



Dear JPG members and friends of YHFG,

It is with great joy, that we are writing today with an update of our JPG and YHFG activities in 2024. At last, we were able to resume our work and support one of our favourite projects of YHFG in Bolgatanga the **Girls Remedial School (GRS)**.

On the side of JPG, we have made a few organisational changes to use our limited personal and financial resources more effectively.

The YHFG on the other side is busy as ever. In numerous projects they are engaged in improving the lives of young people in Northern Ghana. We are very honoured to be part of their story.



Education on menstrual hygiene with students of Sumbrungu Asogrebisi Junior High school by HAY Movement and GRS students 28 May 2024 (International Menstrual Hygiene Day)

JPG NEWSLETTER

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YHFG is a youth organisation in Northern Ghana, JPG is the European Partner Organisation of YHFG, supporting YHFG in their work since their first day.

YHFG focus their work on:

- > Education and Skills development
- > Sexual and reproductive health and youth empowerment
- > Advocacy and women rights in farmers communities

For more information about YHFG please refer to the YHFG Homepage (www.yhfg.org), Facebook and X.

2024 JPG reloaded

As a result of the covid pandemic, between 2020 and 22, the work of JPG did almost come to a halt due to limited time and resources. Yet, we were not prepared to let it go, and in our 2023 **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** we discussed ways how to reshape our organisation allowing for our small number of active members with little time. Now, after one year, we are happy and proud with what we have achieved.

With the support of our new treasurer **Nadine Utz**, the other board members can focus on addressing issues around the actual projects, planning, fundraising, communication with YHFG.

With our **online AGM** we save a lot of time and resources instead of travelling long distances and spending at least 2 days for a 3-4 hour meeting every year. We are thrilled to see, that it also allows more JPG members to participate in the AGM in comparison to our -in person- meetings so far.

The **online AGM 2024** took place on November 19th with 9 participants.

JPG members After all the ups and downs in recent years, we have updated our JPG members list and reached out to members, to whom we have lost contact along the way. Many of them were very happy to reconnect and join back in. Currently JPG has 26 members.

Outlook- 20 years of JPG In 2025, JPG will celebrate its 20th anniversary. During our annual meeting, we have developed and discussed, how we can mark this special occasion in the year to come. We have some ideas, that we will explore further. Do you have a good idea? Let us know!



JPG annual meeting 2024 (8/9 participants with camera)



YHFG Girls Remedial School

In March 2024, 36 students moved into the YHFG boarding facility. Together with 7 day-students, who live close by, in total 43 girls were studying different subjects with the help of 5 teachers. The teachers worked on a voluntary basis and just received allowances to cover their expenses. Towards the end of the GRS term, the teachers provided mock examinations for the students, to prepare them for the actual exam situation.



Teaching and studying at the Youth Harvest GRS 2024

All girls were registered with the West Africa Examination Council to retake their failed subjects in this years' Nov/Dec examinations. We are very excited and wish them all the very best for the ongoing exams.



Registration of GRS students at the Examination Council

In addition to the free remedial classes, the GRS students also received some training and were empowered in other areas. In a one-day climate change awareness workshop they were educated on harmful human behaviour and ways to protect the environment. In preparation of the general elections in Ghana, the youth also discussed the importance of promoting peace and stability during this time.

Several students from the GRS joined the YHFG's Youth Movement (HAY) in celebrating the Menstrual Hygiene Day. Together, they visited the Asogrebisi JHS in Sumbrungu and educated the girls on various aspects of menstruation as well as the safe use and disposal of sanitary pads.

GRS success stories

Finally, we'd like to share with you success stories of previous GRS graduates. **Cynthia Amaleboba** (left), a 2023 beneficiary of the GRS just had her matriculation at the University for Development Studies, Tamale where she's pursuing a course in Ecotourism and Hospitality Management. **Nyaabila Leticia** (right) graduated with a first degree in the teaching field at Bagabaga College of Education. She said "All thanks to YHFG team for giving me the opportunity to rewrite my papers which enabled me enter into tertiary institution".



GRS graduates pursuing tertiary education

Do you want to be part of the story?

If you would like to support the YHFG projects on a regular basis, we would be very happy to welcome you as **JPG member/supporter** with an **annual contribution of 50 Euro**, (without additional obligations as a member). Please get in touch for any questions info@jugendghana.de

Thank you very much for your interest and support.
We wish you Merry Christmas and
A Happy and Healthy New Year 2025.

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Nadine Utz, Veronika Schlicker (Board of JPG)**



Sanitary pad donation to Sumbrungu Junior High School (JHS)