

Press Release_CIP Ambulance Launch

In a significant milestone toward improving access to emergency healthcare in Ghana's rural areas, Moving Health has officially launched and donated 10 custom-built, GPS-equipped locally manufactured tricycle ambulances to serve communities across Sissala West District in the Upper West Region and Kassena Nankana West District in the Upper East Region on the 16th & 23rd of June respectively.

The donation follows months of community engagement, surveys, and collaboration with local stakeholders to understand the transportation challenges residents face in reaching life-saving healthcare under the Country Innovation Platform (CIP) Pilot Program

The Country Innovation Platform (CIP) Program, is a national initiative supported by Grand Challenges Canada (funded by the Government of Canada), a partnership between the Ghana Health Service, USAID's Center for Innovation and Impact (CII) and USAID/Ghana, Grand Challenges Canada and AMP Health designed to test and scale innovative solutions that improve maternal, newborn, and child health outcomes across Ghana. Over the next 12 months, this pilot program will test the effectiveness of these ambulances in reducing delays in emergency referrals, especially for pregnant women facing complications in remote areas where transportation remains a major barrier to timely healthcare. The program also included training for drivers, health personnel, and community stakeholders to ensure proper use, maintenance, and emergency response coordination in collaboration with the National Ambulance Service and Ghana National Fire Service..

The five beneficiary communities in Sissala West are Fatchu, Kankanduali, Jeffisi, Du West, and Tiwii. In Kassena Nankana West, the communities of Mirigu, Busongo, Katiu, Wuru, and Kajelo have received the new ambulances.

Each tricycle ambulance has been purpose-built to navigate the challenging rural terrain and provide a safer, faster alternative to traditional transportation, which for many has been motorbikes, bicycles, or walking, often leading to tragic delays in care. Each vehicle is fitted with a standard stretcher bed, seat for up to 3 people, a storage cabinet, Oxygen concentrator and GPS sensors connected to Moving Health's live Ambulance Tracking and Maintenance Dashboard, providing real-time ride data, usage monitoring, and maintenance records with offline capabilities. This system ensures transparency and enables both Moving Health and external stakeholders, including health authorities and partners, to access critical data to support decision-making and ongoing improvements. Moving Health's approach integrates vehicle deployment, community engagement, capacity building, and digital innovation.

At the official handover ceremony, Dr Mathias Tengan, Sissala West District Health Director, expressed gratitude:

"Our terrain is very bad, most of the communities are inaccessible particularly during the rainy

season. So it is very difficult for the National Ambulance Service (NAS) to move to those hinterlands to bring patients, particularly pregnant women who need to be moved to the higher level of care. So the Moving Health ambulances is coming in at the right time to fill this gap, complementing the efforts of the NAS"

Mr. Alhassan Lawal, Kassena Nankana West District Health Director, also remarked:

"It is refreshing that Kassena Nankana West District among all the districts in the Upper East Region was selected to pilot the Country Innovation Platform Program with Moving Health. The Moving Health Ambulances is coming in to address concerns we have had in the past. The design is fit for purpose and it has an oxygen concentrator."

A representative from the beneficiary communities, Tommie Gbene Juatie, Facility Incharge of Jeffisi Health Center, shared:

"Sometimes we use the aboboya, without any cushion or cover, and the client is exposed. When you are in labor, this is not a comfortable experience ."

The ambulances are purpose-built to navigate challenging rural terrain and provide a safer, faster option for transporting individuals experiencing medical emergencies, with a special focus on pregnant women.

Programs Manager, Stephanie Nmaju, shared during the launch:

"We believe every second counts in the case of an emergency. After several interactions with selected communities, it is clear no one should have to walk for several hours, feel uncomfortable, or be unsafe just to reach the nearest health facility."

Isaac Amoah Quansah, Country Director and Chief Technology Officer at Moving Health, concluded:

"The Moving Health ambulances are carefully designed for the roads, and it is more comfortable in transporting emergency cases compared to existing options such as motorbikes"

Moving Health's integrated approach combines vehicle deployment, community involvement, training, and digital innovation, helping ensure that no one is left behind when it comes to accessing life-saving healthcare.