

GOLDEN STAR

Helping Babies Breathe

Supporting Sustainable Development Goal 3 to reduce child mortality and improve maternal health.



Golden Star is a supporter of Project C.U.R.E. which has delivered 29 containers of medical equipment to Ghana since 2003, serving over 18 million people. In 2014 the Golden Star Development Foundation (GSDF) supported Project CURE to bring over \$0.4 M in medical equipment to our catchments.

In 2015 Golden Star and the GSDF partnered to bring the Project CURE Helping Babies Breathe program to our catchments. The 4-day neonatal resuscitation training for 40 health professionals has resulted in tangible benefits.

In a brief testimony Ms. Comfort Yamoah, Physician Assistant and Head of Ateiku sub-district health directorate said the training was a tremendous opportunity for improved delivery skills.

She noted the program had led to improved neonatal survival and reduced referrals to other facilities, and the supply of equipment was timely as most facilities lacked these resources.

The District Public Health Nurse, Ms. Patience Otoo confirmed the assertion by Ms. Yamoah, with statistical data that neonatal death had decreased from 1.1% to 0.06% per 100 live births from 2014 to 2015 in just one year since the program inception!

With the success of the program, Golden Star in 2017 raised funds to support two further Helping Babies Breathe programs in 2018. These programs trained over 70 health professionals from our Prestea Huni-Valley and Wassa Amenfi Districts with a dramatic 25% improvement in neo-natal survival in less than a year!