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Dear Members and Friends of JPG and YHFG,

we are very happy to send you the latest news from the YHFG projects and JPG activities in Europe.

Remedial School Project 2017

Thanks to the great support of zetVisions AG, Heidelberg, YHFG and JPG are offering once again the Remedial School to girls in Bolgatanga. These young women have failed one or more papers in the final Senior High School Exams. Without our support they would not have a chance to complete their degree. This year, 43 girls are participating of which 24 are staying in the YHFG accomodation at the youth centre.

Unfortunately, the results of the Remedial School 2016 did not fulfill our expectations since many girls did not pass one or more of the resit exams. As direct measure, we have extended the course duration and started the lessons already in March to give the participants more time to study. With an early baseline test we have evaluated their state of knowlegde and formed the study groups accordingly. In addition, we are currently carrying out an indepth evaluation of the project with the aim to improve the learning conditions and outcome.

Through generous donations from Rotary Club Heidelberg Schloss and zetVisions we are also addressing another challenge - enough space for studying! The construction of a study shed is almost completed and will offer the students a good learning environment for the time in between lessons.



participants of the Remedial School 2017 at the accomodation of YHFG/ in class/ the new study shed

JPG Annual Meeting 2017 in Freiberg

On April 22, the Annual JPG Members Meeting took place in Freiberg (Saxony). We had fruitful discussions about the projects in Bolgatanga, in particular the Remedial School and how to improve the success rate of the girls. Furthermore, we made plans on how to connect with new partners and sponsors. We would like to welcome Michaela Kemper to our team, a Master student in Social Sciences at the University of Dresden, who is currently doing an internship with JPG. She is helping to evaluate our projects, develop ideas and write new project proposals.



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PhD Research on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Bolgatanga

We congratulate Dr. Jolien van der Geugten (member of the JPG board, involved with YHFG since 2009) who successfully defended her PhD thesis *Lost in Premarital Sex: Sexual and Reproductive Health of the Youth in Bolgatanga, Ghana* at Maastricht University in The Netherlands on 31st March 2017.

The research in her dissertation has provided greater insight into premarital sexual behaviour of the youth, particularly motivations to have unsafe sexual contacts and more than one sexual relationship. To promote sexual health and gender equality it is recommended to focus on education in general, sex education, and comprehensive knowledge of the safe use of new media.

The results of the research will contribute to the improvement and development of programs regarding sexual health, general education and entrepreneurship for adolescents in northern Ghana carried out by the YHFG.

If you would you like to read more about the research results, you can download the PhD theses of Jolien van der Geugten and John Krugu or read their publications online at <http://jugendghana.de/publications>.



Dr. Jolien van der Geugten

Abigail Adumolga, Mandela Washington Fellow 2017

Congratulations to Abigail Adumolga, social worker at the YHFG youth centre, for winning a Mandela Washington fellowship. Abigail is working at the YHFG since 2009 and has been a key figure in establishing the Youth Centre. She developed and implemented the Sexual Health lessons as a regular weekly programme in Junior and Senior High Schools in and around Bolgatanga. Right now, she is coordinating all Youth Centre activities, in particular the YHFG Remedial School and she is head of the Stop Child Marriage Now initiative.



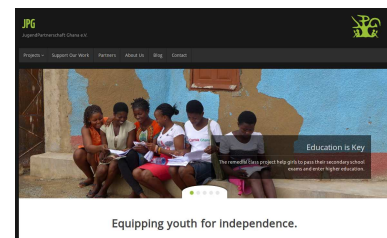
This competitive Fellowship (4800 candidates) allows 40 fellows to travel to the US and take part in the *Young African Leadership* Program between July and August 2017. Congratulations Abigail to this great achievement!

New JPG website

The new JPG website has finally been completed and was launched on the 1 May 2017. Please have a look around at <http://jugendghana.de>. We are currently working on a German translation of the main pages.

We would like to thank you all for your kind and continuous support and wish you a lovely summer.

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