

Vidya Jyoti

Annual Report 2024

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Our partners



Vidya Jyoti charity was born on **9th February 2020**, founded by Dr Pamela Kaushal, a British born consultant psychiatrist, who spent one year in India (2018), where she worked as a volunteer for many NGOs, trying to seek her path of selfless service.

Pamela returned to the UK in 2019 and decided to set up an organisation in the UK, to help the underprivileged in India, providing support in the fields of education, vocational training and nutrition. After-school numeracy/literacy classes, vocational training centres (sewing and computer training) and breakfast/lunch programmes were set up in the states of Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar, for the poorest rural communities.

The Covid pandemic in early 2020, hampered the projects in India after 2 years. In September 2021 Pamela met a sincere group of volunteers in Ghana, who shared the plight of villagers, who had no access to clean water. In November 2021, the Vidya Jyoti Ghana water project was born. Within 3 years our water project has spread across the country, reaching **110** villages. In 2022 the water project reached Tonkolili district, in rural Sierra Leone. In 2024 our water project reached Kogi state in rural Nigeria and then Ratanakiri Province in rural Northeast Cambodia.

In May 2024, Vidya Jyoti started our medical and surgical treatment sponsorship project, for the underprivileged in Ghana and Nigeria, in collaboration with government teaching hospitals.

In the UK, Vidya Jyoti Trustee and secretary Angela Bhardwaj has established projects, to serve individuals with physical & intellectual disabilities and their carers. Vidya Jyoti also provides regular support to other charities (Young carers Bucks and Wycombe Women's Aid, Buckinghamshire U.K).



Vidya Jyoti UK team:

Angela Bhardwaj (Trustee)
Vishal Bhardwaj (Trustee)
Chander Kishore Kaushal (Trustee)
Parminder Bajaj (Trustee)
Dr Pamela Kaushal (Trustee)
Gladmore Maringa (Advisor)
Suharup Jayabalan (legal advisor)

Vidya Jyoti Ghana team:

Azietor Jupita Kofi
(coordinator – Ghana South)
Samson Adongo
(coordinator – Ghana North)
Ignatius Adabila
Vijay Gokaldas (Trustee)
Puja Gokaldas (Trustee)
Bismark (engineer Ghana North)
Yaw Johnson
(engineer Ghana South)

Vidya Jyoti Cambodia Team

Heng Phakdey
Vishal Kapoor

Vidya Jyoti UK Volunteers

Tasmin, Peter, Jyoti, Lourdes,
Priya, Parminder, Kishore, Vishal
Ashish, Radhika,

Vidya Jyoti Sierra Leone Team

Jason Mansaray
Abu Mansaray

Vidya Jyoti Nigeria Team

Dr Taiwo Jones
Dr Durowaye
Emmanuel Korede

Vidya Jyoti website team

Vinayak Nair
Angela
Daniel



Dr Kaushal's first visit to Ghana (2022)

*Vidya Jyoti is proud to say that
100% of all donations are used for
our service projects.*

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GHANA WATER PROJECT

Ghana has **16 regions** (see map on left). Vidya Jyoti started the water project in November 2021, drilling a new borehole in the village of Mantukwa, Akim North district of Ashanti region. The second borehole was drilled in village Tornu, in North Tongu district of Volta region, where we installed our first mechanised borehole.

Within 3 years **110 Indian Mark II Handpumps** have been installed in **110 villages**, across **6 regions** of Ghana. (see table below)

We have set up maintenance schedule where our coordinators are sent to check the installed pumps in their regions, every three to four months, providing us information on any faults, which are repaired by our engineers.



Name of Region	No. of handpumps
Volta (2 districts)	26
Eastern (5 districts)	25
Oti (1 district)	14
North East (2 districts)	40
Upper East (1 district)	5
Ashanti (1 district)	1
TOTAL	110



GHANA AND NIGERIA HEALTH PROJECTS

Sandra Vida, our 1st dialysis patient



9 yr old Lois Nigerian with renal cancer



8 yr old Kelvin - cardiac surgery



VIDYA JYOTI MEDICAL/SURGICAL SPONSORSHIP (May 2024 – October 2024)

Vidya Jyoti has funded **32** patients for their medical/surgical investigations and treatments, across 3 hospitals in Ghana and 1 hospital in Nigeria. 16 patients are children with cancer.

We also fund twice weekly dialysis sessions, in 5 government hospital dialysis units across Ghana, for patients unable to afford regular dialysis at a cost £ 25 per session.

