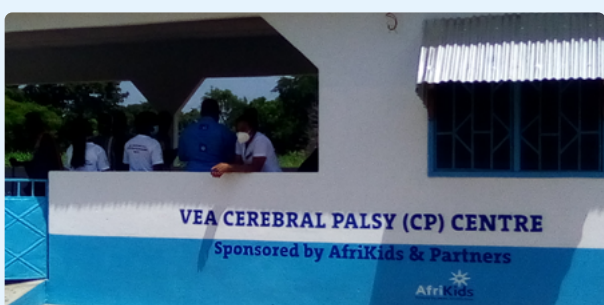




Disabilities

Children with disabilities often have their conditions misunderstood in northern Ghana. This puts them at risk of not receiving proper healthcare and sometimes even neglect, abuse, and infanticide.

Children with Disabilities are often regarded as 'Spirit Children', a belief that the child is possessed by malevolent spirits, who seek to harm the family. This phenomenon is rooted in deeply held traditional beliefs. It is symptomatic of the endemic poverty communities and families face; perhaps evolving as a way to cope with unmanageable extra strain on communities already pushed to their limits.



Queen Mother of Gowrie



"More than a year ago, I encountered a little child in my community who could not walk and the body was not very flexible. The women were gossiping about the child and I got to hear. Having come in contact with AfriKids' Project by then, I decided to report the child... Today, I am very happy to say that the child is now walking. This is a live saving project by AfriKids. It is good to be joining my chief today to say an end to child infanticide in my community."

An estimated

1,297

children's lives have been saved through building relationships with communities and challenging beliefs

34,383

community members educated on child disability through talks by people with disabilities and Ghana Health Service

How does AfriKids support Children with Disabilities?

Means

AfriKids empowers the livelihoods of the parents of children with disabilities through professional skills training and with a pair of breeding goats. We do this to ensure they have the means to provide for their child's additional care needs. We work with communities and traditional healers and spiritualists to remove the economic incentive for 'spirit child' practices to continue.



Motive

AfriKids is a specialist in community relations and the changing of hearts & minds. We work with communities to build the motive for changing beliefs on children with disabilities. We are able to show just how much a child's life can change with the appropriate healthcare and that people with disabilities can lead a rich life as a valued member of communities.



Opportunity

We work to ensure that children with disabilities have the opportunity to enjoy the rights afforded to every child and to have a happy childhood. AfriKids works with schools to build accessibility infrastructure, we work with Ghana Health Service to build the capacity of health workers to deliver for children with disabilities, and we work with communities to build formal and informal networks that keep children safe.



Your donation makes a huge difference

Join us to help ensure that no child with disabilities is subject to discrimination, abuse, or infanticide.

Together we can help children with disabilities enjoy an accessible, quality education. We can help them access healthcare that dramatically improves their quality of life. And finally, we can change the perceptions of communities to ensure that children are valued and protected.



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