



Dear JPG members and friends of YHFG,

Before the year comes to a close, we are delighted to share our latest news with you.

We are very happy and proud about another year of Girls Remedial School (GRS), which JPG has co-funded this year together with the Spanish NGO Mundo Cooperante. We can also report new exciting success stories of GRS graduates, who continue to thrive.

This year, JPG is celebrating its 20th anniversary. This was celebrated by YHFG during the 2025 YHFG Youth Parliament, which took place on 29th November 2025.



GRS Homecoming 25. Many inspiring stories to share

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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.

2024/25 Girls Remedial School (GRS)

After the successful completion of the GRS 2024, it was not clear if external funds would be available to continue the project in 2025. For a smooth kick-off, JPG continued its project funding in the beginning of the year, before Mundo Cooperante joined in May and granted the funds for an entire project year.

In the 2025 GRS, of 48 girls studying in remedial classes, 36 stayed in YHFG dormitories. For transparency and increased impact of the project, YHFG organised a stakeholder meeting with Ghana Education Services (GES), student's parents, the West African Examination Council and teachers, discussion of home and school needs.

The Remedial classes have been running from April to October facilitated by 5 teachers. The exams took place at the end of November. Next to the GRS classes, YHFG organised Sexual hygiene training and sanitary pad provision for the students. Furthermore, the students took part in skill training in technical areas, where access under normal circumstances could be difficult for girls due to limited resources and cultural norms. In 2024, the cohort was trained in soap and bleach production, in 2025 the students took part in a welding workshop.

GRS Success stories

Mavis Aboko, graduated from the GRS in 2018. She did a first degree in political sciences at the Univ. of Education, Winneba and stayed closely connected with YHFG as president of the HAY movement (see Newsletter 20) and youth representative on the YHFG Board of Trustees. In April 2025, she became a Pilot Officer in the Military Academy of the Air Force.



Talata Nasigri, completed the GRS Class in 2024. Recently she graduated into the Ghana Police Service.



Brenda Nyaaba (no pic) received financial support from JPG for her tertiary education after completing the GRS. She graduated as a teacher from Jackson College of Education and currently teaches at a private school.



Warmest congratulations to the achievement of Brenda, Talata and Mavis and all the other young women who continue to thrive in education thanks to the success gained in the YHFG GRS.



JPG 20 years

After marking 20 years of YHFG in 2023, this year it was JPG's turn to celebrate. In July, JPG founding members, **Gero and Julia Frisch**, took the occasion of meeting **John Krugu** in Austria to share memories of great projects, interesting challenges and many adventures together.



Youth Parliament 2025

**Where ideas compete, wisdom forms -
Your Voice, Youth Debate, Our future.**

On 29th November, members of four Bolgatanga high schools, a training college and the Girls Remedial School came together for the annual YHFG debate contest. Over 300 students and 10 officials from government institutions participated in the event. It was marked by vibrant debates, enthusiastic participation, and a strong sense of ownership by the students.

The participating schools took turns debating selected topics of recent significance. Each school presented well-researched arguments, supported by evidence and examples, to convince the panel of judges. The debates provided a platform for students to sharpen their critical thinking, public speaking, and analytical skills while fostering teamwork and confidence.

The debated topics included the influence of AI on critical thinking among students, and the possible root causes of sexual harassment at Ghanaian schools. Furthermore, each team was asked to submit a written essay on the topic of drug abuse among Ghanaian youth. An introduction and overview into this topic was given during the event by the Regional Mental Health Coordinator.

Many interesting viewpoints were shared and discussed openly in a fair manner. The trophy was won by the team of the **Bolgatanga Senior High School**.



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 full or supporting member** with an **annual contribution of 50 €** (supporting members commit to financial support but have no further obligations). Please get in touch for any questions through info@jugendghana.de.

Thank you very much for your interest and support. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year 2026.

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