



VIDYA JYOTI

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OUR PARTNERS



Nantara Memorial Charitable Trust





Vidya Jyoti charity was established on **9th February 2020**, founded by Dr Pamela Kaushal, a British born consultant psychiatrist.

Vidya Jyoti has been undertaking selfless service projects in **Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Cambodia, India and the United Kingdom** in the verticals of Healthcare sponsorships for indigent patients, access to clean water through boreholes, education scholarships, vocational training, computer training labs for government schools, nutrition and support/empowerment of adults with disabilities and young carers.



VIDYA JYOTI TEAMS

Vidya Jyoti UK team:

Angela Bhardwaj (Trustee)
Vishal Bhardwaj (Trustee)
Chander Kishore Kaushal (Trustee)
Parminder Bajaj (Trustee)
Dr Pamela Kaushal (Trustee)
Suharupy Jayabalan (legal advisor)

Vidya Jyoti Ghana team:

Samson Adongo (coordinator)
Isaac Nabiam
Ignatius Adabila
Alfred
Wilson
Bismark (engineer Ghana North)
Elisha (Engineer Ghana North)
Yaw Johnson (engineer Ghana South)

Vidya Jyoti Nigeria Team

Dr Jones Taiwo (Medical Director)
Mr Olushola Ayejeto (Water/health coordinator)
Mrs Patience Omolara (Education coordinator)

Vidya Jyoti Cambodia Team

Mr Heng Phakdey (coordinator)
Mr Vishal Kapoor (Advisor)
Mr Sandeep Majumdar (advisor)
Dr Dathalineth Mam (Advisor)

Vidya Jyoti Uganda Team

Mr Suresh Babu (Coordinator)
Dr Michael Oketcho
Dr Emma Ndgire
Dr Gloria Owomugisha

Vidya Jyoti UK Volunteers

Tamsin, Peter, Jyoti, Lourdes, Ronak, Sudha,
Priya, Parminder, Kishore, Vishal
Ashish, Radhika.

Vidya Jyoti website team

Vinayak Nair, Angela, Daniel, Pamela

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



VIDYA JYOTI UGANDA

Paediatric cardiac surgery sponsorships

Vidya Jyoti has collaborated with the Uganda Heart Institute, to sponsor indigent children with congenital heart disease, whose parents are unable to fund the cost of their surgeries. Consultant Paediatric cardiac surgeon Dr Michael Oketcho requests lists of indigent patients from the cardiologists, who are then contacted and verified by our Vidya Jyoti coordinator Brother

Vidya Jyoti launched project officially on 7th July 2025. Our first patient to be sponsored was **2-year-old Mary Akurut**. (see photo above with Mary, her mother and Brother Suresh)

Elijah Amazima



Shifa Nasuana



Purity Nanono



Madina Kiiza

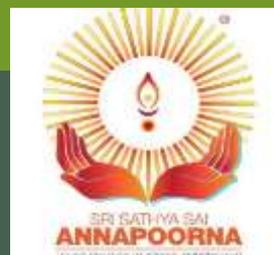


Patience Ampaire





INDIA NUTRITION



Sri Sathya Sai Annapoorna Trust operates one of India's largest morning nutrition programs for rural school children, ensuring child nutrition security and hunger management at the grassroots level for the last 12 years. Currently, the Trust provides morning nutrition to over 10 million students across 25 Indian states through SaiSure, a specially formulated malt/millet-based nutritional supplement. SaiSure is designed for children aged 3-16 years and provides 50% of the recommended daily allowance (RDA) of essential micronutrients. By addressing hidden hunger and nutrient deficiencies, the supplement has been instrumental in improving school enrollment, punctuality, mental focus, academic performance, and overall health. Teachers have also reported increased motivation and engagement among students due to better nourishment and attentiveness.

In April 2025, Vidya Jyoti partnered with Annapoorna Trust, to fund Saisure morning nutrition for 700 tribal children in West Bengal. In July 2025, Vidya Jyoti funded morning nutrition for 5000 children in Telengana and in October 2025, Vidya Jyoti funded morning nutrition for 5000 children in Karnataka. Vidya Jyoti has agreed to fund Saisure for HIV+ and TB patients in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu,

Vidya Jyoti collaborated with Nayantara Memorial Trust, an organization which is working to support tribal villages in West Bengal, India for education, skills and livelihood. Vidya Jyoti has paid for the sponsorship of one rural after school education centre in the village of laxmipur, where 50 rural children attend. Vidya Jyoti has funded mobile computer skills training by providing laptops for the rural children to learn basic computer skills.



