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Dear Members and Friends of JPG and YHFG,

2016 again has been an exciting year for JPG and YHFG. With this newsletter, we would like to share some of our news with you.

JPG visit at YHFG

Some time has passed, since JPG has been able to visit YHFG and the projects in Bolgatanga. Finally, in July 2016, JPG board member Veronika Schlicker travelled to Bolgatanga to see all the latest developments and discuss with the YHFG team their progress and challenges.

She found the Youth Centre buzzing with students and there were many new members of staff to support them. During the visit, special attention was given to the Remedial School, currently the main joint project of JPG and YHFG. Participants and project coordinator had a lot of positive developments to report, but also some new challenges: Due to heavy rainfalls, part of the student accommodation had collapsed. Furthermore, every year there were significantly more applications than available spaces for the remedial classes.



YHFG staff and Veronika Schlicker at the Bolgatanga Youth Centre

Therefore there is a strong desire to increase the capacity of the project to give more young women a second chance to graduate successfully from High School. However, for this JPG and YHFG will need more financial support.

Remedial School Project - Current status and outlook

From May to November 2016 the Remedial School was carried out for the third time. Eight volunteer teachers have prepared 39 students (31 girls and 8 boys) to resit any failed papers in the October/November examinations. The program focuses on core subjects such as Mathematics, English, Social Studies and General Science. 24 out of the 31 girls were housed at the Youth Centre premises and used the facilities at the centre to study for their exams.

In the past three years, JPG and YHFG were able to carry out the Remedial School through very generous financial support from zetVisions AG, Germany. This covered the running costs of the school, allowances for the voluntary teachers, teaching material and project coordination by YHFG staff.



The Remedial Class 2016 in class and with Veronika Schlicker, Meeting in Heidelberg Sept 2016

In September 2016 a meeting in Heidelberg took place between JPG (V. Schlicker), YHFG (Dr. J. Krugu), zetVisions (Dr. h.c. H. Reichhardt), the Rotary Club Heidelberg and other private sponsors to discuss the future of the Remedial School project. A project plan for the next three years was presented and chances and challenges were discussed. We are very pleased to report that the meeting was very successful and zetVisions AG and the Rotary Club have confirmed their future support.



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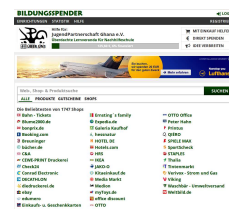
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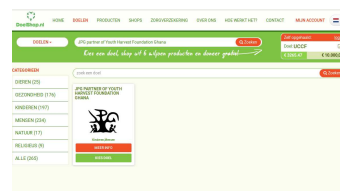
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Congratulations Dr. Krugu: YHFG director receives PhD

We congratulate John Krugu (director of YHFG) who successfully defended his PhD thesis *Beyond Love; Promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Adolescents in Ghana* at Maastricht University in The Netherlands on 13th September 2016. The research in his dissertation has led to a greater insight into the sexual choices of adolescents and conclusions about methods to promote safe sex behaviours among adolescents in Ghana. Interviews were held with boys and girls, and questionnaires were carried out at schools. The results of the studies will contribute to the improvement and development of programmes on sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescents by YHFG in northern Ghana to prevent teenage pregnancy and STIs.



Dr. John Krugu

Would you like to read more?

Get two of the open access papers published by Dr. Krugu:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13691058.2016.1216167>

<https://reproductive-health-journal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12978-016-0161-9>

JPG -YHFG Calendar 2017

Finally, there is a new JPG-YHFG calendar with our latest pictures from Northern Ghana and YHFG projects. It is available for 10 Euro (plus shipment) and can be ordered by email through info@jugendghana.de.

New JPG website

We are currently working on a new website with more pictures and reports of recent project work. It will probably be launched in January 2017.



We would like to thank you all for your interest and continuous support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2017.

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