

GHANA POLICE HOSPITAL

**PROJECT/INNOVATION
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Establishment of a Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment Centre at the Ghana Police Hospital – A Midwife's Vision to Save Lives

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Executive Summary

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- **In response to the increasing burden of cervical cancer among Ghanaian women, I led the establishment of a Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment Centre at the Ghana Police Hospital. This project, inspired by my eight-week clinical attachment at the Greater Accra Regional Hospital, has developed into a comprehensive initiative offering free screenings, early detection, and referral services for policewomen, police wives, and the public.**
 - **With over 200 women screened to date and active participation in awareness campaigns, this innovation shows how passion, training, and leadership can transform preventive care delivery.**

Background and Motivation

- **Cervical cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths among women in Ghana, despite being largely preventable through screening and vaccination.**
- **During my clinical attachment at the Greater Accra Regional Hospital, I witnessed the tragic consequences of late-stage cervical cancer diagnosis firsthand.**
- **This experience ignited a determination in me to advocate for early detection and accessible care, especially for underserved populations such as female police officers, police wives, and civilians utilizing the services of the Police Hospital.**

Background and Motivation cont'd

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- **Upon my return, I channelled this inspiration into action. Through a formal proposal submitted via my Head of Department, I petitioned the hospital administration for support in establishing a dedicated screening centre.**
 - **I envisioned a facility that would not only provide care but also raise awareness and empower women with knowledge about their reproductive health.**

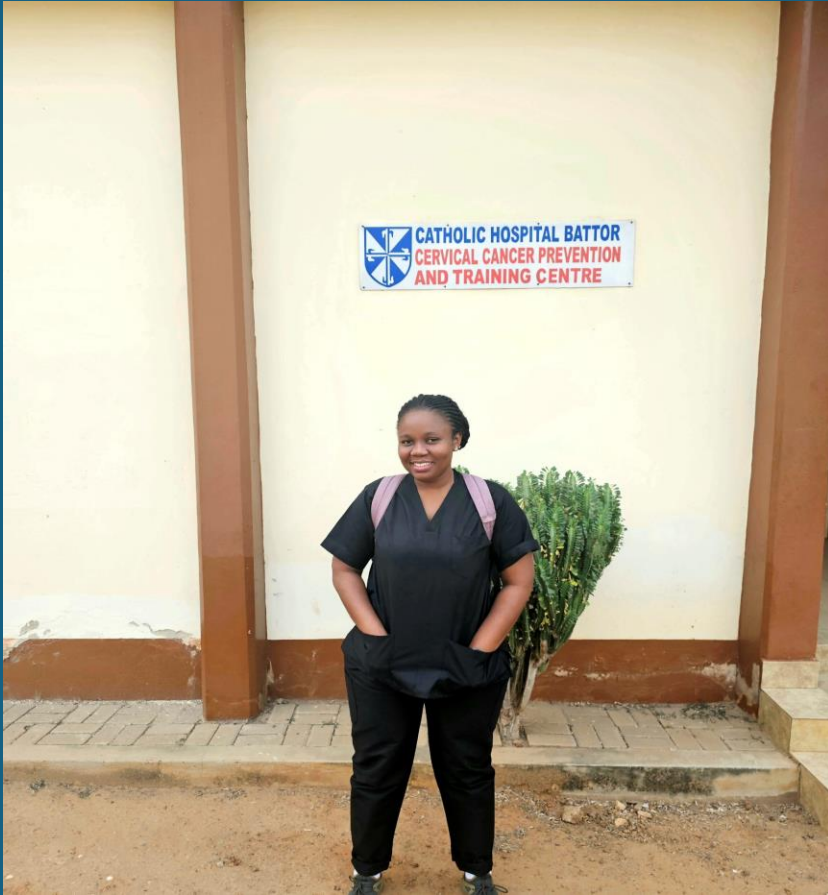


Awarded by my trainers at the Ridge Hospital in 2020

Capacity building and Specialized Training

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- **To gain the necessary expertise, I was sponsored by the Medical Director for specialized training in cervical cancer screening and treatment at the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Training Centre (CCPTC):**
 - **Module 1: February 2024**
 - **Module 2: July 2024**
 - **This training taught me practical skills in Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid (VIA), HPV testing, and thermal ablation treatment modalities. I returned more confident and prepared to translate theory into practice by leading a new unit at the Police Hospital.**