Nayantara Memorial Charitable Trust





VIDYA JYOTI NIGERIA EDUCATION

Vidya Jyoti Nigeria Education coordinator Sister Patience Omolara, interviewing indigent students and their families.

Victor Oti



13 year old Victor met Dr Kaushal during her visit to Nigeria. Victor's mother who uses water from Vidya Jyoti's handpump close to their home, sells water from the handpump to pay for Victor's school fees. Victor likes Maths and Science. His teachers commented on his good behaviour and hard work. His as received a scholarship from Vidya Jyoti for fees, textbooks, uniform, shoes and school bag.

Aminat Abdulyekini



Vidya Jyoti scholarship for pharmacy technician course (2 years) at school of Health technology, Suleja, Nigeria.

Favour Chidera Ubaka



Favour Chidera Ubaka 21 yrs old was given a Vidya Jyoti scholarship awarded for B.Sc. Physiology (4 yr course) at Federal university. Lafia, Nasarawa, Nigeria. Her mother sells charcoal for their livelihood.

Mercy John



Mercy is a Year 2 student at Federal college of Education Zuba (Dept of English and social studies). Her father is deceased and her mother works as a manual labourer. Mercy sells peanuts on the street to fund her education.



VIDYA JYOTI GHANA

EDUCATION

PROGRAMME

Vidya Jyoti has collaborated with the Gambaga College of Education (GACoE). The college is one of the 46 public colleges of Adongo education in Ghana located at Gambaga in the Northern Region. The college had its accreditation in 2013 and is affiliated to the university of Cape Coast for purposes of external assessment of students and award of Diploma in Basic Education (DBE) certificate to qualified persons. Vidya Jyoti has offered up to 15 second year indigent students scholarships, paying their annual tuition fees. Our Vidya Jyoti Ghana coordinator Samson, interviewed and verified the selected scholarship candidates, visiting their homes and families.

Vidya Jyoti has also offered up to 15 scholarships for nursing and midwifery students at the government training institute in Nalerigu, North East Ghana.



VIDYA JYOTI ICT LAB IN NORTH EAST GHANA

On 17th January 2025, Viday Jyoti inaugurated a new computer IT skills lab at the Nasuan Senior High school, a government residential school in the Yunyoo Nasuan District (North East Region). This is the first such facility provided to a government school in this region. The students at this school did not know how to use computers. Vidya Jyoti provided 21 new desktop computers, all furniture, flatscreen TV for teaching and full electrical cabling for the lab.





Nigeria

Water Project

Since the inception of our water project in Nigeria in August 2024, a total of 11 villages have received access to clean water from our water project. Since December 2024 a total of 8 new boreholes were drilled and handpumps installed. The whole project is managed by our Nigeria coordinator Mr. Olushola Ayejeto.

Name of community	intervention	Installation date
Iyara village, Kogi state	New solar panels and motorised pump installed	August 2024
Oogri village, Kogi state	New handpump installed	August 2024
Mopa village, Kogi state	New handpump installed	August 2024
Kodayi community Nasawara state	New drilling, platform Indian Mark II handpump	December 2024
KwakwasheRafinseyin community, Niger state	New drilling, platform Indian Mark II handpump	January 2025
New Biwari, Niger state	Solar powered mechanised pump attached to polytank	February 2025
Agbede village, Kabba Bunu, Kogi state	Handpump repair (replacing pipes and rods) x 26	March 2025
Akpata village, Lokoja, Kogi state	New drilling, platform Indian Mark II handpump	March 2025
Ileteju village, Kogi state	New drilling, platform Indian Mark II handpump	April 2025
Irepeni village Kogi state	New drilling, platform Indian Mark II handpump	June 2025
Uro village, Kogi state	New drilling, platform Indian Mark II handpump	Nov 2025



Vidya Jyoti Nigeria coordinator Olushola Ayejeto



NIGERIA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME



Vidya Jyoti Founder Trustee Dr Pamela Kaushal visited Nigeria for the first time in May 2025, where she met with Vidya Jyoti Medical Director Dr Jones Taiwo, who works as a consultant paediatric surgeon in Lokoja, Kogi state, Nigeria. A meeting was held between the Chief Medical Director of the Federal Teaching Hospital Lokoja, in Kogi state, Dr Kaushal, Dr Taiwo, and Mr. Olushola Ayejeto (Vidya Jyoti Nigeria coordinator), where they agreed an MoU with this hospital, for indigent patients to be sponsored for their medical and surgical investigations and treatments.

