

The Peanut

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Locals Working to Create a Healthier Community

Project Peanut Butter partners with Malawian Village Health Workers (HSAs) to administer our program in the rural villages. HSAs work in the community to improve health policy, administer vaccines, oversee administration of certain medications used in tuberculosis and HIV, educate on various health topics, and take a routine census within a region.



Felix as an HSA

Felix became an HSA because he wanted to assist the community, especially in regards to measures against preventable diseases and treating minor illnesses. He is invested in the PPB research because he believes it will help develop new treatments and will boost the economy. ●

*Special thank you to William Cheng for gathering the information

New Project in Ghana!

At Project Peanut Butter, we are always trying to reinvent our formula to be more effective for the child and the local economy. In Ghana, we are conducting a new research study where we are comparing two ready-to-use-therapeutic food (RUTF) formulas; one is our standard formula and the second is a formula with ingredients sourced from Ghana and is cheaper to produce. If this cheaper RUTF works just as effectively, then it will create more access for RUTF in places in under-served areas of Ghana. *Cont. on page 2.*



New Projects in Ghana Cont.

Our staff member, Kristin Kohlmann, is leading this research study in the Brong Ahafo region of Ghana from February 2017 to September 2018. This project, composed of 20 mobile clinics along Lake Volta, has been funded through the Children’s Investment Foundation Fund (CIFF). Our age range for treatment is 6 month - 59 month olds, similar to our standard RUTF treatment. The research study has around 90 severely acute malnourished (SAM) children and 240 moderately acute malnourished (MAM) children.

With the collaboration of the Ghana Health Ministry and the University of Ghana, PPB works to prevent conflict between cultural beliefs and scientific treatment. These ties also strengthen community involvement in the program and provide local employment.●

Thank You, Monthly Donors!

We would like to recognize our monthly donors. Many of you have partnered with Project Peanut Butter since 2004. With your help, we have been able to sustain our programs. Please know how thankful we are that we can rely on your support. We would like your feedback on how to keep you involved in our work. Please contact mardi@projectpeanutbutter.org or maleeha@projectpeanutbutter.org. ●



Ghana has approximately 40,000 children who have SAM. Only 2,000 of these children are being treated at this time.

Education can be as important as the scientific treatment.

45% of childhood deaths can be attributed to malnutrition.

I would like to thank you for your prayers, good thoughts, and kind words during this illness. Life is never in our control. This disease, Myasthenia Gravis, will change my daily life. It has made me more dependent on my family and staff. It has made me more appreciative awakening without shortness of breath and pain. It has made me determined to live my life, whatever days are left, speeding the treatment of malnutrition. Thank you for walking this path with me.

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