Module 2 Training



Module 1 Training

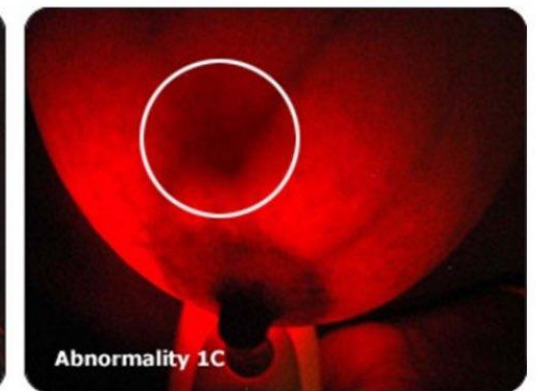
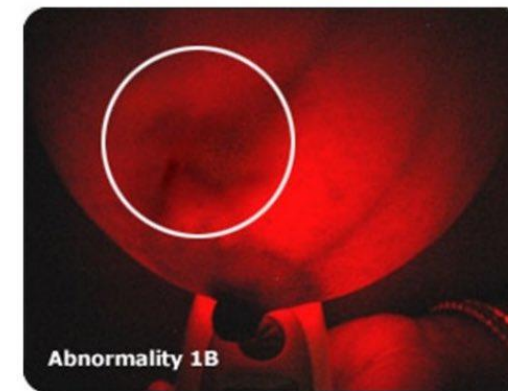




Training in the use of Thermal Coagulator

HEALTHY BREAST VS BREAST ABNORMALITY

What to look out for when using
Breastlight:



Training on how to use Breast-I Device



Implementation and Achievements

Through teamwork, lobbying, and stakeholder engagement, a physical space was secured and equipped to serve as the Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment Centre.

We adopted a flexible service model to accommodate both walk-ins and scheduled appointments.



Counseling Room

Procedure Room



Donations

Through successful lobbying efforts, the screening centre received a Thermal Coagulator from the Rotary clubs of Accra East and Eau Claire, Florida (USA) to be able to offer ablative treatment for precancerous lesions

The facility was also selected for a mobile colposcope at a gifting event held at the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons in September last year. The donor agencies were Lutech Industries (USA), HERHealthEQ (USA), and AGES(Gh) Limited.

The two items have significantly enhanced the quality of care and early intervention for cervical cancer prevention



Receiving a Thermal coagulator at CCPTC



Colposcope gifting event

Implementation and Achievement... cont'd

Client Outreach and Screening

- **Over 200 women have been screened since the centre's inception.**
- **During January 2025 – Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and as part of the EXACCT-ROTARY PROJECT, we screened 55 women using concurrent HPV DNA and VIA testing at no cost to the women**
- **19 women tested HPV-positive. Colposcopy was done to visualize the cervix, and they were rescheduled for screening next year**
- **2 HPV-negative clients who could afford vaccination were promptly referred to Ridge Hospital for the HPV vaccine.**
- **2 confirmed cervical cancer cases were referred to Korle Bu Teaching Hospital for further evaluation and treatment.**

