



Why choose to volunteer at Vital International Foundation:

- Y Over 25 million of the world's estimated 36 million HIV infections are in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - Y 2/5 of the people who become infected every year are women
 - Y Although Ghana's HIV prevalence is low compared to neighboring countries (approximately 3.6% of the entire population is infected), the rate continues to rise
 - Y The current low prevalence rate compared to other countries provides a window of opportunity to affect the evolution of the epidemic with prevention and treatment programs
 - Y Vital international is on the cutting edge of behavioral and social change in the nation, starting the first program for voluntary counseling and testing in Ghana.
 - Y Through outreach, we can provide testing and support for people in all ten regions of Ghana
- We have established partners including the Ghana AIDS commission, Ghana Medical Association, Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana, and Kijebi Hospital.

Make a Vital Contribution to the Fight Against HIV/AIDS



Come Volunteer With Us

Vital International Foundation
A Leader in HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, Testing, Support and Out-Reach.



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What is Vital

International Foundation?

Founded in 1996 in response to the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ghana, Vital International Foundation is a non-governmental organization devoted to providing HIV prevention and care programs. Designed to help individuals in Ghana obtain accurate sexual health information, Vital International provides HIV educational sessions in Accra, as well as Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) while providing support and referrals in a caring, confidential manner.



What services are

available at Vital?

- Information and education on HIV/AIDS/STDs
- Confidential HIV counseling and testing
- Help in finding health care and other supportive services for people living with AIDS
- The only HIV/AIDS Hotline in Ghana for counseling and information
- Counselor training
- Out-reach programs for high-risk groups
- Support groups, which help infected people live positively with HIV and AIDS.



What do volunteers

do at Vital?

Vital continues to respond with outreach VCT for communities and organizations, providing more than one thousand individual counseling and testing sessions per year. We also provide teachers for schools and nurses for clinics. By mobilizing volunteers and donors locally and internationally, Vital builds programs that are both professional and cost-effective. Local and international volunteers introduce the best practices from their professional fields.



Where is Ghana?

The Republic of Ghana is located on the southern coast of West Africa. It was the first African country to gain independence from colonial rule, Great Britain ceded control to an elected government in 1957. The country has remained stable and peaceful since it returned to constitutional rule in 1992, and successfully changed government through a democratic election in 2000. Ghana's approximately 19 million people represent over fifty tribal groups, each with their own dialect. However, the national language is English. Ghana is a beautiful country with a 539-km stretch of shoreline. It shares borders with Togo to the east, Cote d'Ivoire to the west, and Burkina Faso to the north. The country's people are warm and friendly, and Ghana has made significant strides towards advancing health trends, primary school enrollment, and economic reform.



Register now and make a difference in someone's life.

Please complete the following information, and we will send you an information package, or visit our website to register online. www.vitalinternational.org.

Your Name:
Address:

City: Province/State:

Country:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

I am interested in becoming a volunteer in the following areas (circle all that apply):

- Doctor
- Nurse
- Teacher
- Dentist- College student
- Homemaker
- Administrator
- Fundraiser
- Other (Please Specify): _____

OR:

I am interested in donating money to Vital International, which will be used to help fund medicine, VCT support programs, and out-reach. Please send me more information about Fundraising in my area, and/or becoming a donor. (Please fill out your contact information above.)