

GOLDEN STAR

Breast Cancer Awareness

Early detection is the best protection.



In a five year initiative of the Golden Star Ladies Club, with the support of Golden Star, GIZ, and AEL Mining Services, more than 10,400 women and girls have undergone clinical breast cancer screening, saving as many as 270 lives!

From its humble start in 2013, the aim was to bring free and confidential screening to communities that would otherwise not enjoy this service; however the program has increased in depth and impact to incorporate the following elements:

- Screening of women and girls across all Districts of the Golden Star catchment communities;
- Outreach to a massive 30 communities, and mine sites, through the conduct of screening at 41 locations, including 7 junior and senior secondary schools;
- Recording of participant risk factor information to support diagnosis, treatment and cancer research;
- Provision of education materials to participants, and community health facilities;
- Breast cancer and self-examination awareness during sessions to build capacity in the local populace;
- Participatory training and capacity building for Ghana Health Services, through the involvement, coaching and mentoring of specialist breast cancer nurses from Breast Care International; and
- In the final 'integration phase' for enhanced sustainability, the parties are working together to establish and equip eight Prevention Health Units in catchment Hospitals and health compounds, which will provide even more access to these services and ongoing improvement in health outcomes for the host communities.

We are thrilled that in 2017 the breast cancer awareness program was awarded with the coveted Ghana Mining Industry Award for Corporate Social Investment Project of the Year!