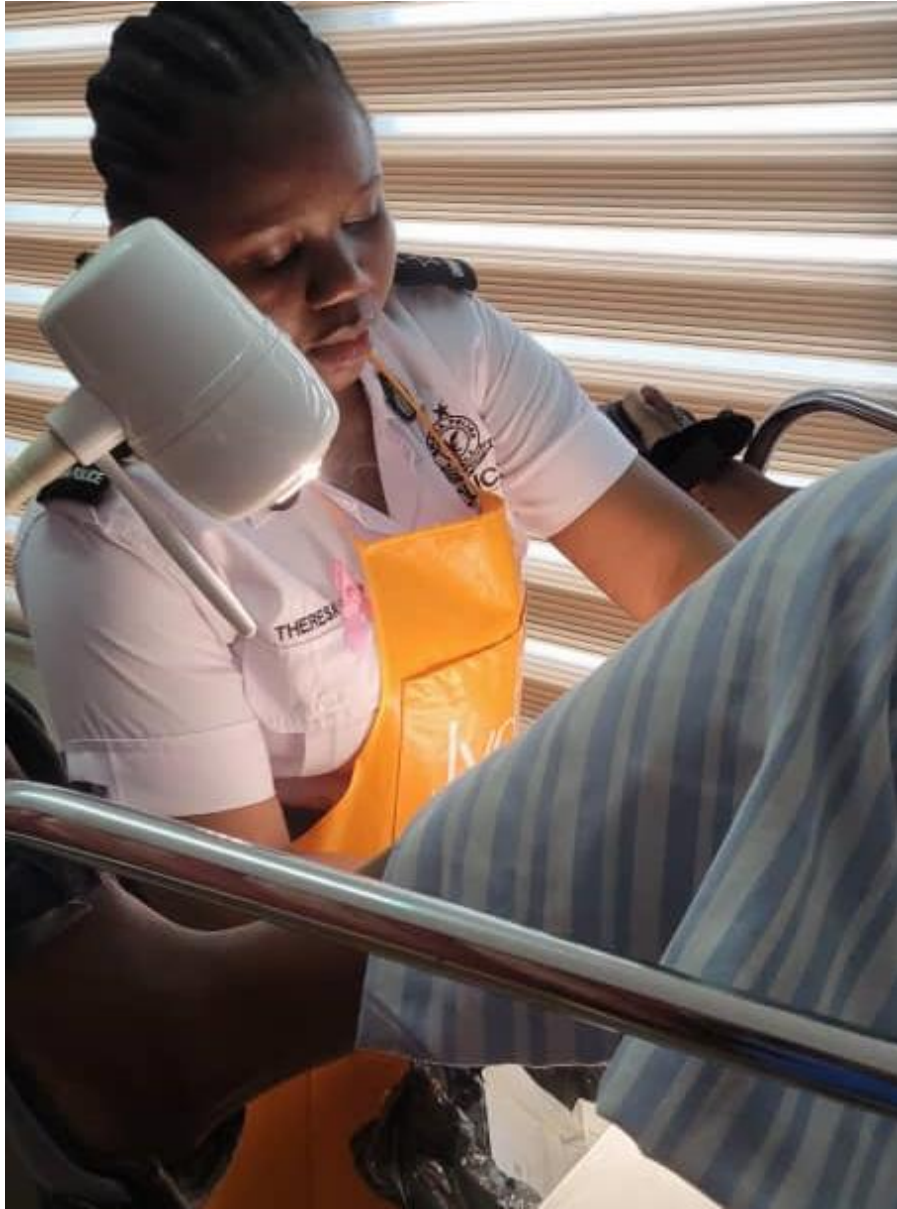
CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH LAUNCH