1. Medical/surgical sponsorships (May - June) = £ 13,837.60
2. Medical/surgical sponsorships (July - Aug) = £ 13,976.00
3. Medical/surgical sponsorships (Sept - Oct) = £ 3889.42
4. Dialysis sponsorship (Ghana) (May -Oct) = £ 7600
5. Dialysis sponsorship (Nigeria) (June- Aug) = £ 1600
6. Additional costs related to dialysis patients = £ 1000

(May 2024 to October 2024) TOTAL EXPENDITURE approx. £ 42,000



Ghana Trustee Vijay Gokaldas with 12 yr old Edwin who has lymphoma



15 yr old Stacey, nasopharyngeal cancer sponsored for radiotherapy



3 yr old Jason from Nigeria with congenital cardiac defect, in India for surgery

GHANA EDUCATION PROJECTS



second hand computers and writing materials donated to 2 rural senior secondary Schools in Volta region. Sanitary pads distributed to school girls.



Sponsorship of 8 nursing students at Government nursing training institution, Nalerigu North East Ghana. Sponsorship of 1 student for 3 year undergraduate studies. All students are from underprivileged families.

Funding of two teachers salaries for Vidya Primary School, a rural school in Nalerigu, North East Ghana



Vidya School (North East Ghana)



Sponsored nursing students with our team

CAMBODIA WATER PROJECT



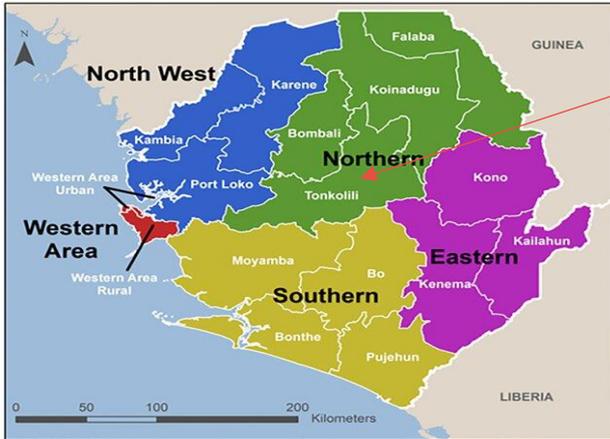
Vidya Jyoti Cambodia rural water project started in September 2024. So far 10 new boreholes have been drilled in the Lumphat district, Ratanakiri Province, North East Cambodia. (see map – top right corner is Ratanakiri)

Two of the drillings are at village schools. Our water project coordinator Mr Heng Phakdey has surveyed remote villages where there is no access to clean water. AOV International (India) Handpump manufacturer CEO Mr Vishal Kapoor is sending high quality handpumps for our project to Cambodia and is jointly managing the project with Mr Phakdey.



SIERRA LEONE In July 2022, Vidya Jyoti began work on constructing a school in Mashangba village. The original school was running inside a mud hut. In Macrogba village Vidya Jyoti renovated the existing dilapidated structure. (see photos below) Both villages are in Yonibana, Tonkolili district

(see map below)



Vidya Jyoti constructed and rehabilitated a total of 5 village borewells, one for each village school (Mashangba and Macrogba)



MACROGBA VILLAGE SCHOOL BEFORE AND AFTER RECONSTRUCTION (SEPTEMBER 2022)



MASHANGBA SCHOOL BEFORE AND AFTER RECONSTRUCTION (SEPTEMBER 2022)



UNITED KINGDOM PROJECTS

Disabilities programme

Our main project in the UK is hosting tea parties for 50-60 adults with disabilities four times a year. We love socialising with these individuals and have watched many of them grow in confidence and skills.

These guests have developed so much independence that they love organising and running aspects of the event themselves:

During these parties, we do arts and crafts, play a range of games including pass the parcel, musical statues, parachute games and of course there is always lots of singing and dancing!



Wycombe Womens' Aid:

Wycombe women's aid supports women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Since 2020, Vidya Jyoti has supported this charity by donating Easter eggs and non-perishable foods at Christmas for women living in temporary accommodation because of abuse.



Young Carers Bucks:

Young Carers Bucks is a charity that with young children aged 5-16. These children either care for a parent with a disability/other need or may have a sibling who has needs. As a result, these children miss out on many opportunities to have fun and just be children. Since 2020, Vidya Jyoti has provided Easter eggs and Christmas presents to approximately 50 each year.



VIDYA JYOTI NUTRITION PROGRAMMES...PAST AND FUTURE

Vidya Jyoti started breakfast and lunch projects in the states of Rajasthan and in Bihar in 2021. These initiatives were provided alongside basic numeracy and literacy classes for children of slum localities and rural government school children.



Rs 20 breakfast for slum locality children in Rajasthan (2021)



Lunch programme for slum locality children in Munger, Bihar (2021)



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Jyoti Om sai Ram



Vidya Jyoti has partnered with the NGO **Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna programme**, who are providing millions of government school children in India, with the free breakfast nutritional supplement **Saisure**. Vidya Jyoti is planning the launch of the Saisure malt based nutritional supplement drink, free for rural government school children in Northeast Cambodia.

