



# Help Rebuild Hope & Save Young Lives in Kwahu Oda, Ghana

PARTNER WITH SALTED HEALTH AND RCDII TO LAUNCH A LIFE-SAVING SICKLE CELL SCREENING PROGRAM THIS DECEMBER 2025

## A PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPACT

SALTED Health is partnering with Rural Communities Development International (RCDII) to bring life-saving sickle cell screening to Kwahu Oda, Ghana.

- RCDII – a U.S.–based 501(c)(3) nonprofit – strengthens rural Ghana through investments in education, healthcare, sanitation, and environmental sustainability.
- SALTED Health – a Ghana- and U.S.–registered organization dedicated to expanding access to sickle cell screening and care – will lead implementation, training, and quality assurance.
- Koforidua Regional Hospital will serve as the referral center, ensuring every diagnosed child receives specialized, long-term care.

### The Crisis

- Each year, 15,000 babies in Ghana are born with sickle cell disease (SCD).
- Without early diagnosis and care, 50–90% die before age five.
- Only ~5.5% of newborns are screened, meaning most are identified only after painful or fatal crises.

Early screening saves lives – simple interventions like antibiotics, vaccines, and parent education dramatically reduce childhood deaths.

### Our Program: Complete Care from Screening to Treatment

This initiative will screen newborns and school-age children, combining early detection with family-based genetic counseling.

## 7-Step Care Pathway

1. Educate: Trained nurses educate parents and obtain informed consent before screening.
2. Screen: Newborns and children tested at Kwahu Oda Clinic.
3. Diagnose: Positive results confirmed through quality-assured protocols.
4. Enroll: SALTED Health nurses register families into treatment programs.
5. Refer: Children linked to Koforidua Regional Hospital for specialized care.
6. Follow-Up: Local nurses ensure retention in care and monitor progress.
7. Support: Continuous caregiver counseling and education.

We're not just screening, we're ensuring no child falls through the cracks.

**Goal:** Screen 250 babies and children by December 2025, then transition to local ownership under Ghana Health Service supervision with ongoing SALTED Health support.

## Funding Goal: \$70,000

Phase	Purpose	Amount
Phase 1 – Core Screening Program (Priority)	Equipment, nurse training and deployment, 250 screenings, family counseling, quality assurance, and reporting	\$30,000
Phase 2 – Facility Enhancement (If Funding Allows)	Clinic renovation, lab expansion, and diagnostic upgrades	\$40,000

### Your Gift Makes an Impact

\$30 → Screens 1 child

\$150 → Screens 5 children + family counseling

\$750 → Screens 25 children (10% of cohort)

\$1,000 → Supports facility improvements

\$2,500+ → Becomes a founding sponsor

### Donate Today

Rural Communities Development International (RCDII)  
PMB 41, 24832 John J. Williams Hwy #1, Millsboro, DE 19966  
Tax ID / EIN: 85-3503144

**Donate Online: [RCDII.org/donate](https://www.rcdii.org/donate)**

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Together, we can save lives – one child at a time.



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