

Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC) Site Profile

The NHRC is one of three research centres of the Research and Development Division of the Ghana Health Service. The centre is located in Navrongo in the Kassena-Nankana Municipality of the Upper East region of Ghana.

The Centre started in November 1988 as a field station for the Vitamin A Supplementation Trial (VAST), through collaboration between the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) with the support of the Ministry of Health. At the end of the Vitamin A Trial in 1992, the Ministry of Health adopted the facility and upgraded it to a Health Research Centre.

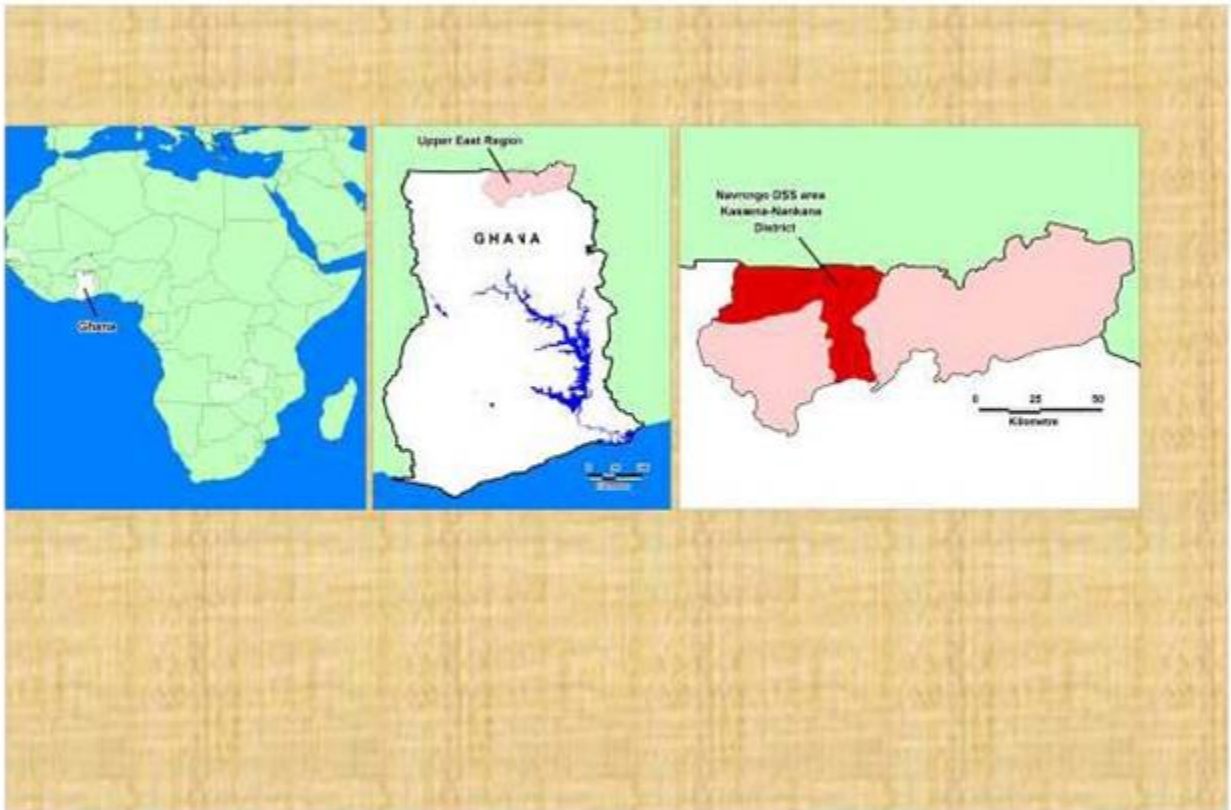
NHRC's Vision: The Navrongo Health Research Centre aims to be a National and International Research Centre of excellence that systematically conducts high quality health and demographic research to inform policy. As a research institution, the Centre is committed to the improvement of the health status of Ghanaians and the world at large.

Mission statement: The NHRC is set up to conduct research into major national and international health problems with the aim of informing policy for the improvement of health. This will be achieved by focusing primarily on assessing the impact of interventions through community and clinical trials, social and demographic research, and human resource development. Other specific responsibilities of the Centre to policy and service delivery include:

- Assisting the health service in setting health research priorities.
- Facilitating technical and ethical review of health research protocols.
- Assisting all levels of the health sector in conducting operational research.
- Organizing health research training courses.
- Serving as a documentation centre for health research for the service
- Engaging community in identifying research priority areas/needs.

The Navrongo Municipal Hospital: it operates as second level referral facility with a total capacity of 120 beds, clinical laboratory, and radiology with x-ray and ultrasound services, a surgical theatre, pharmacy, Blood Bank and there is a HIV/ AIDS Management Clinic with full range of HIV services. The Bolga regional hospital is a referral hospital and accessible within 20 minutes' drive from the NHRC. They also provide the full range of clinic service with specialized care. Referrals from the Bolga Regional Hospital are sent to the Tamale Teaching hospital, which is about 160km from Bolga with good motorable road connections all year round. Excellent collaboration exists between the Research Centre and the clinical facilities in our past clinical studies. Financial access to care is almost 70% as National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) covers more than 70% of population. Study physicians ensure referrals are facilitated with transfer of patient to the specialized area of care. In clinical trials however, all enrolled patients are seen by the study physician throughout the follow up period unless there is a need for referral and this will be followed. Treatment is as per the National Standard Treatment Guidelines.

Location and Contacts



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