TRAINING STAFF ON HOW TO MAKE COTTON STICKS



SCREENING CLIENTS



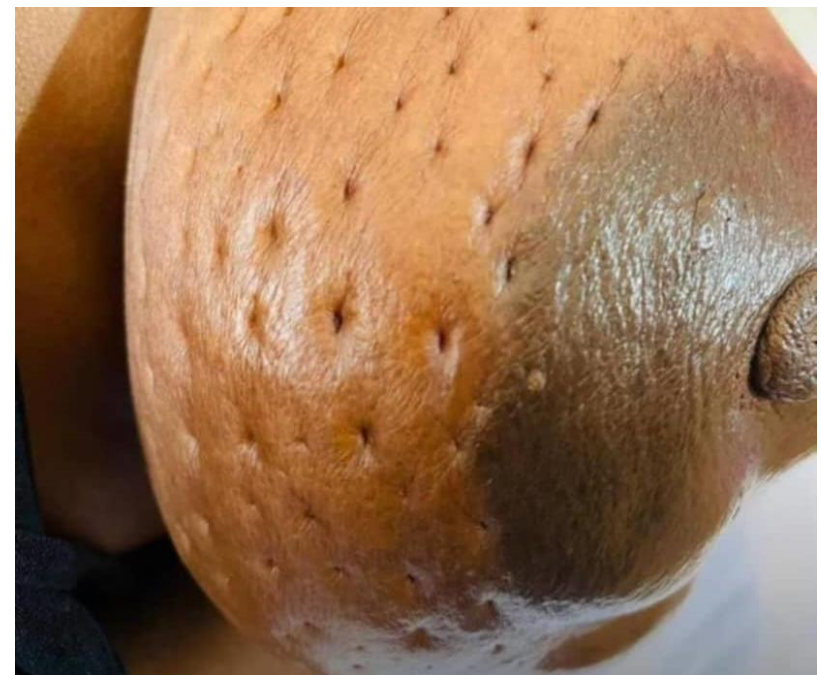
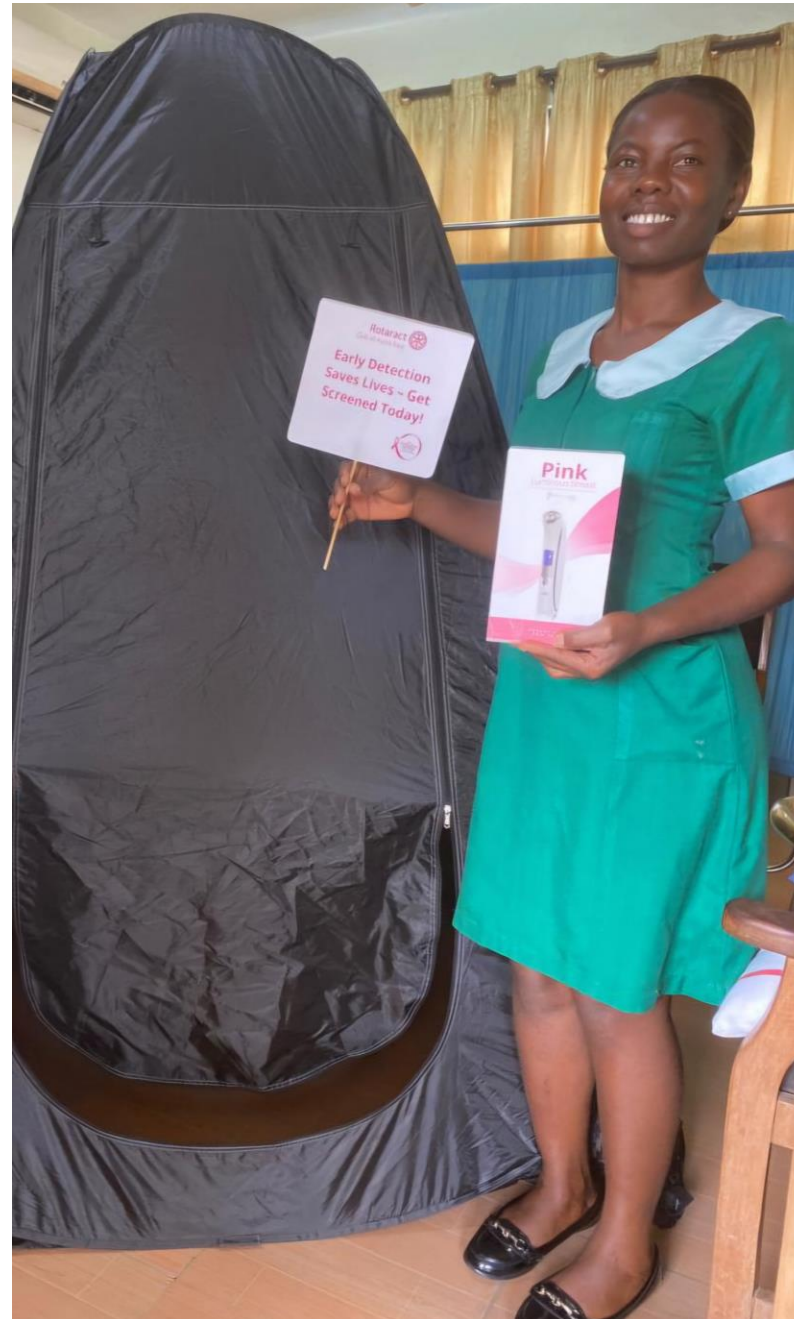
Breast Care

