

Mabia-Ghana Profile

Organization's Name: MABIA-GHANA Non-Governmental **Organization's Type:** Non-Profit making Non-Religious Civil Society Organization **Head Office Address: Opposite WFP Ware house** Zuarungu-Tongo Road **Post Office Box 180** Bolgatanga. UER Ghana **Phone Number:** +233-288776654 **Email address**: mabiaghana@gmail.com www.mabia.webs.com Website: www.facebook.com/mabiaghana Face book: @mabiaghana Twitter: **Bank Details** Bank Name: Fidelity Bank Ghana Limited Branch Name: Bolgatanga Account Name MABIA-GHANA **SWIFT Code FBLIGHAC Cash Donation Lines Airtel Money** +233-266785182 MTN Mobile Money +233-244047132 Tigo Cash: +233-5764693338 **Contact Person**: John Lazame TINDANBIL Mobile: +233-245171754 Year Established: August, 2011 **Year Incorporated**: February, 2013 CG037572013 **Registration Number:** C0001472895 **Tax Identification Number (TIN)** Thematic Areas: (A) Sexual & Reproductive Health (B) Reproductive Cancers © Maternal & Newborn care (D) HIV/AIDS/STIs (E) Domestic Violence

INTRODUCTION

MABIA Ghana is an indigenous Ghanaian registered non-governmental organization dedicated to improving quality of sexual and reproductive health and rights of vulnerable populations. Founded in 2011, MABIA Ghana is working closely with local partners to tackle critical public health challenges in sexual and reproductive health including family planning, reproductive cancers, STIs and HIV/AIDS as well as advocacy for sound reproductive health policies in Ghana.

The organization is working to improve health outcomes by designing and implementing innovative interventions, strengthening health systems, and building capacities of individuals and local communities. In addition, MABIA Ghana is working hard to provide care and support to women and adolescent girls suffering from the complications of unsafe abortion and obstetric fistulas particularly those who are economically and socially excluded and outside the reach of mainstream services and support.

MABIA Ghana brings together a team of experts, community volunteer staff, and traditional leadership all with the ability to leverage existing local resources to maximize sustainable public health impact. The organization has experienced obstetrician/gynecologists, midwives, and public health experts as consultants who assist in projects implementation, monitoring and evaluation. The organization has a Community Youth Resource Center located in Zuarungu for recreational and educational events.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

MABIA Ghana was founded in August, 2011 first to respond to the health needs of vulnerable populations living in underserved communities in Ghana and second to contribute to bridging the widening development gap between the south and the north. At the time the organization was formed, many of the international non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) that were making significant impact in improving the quality of lives of vulnerable populations were folding up their activities in response to global economic melt down.

It was common knowledge that, the three northern regions were more likely than any other region to experience the adverse effects of this development because of the persistently high levels of poverty and healthcare disparities that exist between them. The founder, while implementing a development programme for an international organization that was soon to fold up its activities, had traveled widely across many communities in the three northern regions and had witnessed visible signs of endemic poverty in the people. Official records at the time indicated that the Upper East Region in particular had one of the highest rural population densities and 88% of its inhabitants were living in abject poverty.

The northern regions also have fewer healthcare facilities compared to the rest of the country, yet traditional belief systems and cultural norms pose significant setbacks to the development of reproductive, maternal, and child health. The adolescent youth, women, and children are more vulnerable to the effects of these cultural norms and practices because household and community resources as well as decision-making power do not turn in their favor. They are the most abused and violated on the least provocation and the most coerced and assaulted for sex.

These developments increased the growing need for partnerships with local NGOs and civil society organizations (CSO) to give practical meaning to project sustainability, scale-up, and local ownership. In view of this, MABIA Ghana was formed to help sustain the progress made by the big international organizations through innovative healthcare solutions that are locally driven, community focused, and people centered.

MISSION

Mabia-Ghana's mission is to improve sexual reproductive health and rights of the most vulnerable populations in Ghana through innovative healthcare solutions.

All initiatives of Mabia-Ghana are aimed at ensuring equal opportunities for all people in society. Specifically, Mabia-Ghana focuses on capacity-building of individuals and local communities to develop their full potentials and be able to initiate innovative interventions that best serve the sexual and reproductive health needs of the most vulnerable populations in rural Ghana.

VISION

To have a society free of sexual reproductive health complications, disabilities, and disparities.

GOAL

The goal of Mabia-Ghana is to increase access to high quality primary health information and services for people in deprived and underserved communities in Ghana.

CORE VALUES

- (a) Accountability and Transparency
- (b) Integrity
- (c) Privacy and Confidentiality
- (d) Respect for human rights

- (e) Dignity for the most vulnerable in society
- (f) Promotion of practical innovations
- (g) Quality and high standards of practice

OBJECTIVES

- (a) To increase access to quality family planning information and services to women, women, and adolescents in underserved communities.
- (b) To provide care and support to women and adolescent girls suffering from complications of unsafe abortion and obstetric fistulas.
- (c) To improve safe motherhood programming through innovative and community focused interventions.
- (d) To increase access to counseling, screening, and treatment services of reproductive cancers for both men and women.
- (e) To increase access to information, screening, counseling, and treatment services of HIV/AIDS to high risk population in underserved communities.
- (f) To advocate for sound sexual and reproductive health policies in Ghana.

CORE PILLARS OF OUR ACTIVITIES

- (a) Advocacy and Community Mobilization
- (b) Training and Capacity building of Individuals and Local Communities
- (c) Service Delivery
- (d) Research and Knowledge Sharing

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Mabia-Ghana has well defined structures including Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and the office of the Executive Director. The structures determine chain of command and hierarchy of responsibility within the organization.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the highest decision-making body of the organization approving policies and reviewing achievements and plans for Mabia-Ghana. The board has a minimum of five (5) and maximum of nine (9) members. The following are current board members. There are

five members serving on the board. These are men and women with experiences in their field of endeavor including reproductive health, social work, and community and youth activism.

MEMBERSHIP/NETWORKS

- 1. International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion
- 2. Global Youth Networks
- 3. Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition

PROGRAMME PARTNERS

- 1. Netherlands Senior Experts (PUM)
- 2. Ghana Hairdressers and Beauticians Association(GHABA)
- 3. Ghana Association of Barbers and barbering Salon Owners(GHABBSO)
- 4. Savanna Accelerated Development Agency(SADA) /-Millennium Villages Promise(MVP)