

## PPRC Newsletter Volume 28 – Easter 2026

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Ahotokurom, Ghana. We are pleased to report strong progress, with 2025 ending on a positive note with continued improvements in service delivery.

Our governance has been strengthened with the appointment of three new members to the Board of Directors, bringing the total to five. The Board's recent visit to the centre provided valuable engagement and helpful recommendations.

Our Christmas celebrations were a highlight, including the inaugural carol service and cultural display at Enyinndakurom, and a well-attended nativity play at St. Elizabeth's. Parents have given encouraging feedback on their children's progress.

While local funding increased slightly from 10% to 12%, we recognise the need to strengthen this further. Careful budgeting and cost control remain essential.

Our priorities for 2026 include delivering sustainable, high-quality care, strengthening fundraising, reducing reliance on public water, acquiring vehicles, piloting

crowdfunding, and developing a donor management system.

We are deeply grateful to all our supporters, especially St David's Trust for their recent very generous contribution. Your support makes our work possible.

We wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful Easter.

Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mantey'.

Dr Mark Mantey, CEO



The Three Kings – St. Elizabeth's



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further updates on the Enyinndakurom livelihood project in our next newsletter.

**2. Enyinndakurom Village**

Our core mission in Enyinndakurom is to provide consistent, high-quality community care and rehabilitation for leprosy survivors who are socially and economically vulnerable.



The Archbishop visiting Enyinnda



The Archbishop with Enyinnda residents

**1. Livelihood Projects**

Anita’s livelihood has faced challenges following the handover, particularly due to the need for relocation from Twifu Praso to Twifu Aboaboa; an aspect we had not fully anticipated. However, accommodation has now been secured, and we are hopeful she will resume business operations soon. We will provide

During the Christmas period, we were pleased to be able to distribute essential items, including rice (5kg), soap, and bottled water, to all residents of Enyinndakurom. The celebrations were enriched by a joyful performance from the Mary Queen of Peace Choir of Ntranoa village.







The Archbishop with the dancers

We also took the opportunity to do some painting before our visitors arrived.



Enyinnda Statues – before painting



The Archbishop with board members



Enyinnda Statues – before painting

We were pleased to welcome visitors, including Nick King, Mary King, from the USA, and Eric from First Intervention Ghana Foundation, who supported the community with donations of medicines, wound dressings, and food, as well as preparing meals for residents. A Nine Lessons and Carols programme, organised by our team and the local youth, featured vibrant cultural performances by the Enyinndakuum troupe. The event was attended by the Archbishop and members of the PPRC Board, creating a memorable and joyful celebration for the community. Over the past three months, the team has delivered 93 wound dressings, 17 health education sessions, and five ICT classes.

We are encouraged to see a growing sense of wellbeing among residents, supported by the increased presence and engagement of PPRC staff in the community. Fr Andy Campbell recently celebrated his 80th Birthday at Weja Leprosarium. The people from Enyinnda village and St Clare's were invited to the celebration.







Enyinnda Statues – after painting

The event was well attended by parents, who shared encouraging feedback on their children’s progress. Since the start of 2026, we have introduced regular sensory and water therapy sessions for six children, held three times weekly, with early improvements seen in attention and focus.

### 3. St. Elizabeth’s Day-Care

Our Christmas celebrations were a great success, featuring a nativity play and cultural performances by the children of Enyinndakurom. An exhibition also showcased items from the ongoing vocational training programme, including hibiscus drink and bread-making. Representatives from Cape TV and Hope on Air attended our Christmas carol service and invited us to participate in a *Hope on Air* programme highlighting support for children with special needs.



King Agogo



St. Elizabeths Nativity Play





Rashida with Alisad from Hope on Air



St. Elizabeths Team

We were pleased to welcome four student interns, whose support was especially valuable during a period of staff leave and illness. Two of our young adults received Jack Petchey achievement awards: Valentine Kofi got the environmental award for his dedication to keeping the campus clean and Philip Ackah got the leadership award.