Following the success of this collaboration, a further 5 hospitals have collaborated with Vidya Jyoti for the same purpose.



Vidya Jyoti now 4 partner hospitals in Nigeria:

1. **Federal Teaching Hospital Lokoja (Kogi state)**
2. **Abuja University Teaching Hospital (Abuja – capital)**
3. **Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital (Osun state)**
4. **Benue State University teaching hospital (Benue State)**

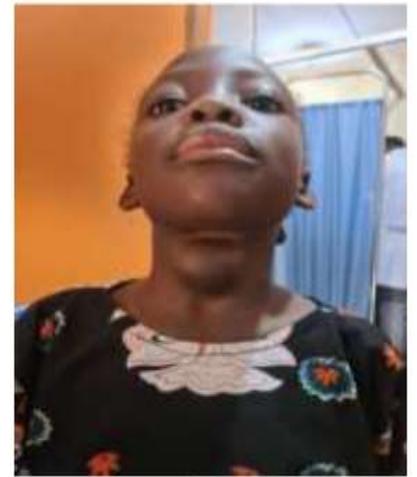




Fatima Abdul Kareem 8 yrs



Mary Malleh Joseph 25 yrs



Husseina Abdulrauff 6 yrs



Israel Okwori 12 yrs



Samuel Destiny 1mth



Chia Kanafe 6 yrs



Kabiru Faruk 9 yrs



Desmond Atakpa 8 yrs



Timileih 17 yrs



Gloria Ayhnauro 9 yrs



Constance Iwale 18 yrs



Timothy Simon 2 yrs



Kazeem Abdulwaheb 6 yrs



Baby Goodnews



Baby Idris Jemila



Ibukun Adeyele 20 yrs



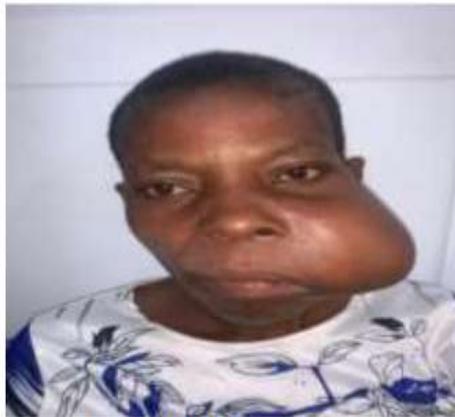
Baby Ishmail Zainab



Emmanuel Odiba 65 yrs



Emmanuel Monday 11 yrs



Faith Abutu 27 yrs



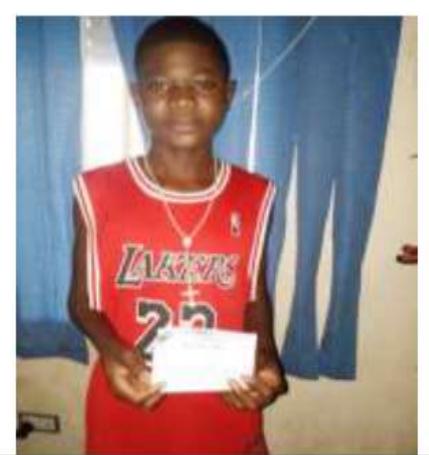
Rabi Muhammad 6 yrs



Aisha Seidu 18 yrs



Abogunde Onyiyi 38 yrs



Bemshima Imoter 15 yrs



Nigeria Heart surgery

Sponsorship beneficiaries 2025

The Divine Project



3 year old **Divine Oyekanmi** from Nigeria was referred to Vidya Jyoti in May 2025, as her parents could not afford the 6 million Naira required for her open heart surgery. Divine was assessed at the cardiology department at Obafemi Awolowo University teaching hospital in Ile Ife, Nigeria, where she was accepted for surgery and a date of 22nd July 2025 was scheduled. Unfortunately, Divine developed complications preoperatively which led to her death on 7th July 2025.

Vidya Jyoti has decided to dedicate our paediatric cardiac surgery sponsorship programme in memory of Divine, who was to be our first sponsorship patient in Nigeria for this programme.

