORK BETWEEN PROJECT C.U.R.E. AND KINROSS GHANA, WATCH THIS VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mU2qTc4d4EQ&t=4s>. BY 2018, THE PARTNERSHIP EXPECTS TO DELIVER \$9.5+ MILLION IN SUPPLIES TO MAURITANIA AND GHANA.

THE VALUE OF ENGAGEMENT & GLOBAL EDUCATION WITH KITS FOR KIDS

More than 25 students from Mission Montessori Academy (MMA) engaged with Project C.U.R.E. as a result of the First Ladies' Luncheon with Margaret Kenyatta of Kenya in March 2016. After visiting the Tempe, Arizona warehouse, MMA students discovered Kits for Kids and felt this program was a way to become involved in a global cause that could become an annual event. The 6th grade Global Studies students organized the event, made presentations to the student body, and promoted the event—and with that the Kits for Kids supply drive was born. Students collected the supplies, filled each bag methodically (so that every bag contained all supplies on the list), and designated drop off days.

According to school representatives, Project C.U.R.E. and the Kits for Kids Program was a meaningful way for students to act locally and globally, while experiencing reality. The program gave students an opportunity to take immediate action, and by doing so, change the life of another child.

When all of the bags were collected, students loaded busses and dropped off the Kits at Project C.U.R.E.'s Tempe Distribution Center. As the students placed their Kits for Kids backpacks on the loading dock at the distribution center, one of the students said, "This feels really good...to help other people."

And help people they did. In fact, their Kits were sent on our 40-foot containers to Madagascar, Ghana and Kenya. What's more, Angie Birdsell, a non-medical volunteer traveled to Suriname (South America) in June 2016 and hand-carried several Kits to an island school in Langatabiki, in the northeast part of the country. She gladly passed out the backpacks to the school children and explained that they were packed by youth in Arizona. The children enthusiastically accepted this



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gift and learned about the supplies and how to use them from our C.U.R.E. Clinics team.

Patricia Sandler, the Montessori Model United Nations Coordinator at MMA explained, "The work with Project C.U.R.E. is a life lesson that cannot be read about, explained or memorized. Experience gives meaning to life—it is the true teacher. Thank you, Project C.U.R.E. and Kits for Kids, for helping us to teach our students this valuable lesson."

Mission Montessori Academy (MMA) of Scottsdale has made a commitment to the philosophies of peace education and the necessity of a global education for students. MMA has created a global education course that is mandatory for all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, and has forged a relationship with the Montessori Model United Nations program where students become engaged members of a global community, while being committed to implement these learnings both in the local community and globally. MMA students are engaged at a global level and have participated in youth conferences in New York City, Geneva, Switzerland, Zhengzhou, China, Rome, Italy and Santiago, Chile where they have collaborated to solve global issues. The students have also participated in the global International Youth Earth Summit (iYES) in New York City, and began three NGOs focused on sustainable energy, reclamation of water and food waste—Renogy, The RAW Foundation, and Zero Waste Kitchens.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KITS FOR KIDS PROGRAM VISIT
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Angie Birdsell, non-medical volunteer helps in Suriname.



C.U.R.E. Clinics team members show the children how to use the Kits for Kids supplies.



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—Director at Embu Hospital, Kenya

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