St Elizabeth's Dancers



King Thomas





#### 4. St. Clare's Nursing Home

All our residents continue to do well, supported by the dedication and compassion of our hardworking team. A productive meeting was held with residents and staff to explore ways to enhance the quality of care provided.

Specialists from the Orthopaedic Training Centre visited to provide services to our residents and others from Cape Coast and surrounding communities.

We welcomed four new student interns, whose support was especially valuable during a period of staff leave and illness. The interns also delivered an engaging and informative session on personal hygiene for residents, supported by staff. We were saddened by the recent bereavement of a valued staff member; Mrs. Mercy Appiah Manu, who lost her mother.



Hairdressing in St Clare's



UEW Lecturer, interns and residents

#### 5. St. Joseph's Outreach

Our outreach team made sure that our outreach clients all received food supplies for Christmas. We are planning to do the same for Easter. Paa Kwasi is doing well. We did a follow up visit recently and provided his school supplies. Our team has started working on a difficult case in Elmina, a single mother with 6 children.



Interns meeting St Clare's residents

#### 6. Donations

We have been blessed by generous donations, both in cash and in kind, over the past three months, with







fourteen groups and individuals visiting the centre to offer their support. We received a generous financial contribution from Mama Ewurasi Lindsay through Rev. George Agye-Nyarko, as well as individual donations from senior staff of the Twifo Praso Oil Plantation. We are sincerely grateful for their kindness.



St Francis de Sales Donation

Parishioners of St Francis de Sales Cathedral also made a generous donation at the start of Holy Week, which was warmly appreciated. In addition, St David's Trust, UK, has made a big contribution to support our work. This will have a meaningful impact on our long-term sustainability, including supporting initiatives to reduce reliance on the public water supply and to upgrade our solar plant, which has now been in operation for over seven years.

### 7. Fundraising

As always, our financial position remains constrained, with 88% of funding still sourced from the UK and Ireland, a situation that is not sustainable in the long term.

For donations in Ghana, our MoMo number is **MTN 0593141358** (Name: *Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre*).

For UK donations, please use: <https://www.ahoto.org/support>

For other international donors, contributions can be made through the Irish Friends of Ahotokuroom (IFoA). We also have specific projects for sponsorship; please contact us for details.

<b>Irish Friends of Ahotokuroom (IFoA)</b>	
Bank	Bank of Ireland
Branch	University of Limerick
Sort Code (NSC)	90-59-50
Account No.	6638 9119
IBAN	IE31 BOFI 9059 5066 3891 19
BIC No.	IE31 BOFI
Charity No.	20149



Friends of Ahoto UK Supplies Arriving

### 8. Sponsorship

We have compiled a list of key items for which we are seeking sponsorship.







This list has recently been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. It is currently available in GHS, Euro, and GBP; the GBP version is attached below as an example. Please contact us if you would like a copy in GHS or Euro.



Mental Health Students Visit

### 9. Visits / Visitors:

We had an official visit from Ms Rhoda Mahama from University College of Education, Winneba (UEW) to assess the UEW internship students currently working at the centre. We also welcomed 90 mental health students from the College of Health, Yamfo (north of Kumasi) as part of their educational outreach programme. Nick King and Mary King from the USA, led by Eric from First Intervention Ghana Foundation, visited as part of their interest in partnering with PPRC in the work at Enyinnda. Staff from the Orthopaedic Training Centre in Nsawam (near Accra) used PPRC as a base for their outreach services in the Central Region, enabling both our residents and members of the wider community to access orthopaedic care in their

local environment. Four interns from UCC School of Agricultural have been assigned to the centre for three weeks work experience.

### 10. PPRC Staff

After more than 40 years of dedicated service, Joe Ahenkwah and Atta Kakra have retired from the centre. The Board formally expressed its gratitude to both gentlemen and presented them with a well-deserved retirement package. Cynthia Attindogo will also be concluding her service at the end of March after many years of dedication and commitment. We thank her sincerely and wish her every success in the future.