The unit also offers breast cancer screening as a walk-in service

All clients are taught and encouraged to do their monthly breast self examination

Our clinical breast examinations have helped to prevent about 15 women from progressing to breast cancer

BREAST CARE



STATISTICS

PERIOD	HPV TEST	VIA	PAP SMEAR	BREAST CANCER	COLPOSCOPY
FEB-DEC 2024	-	42	15	70	7
JAN-MAY 2025	55	73	10	25	15
TOTAL	55	115	25	95	22

Awareness Campaigns

Beyond clinical services, I have actively participated in cervical cancer awareness initiatives, including the free screening of approximately 2,000 women across Accra at the Ridge Hospital.

I have also engaged in screening programs held at the Catholic Hospital in Battor and St. Anthony's catholic hospital at Dzodze, all in the Volta Region.

These campaigns have been instrumental in destigmatizing cervical cancer screening and encouraging early health-seeking behavior.



Sustainability and Future Plan

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the centre, I am working towards:

- **Integrating the services into our ANC and Gynae clinic.**
- **Training additional midwives and nurses to expand the workforce.**
- **Advocating for policy-level support and funding to subsidize HPV vaccination for low-income clients.**
- **We also plan to initiate regular outreach programs to extend services to police stations and barracks across the region.**

Challenges

Funding constraints

Limited infrastructure

Cultural/societal barriers

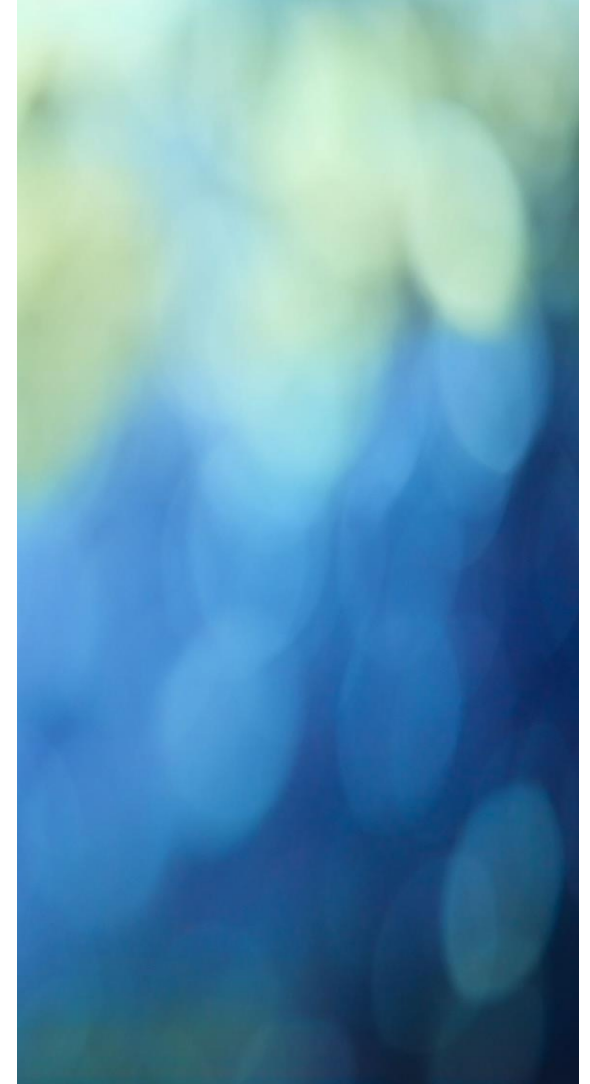
Stigma around Family Planning

Conclusion

From a spark of inspiration during clinical attachment to a functioning, life-saving center at the Ghana Police Hospital, this journey exemplifies innovation, perseverance, and impact.

I present this project not only as a testament to personal commitment and professional excellence but also as a beacon of what Ghanaian nurses and midwives can achieve when driven by purpose and equipped with the right tools.

I humbly submit this innovation for your consideration in recognition of our collective mission to safeguard women's health in Ghana.





THANK YOU