

The DCH 100X100 Initiative

The DCH 100 x 100 Initiative is a national fundraising campaign by the Department of Child Health (DCH), Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, aimed at improving paediatric healthcare delivery in Ghana. The campaign seeks to mobilize 100,000 people to each contribute at least GH¢100 to raise a minimum of GH¢10 million for critical healthcare needs. Established in 1964, DCH provides specialized healthcare services to thousands of children annually but currently faces challenges with aging infrastructure and resource limitations. Driven by the vision of becoming “a world-class health centre where every child smiles,” the campaign represents a shared national responsibility to improve child healthcare outcomes across Ghana.

You too can be part of this national movement. Be among the first 100,000 to invest in the future of Ghana. Every contribution makes an immediate difference for a child in need. Join us today because every child deserves to smile.

Allocation of the First GHS 10 Million Raised

The first GHS 10 million raised through the 100 X 100 initiative will be invested into creating visible and lasting impact to directly improve child health outcomes, patient experience, family-centered care, clinical efficiency, and community engagement.

Allocation Area % of Initial GHS 10 Million and Why This Matters

1. Needy Children’s Fund 30%—Directly supports indigent families needing laboratory tests, medications, emergency procedures, and nutritional support. These families are identified through a structured assessment in conjunction with the clinical team, DCH engagement & experience unit, and social welfare officer. Our goal is to meet 100% of demonstrated need for life-saving treatment.
2. Early Infant Care Unit 30%—Renovation of the current Babies Unit into a more family-centered Early Infant Care Unit (ages 0 to 6 months). This includes a counseling room, improved washrooms, caregiver-friendly spaces, and optimized workflow.
3. Medical Equipment 20% —Procurement of essential equipment for each patient space, including an adjustable hospital bed and mattress, infusion pump, syringe pump, patient monitor, bedside locker, and comfy caregiver chair. This will improve safety, monitoring, and patient experience on the Nephrology & Endocrinology Unit, and 2nd floor side wards. This also includes creating and equipping a digital pain-free procedure suite for the 2nd floor.
4. Furniture & Accessories for 20 Consultation Spaces —10%. Provision of chairs, desks, and clinic accessories such as computers for electronic health records at the general outpatients’ department and subspecialty clinic to improve patient flow, documentation, and service efficiency.
5. Outreach & Administrative Support—10% Supports public education campaigns, outreach programmes, and administrative coordination required to create awareness on topical child health issues, remove access barriers to quality care, sustain impact, and promote accountability.

Spotlighting Innovation: The Digital Pain-Free Procedure Suite

Department of Child Health, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital

Dedicated spaces where advanced technology meets child-centered care

Sick children endure many painful procedures like blood draws and placement of intravenous lines during the course of hospitalization and clinic visits. Although medically necessary, these

procedures cause considerable distress and anxiety, adversely affecting the child's physical and psychological well-being. Each Digital Pain-Free Procedure Suite at DCH is designed to change that narrative by creating a supportive and welcoming care environment. This will serve as a model for pain-free paediatric care across Ghana and the West African sub-region.

A peak into an innovation of What Your Gift Supports

A fully-equipped, child-centered suite which includes:

- Virtual Reality (VR) headsets and video games for distraction and anxiety reduction during procedures
- Topical anaesthetic cream to numb the skin and minimize pain
- A portable ultrasound machine or near-infrared light device for guided intravenous access, improving the success rate
- Ergonomic procedure couch and child-friendly furniture
- Procedure trolley, storage, and essential medical supplies
- A multi-parameter patient monitor with paediatric BP cuffs to ensure safety during each procedure
- Smiley face feedback terminal to track outcomes in real time