Interns, NSS and Staff

We were saddened that one of our hardworking team members at St. Clare's, Ms. Hadiatu Mohammed, who also works on outreach, fell ill on Christmas Day. We are pleased to report that she is making good progress, and we continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery.







Kwadaso Agriculture College Graduation



Kwadaso Agriculture College Graduation



National Service Personnel from Kumasi



Ahoto Grotto- after painting

**11. Farm**

Over recent months, our farm operations have continued to expand across poultry, livestock, and crop production, with steady progress and increased productivity.







Eggs from our Farm

The vegetable farm successfully completed its first production cycle, cultivating crops such as carrots, cabbage, lettuce, cucumber, and green peppers. This milestone provides valuable insights to improve future planting, harvesting, and marketing. Our pineapple fields remain in good condition, with healthy growth observed and strong yields anticipated.

Egg production has shown significant improvement, increasing from 9 crates in December to 24 in January and 29 in February, the highest output to date. This reflects improved flock management and maturing birds. Several broiler cycles have also been successfully completed.



Pig Farm



Preparing the Charcoal Pyre



Sorting the Charcoal





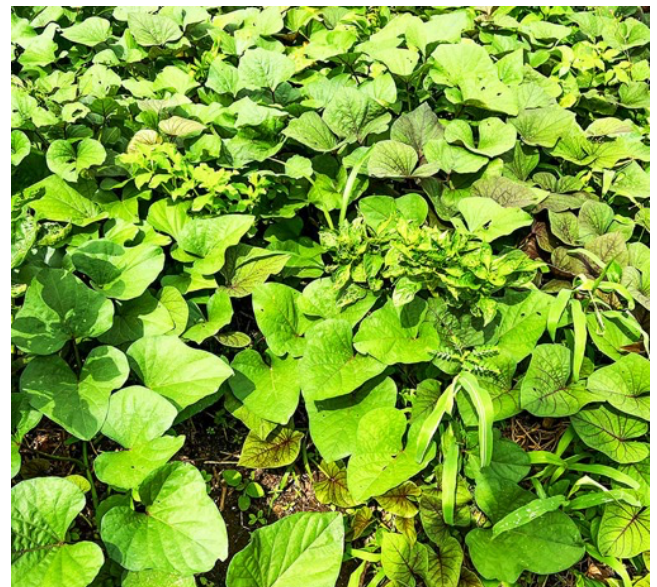
As part of our diversification strategy, a pig farm has been established. Initial stock has been introduced, and crossbreeding is underway to enhance genetic quality and productivity. We recently managed to buy two strimmer's for grounds maintenance, but we would be happy to get two more, as they don't last long in this harsh environment.



Advert for PPRC Eggs



Paw paw fruit



Sweet Potato growing in the farm

## 12. Hostel

We have a vacancy in the hostel, which is allowing us to do some minor repairs, painting, and some landscaping work.

## 13. Solar

Our solar plant recently passed its 7<sup>th</sup> year in operation. It is still regularly producing up to 50 kWh on a good day. However, it has some issues and we're now planning on a significant upgrade in the near future.

## 14. Roads/Transport:

Local road reconstruction and upgrade works are underway at present. We are looking forward to big improvements. Our biggest short-





term worry is what will happen during the wet season.

Advert for PPRC Charcoal

### 15. Governance

2025 was a good year for governance in that we added three new board members, Fr. Patrick Amos, Dr Felix Darbbey and Mr Nii Okpoti. This brings the total to five, including the two long serving members Nana Kodwo Eduakwa V and Ms Mercy Laadi Achaw. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 11-Dec-2025, at which the 2024 Annual Reports, prepared by our auditor, Ebenezer Agyei Addo, were formally approved. A board meeting was also convened on the same date, during which the 2026 budget was reviewed and approved. This includes provision for an 8% increase in operating expenses in response to the 15% inflation rate recorded in 2025. A further board meeting was held on 26 March in

Ahoto, where board members were formally introduced to the management team and given a familiarisation tour of the campus. This provided a valuable opportunity for board members to engage with staff, residents, volunteers, interns, and national service personnel. The board expressed its appreciation to the PPRC team for their ongoing dedication to delivering sustainable, high-quality care. Work has also started on a review of PPRC's strategic plan. We remain deeply grateful for the board's strong support, guidance, and commitment to accountability and ongoing progress.