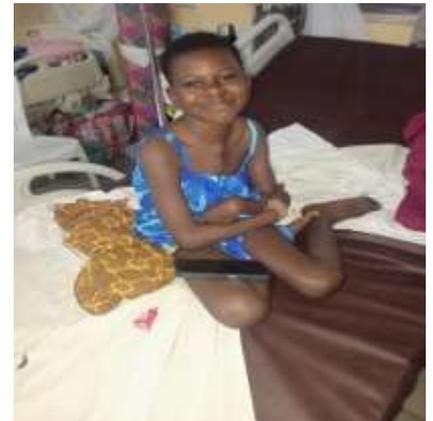
Through the Divine project, Vidya Jyoti hopes to fund this life saving heart surgery for indigent patients in Nigeria. We are sincerely grateful to **Consultant Paediatric cardiothoracic surgeon Dr Uvie Onakpoya** and his department, for collaborating with us for this programme in Nigeria across two hospitals **Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching hospital (OAUTH)** and **Afe Babalola University teaching hospital (ABUAD)**.



1 yr Michael Oni



12 yr old Ishola Razaq



8 yr old Amarin



Dr Uvie Onakpoya

Consultant Paediatric cardiothoracic surgeon





GHANA WATER PROJECT

Ghana has 16 regions (see map on left). Vidya Jyoti started the water project in November 2021.

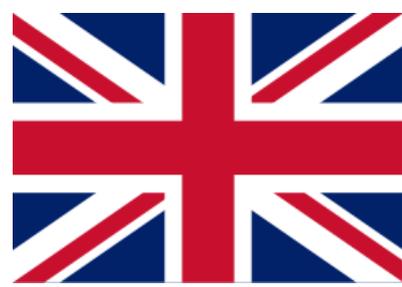
124 Pumps were installed over 4 years.

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.

Vidya Jyoti North Ghana Team

Name of Region	No. of handpumps
Volta (2 districts)	26
Eastern (5 districts)	24
Oti (1 district)	13
North East (6 districts)	55
Upper East (1 district)	5
Ashanti (1 district)	1
TOTAL	124





VIDYA JYOTI
UNITED KINGDOM

2025 has been an eventful year in the UK for Vidya Jyoti!



We kicked off the year celebrating Vidya Jyoti's 5th birthday on **9th February** with a trip down memory lane.

Our donors were taken on a journey through all the triumphs and tribulations, showcasing all our projects to date and introducing them through video messages to each member of our team across all three continents.

We even held a competition for the best fundraising idea! Well done to Radhika – the happy owner of our VJ t-shirt!

In **April**, we held our fun packed Easter party at Wycombe Gateway with just over 45 guests. There was music, dancing, food (lots of it!) and of course Easter based activities including: Easter crafts, an Easter egg hunt, Easter biscuit decorating **and** an egg and spoon race for some added competition.



Of course, no party is complete without our parachute, and the best part was that our guests confidently led some of our activities like 'Bingo' giving us a chance to put our feet up!

Easter was also a time that we made our yearly donation of Easter eggs to Young Carers Bucks and Wycombe Women's Aid. Take a look at the lovely messages they sent us.

Eggs have arrived!
Thank you so much for thinking about our young carers and thank you so much to the charity for being so generous!

Morning Angela
The delivery arrived at 10am this morning and is absolutely superb 😊

We welcomed summer with our first ever party for senior women from South Asian backgrounds in **June**. Who knew they could be full of so much laughter, joy, experience and of course kindness! They prepared all the food for the party themselves and even provided the entertainment with their singing, dancing and stories of migration. As the saying goes – ‘When the cats away, the mice will play!’ What a truly delightful event that we look forward to again!



Upcoming projects

Harrow Gateway

Saturday 15th November is the date of our Autumn party at Harrow Gateway where Vidya Jyoti will be hosting approximately 75 people.

The most exciting part of this party, on top of all the games and activities that have been planned, is that there will be PIZZA for lunch!

Our guests are really looking forward to it as are we.



Young Carers Bucks

Vidya Jyoti has funded the cost for 30 carers to go ice skating over the Christmas period. The cost includes the entrance tickets and transport to the location.



“This is such great news!

I can’t explain how much this trip means to some of our young carers.

