

GOLDEN STAR

Prevention is Better Than Cure

Promoting extension of preventative health services, to enhance health outcomes for host communities.



In a strategic alliance between the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and private sector companies, including Golden Star, project partners are working together to promote and extend preventative health services to host communities for improved health outcomes. The World Health Organisation estimates mortality from non-communicable diseases will increase by 17% over the next 10 years, with the largest increase expected in developing countries especially in the African region.

Under the private: public partnership, Golden Star has constructed and equipped Ghana's first ever dual prevention and curative health facility, featuring integrated family planning services, preventative health screening, National Health Insurance Scheme office (NHIS) and maternity unit, in addition to normal services. The facility was designed by Golden Star in conjunction with the project sponsor, the Ghana Health Service, to whom the facility has been hand-over for operation.

Developed as a pilot under the partnership, the facility has been acclaimed throughout Ghana as leading practice, leading the Ministry of Health and Ghana's NHIS to support scale-up of the pilot into Ghana's quasi-Governmental Hospital's system.

Through improved accessibility and affordability, and enhanced service provision, the project has seen poor rural communities better educated on their health status. Now empowered for greater self-management of chronic conditions, communities are realising improved health outcomes, a parallel reduction in health burden to the constrained government health services system.