### 16. Ghana's Financial Outlook

Ghana's economic outlook has been strengthening, but we don't know what impacts the current Middle East conflict will have. Annual inflation declined to 3.3% in February, the lowest level in ~25 years, marking the fourteenth consecutive month of easing price pressures, supported by the strengthening of the Ghanaian cedi. Inflation is projected to stabilize at around 4% by 2027. Since its low point in October 2025, the cedi has appreciated by approximately 44% against major international currencies, largely driven by strong global prices for gold and cocoa. However, sadly, this now means that international donations don't go as far as they used to.



## 17. Volunteer Corner

Amy McNamara visited us in late 2025 and this is what she had to say about her visit to Enyinndakurom: That evening, I got on the school bus with the kids from St Elizabeths and was brought to Enyinndakurom. This is a Leprosy Village just a few miles away from the Centre. This was my favourite experience so far. I learned how to properly play the African drums. I had done a therapeutic drum circle course last year and have done my fair share of drumming in the past, but nothing prepared me for how much I would learn in this one evening. We played along with the children who were learning traditional dances, and they were so good and so gifted. The entire experience was very invigorating and left me with a huge smile on my face and a thirst to learn more about drumming.

All in all, these last few days have been incredibly positive, and I can already feel a change in myself by being in this community. I would like to thank everyone here for their smiling faces and kindness and I am eager to bring my knowledge in community music to this vibrant and loving community."



Amy McNamara – Music Therapist



## 18. Sponsorship List

### PPRC Sponsorship List (GBP)

<b>GBP (£)</b>	<b>Could pay for:</b>
<b>7</b>	1 week's essential rehabilitation supplies
<b>10</b>	1 week's medication for a sick child
<b>10</b>	1 hygiene kit for outreach family (soap, towels, etc.)
<b>15</b>	1 month's music therapy for St. Elizabeth's
<b>15</b>	1 week's farm/maintenance work
<b>15</b>	3 months glucose strips for elderly diabetes monitoring
<b>20</b>	1 month's office supplies
<b>20</b>	1 month's nutrition support for a vulnerable child
<b>20</b>	1 week's essential supplies for wound care
<b>30</b>	1 week's fuel & transport for outreach visits
<b>35</b>	Mobility aids, e.g. crutches & protective footwear
<b>40</b>	1 year's vocational skills training for a special needs child
<b>50</b>	1 month's classroom supplies (paper, markers, etc.)
<b>50</b>	1 year's educational needs of a child
<b>50</b>	1 month's food for a vulnerable family (rice, maize, etc.)
<b>50</b>	1 community health outreach day (check-ups, etc.)
<b>60</b>	1 week's fuel cost for the bus for children with special needs
<b>65</b>	10 organic/free-range chickens - for the farm
<b>90</b>	1 emergency kit for a vulnerable family (food, transport, etc.)
<b>120</b>	1 youth skills-training workshop
<b>130</b>	1 year's rehabilitation support for one individual
<b>250</b>	Start-up support - Small business / Livelihood Project
<b>300</b>	Refurbishment of a classroom (paint, repairs, etc.)
<b>325</b>	1 farm/grounds equipment set for a year
<b>500</b>	1 water purification Unit (under-sink)
<b>1,400</b>	1 water storage system for drip irrigation farming
<b>2,400</b>	1 irrigation system (drip - 2 acres) - year-round farming
<b>9,000</b>	1 month's running expenses for PPRC (2026)
<b>37,000</b>	1 New 4WD Sedan for Medical Visits
<b>55,000</b>	1 New 4WD Hilux Jeep for Outreach Work
<b>108,000</b>	1 year's running expenses for PPRC (2026)