Please look out for pictures on social media after the trip has taken place.” –

Message from the service manager at Young Carers Bucks

Wycombe Women’s Aid

For Christmas this year Vidya Jyoti will again be supporting Wycombe Women’s Aid.

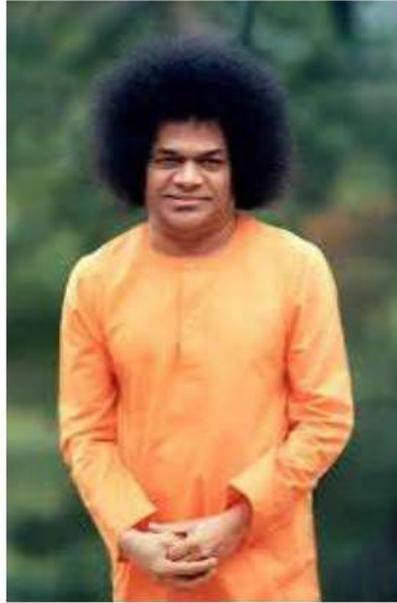
“Thank you so much for wanting to support WWA again this year 🙏

You may remember that last year you donated a range of more ethnically diverse food and this was fantastic. If you are happy to do the same again this year we would be very grateful, thank you” 🙏

(Message from WWA liaison officer)

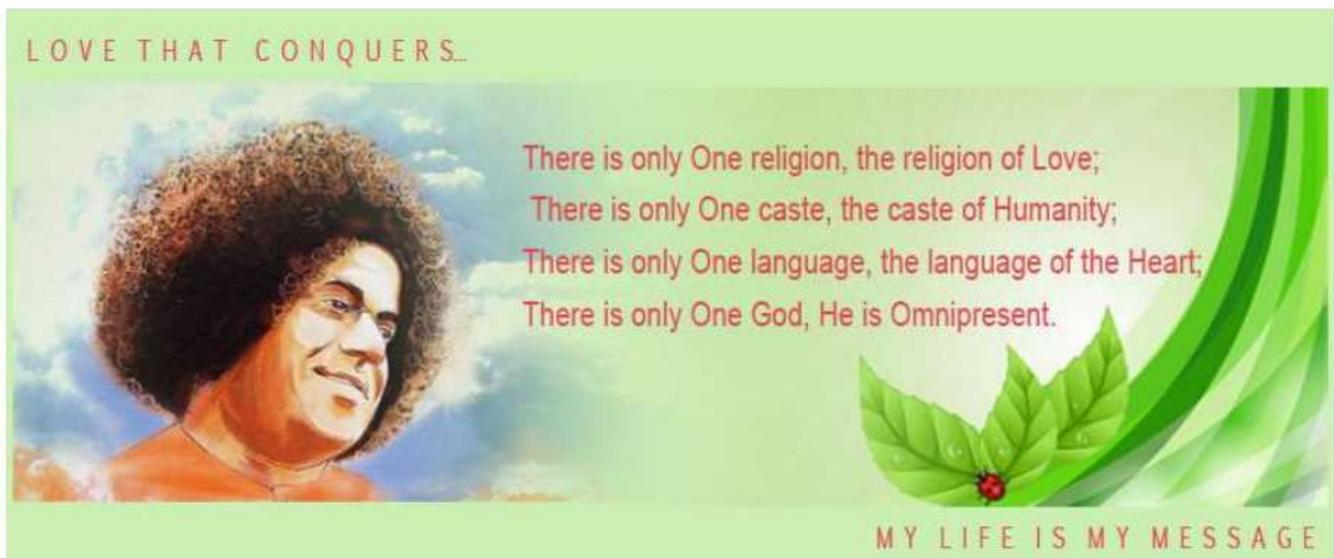
Clearly women from a diverse range of communities are now escaping domestic violence and seeking refuge. Please feel free to support us with any food donations that you can.

Our Inspiration



Vidya Jyoti is inspired by **Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba (1926 – 2011)**. His teachings of LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL, HELP EVER, HURT NEVER and SERVICE TO MANKIND IS SERVICE TO GOD, are guiding principles for His followers across the world. He built world class hospitals in rural India for the poorest patients who could not afford super specialist healthcare. He gave millions of rural Indians access to clean water through one of India's largest water projects and provided values based, world class education free of cost.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba taught us:



This year is honoured as the centenary year of this Great Master. We offer this Tribute to Him who guided us to love and serve selflessly.