



EMPOWER PLAYGROUNDS INC

2024 Annual Report



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EPI Mission Statement

We empower children in rural Ghana by providing innovative, sustainable educational resources, enabling them to understand their full potential.

At the heart of everything we do is the belief that every child deserves the chance to learn, dream, and succeed—regardless of circumstance.

Note from Director

What an incredible year 2024 has been for Empower Playgrounds. We're deeply grateful for your continued trust, generosity, and belief in our mission. With so many worthy causes out there, your decision to support us means the world—and we don't take it for granted.

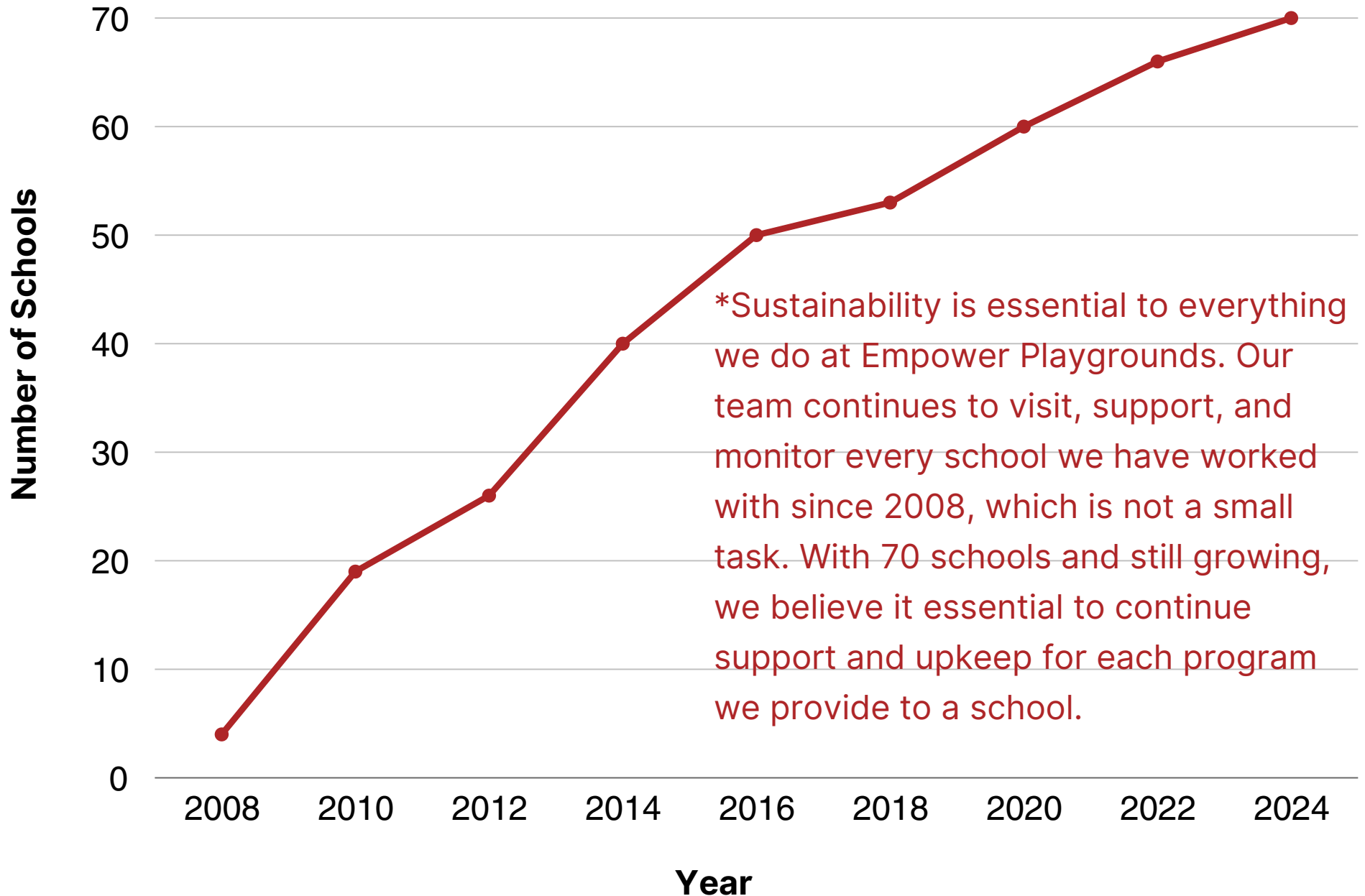
One of the greatest joys of working with Empower Playgrounds is witnessing the dedication of our amazing team in Ghana. Day in and day out, they work with passion and purpose to serve the children in our partner schools. By staying closely connected to school leaders, our team ensures that your donations are used effectively and impactfully. Their care and commitment help stretch every dollar further, making a real difference in the lives of students every single day.

We're excited to share the progress we've made in 2024 and celebrate what your support has made possible. As we look ahead to 2025, we're filled with hope and anticipation for all we can accomplish together. Your continued support empowers us to keep moving forward, lighting the way for a brighter future.

-Amy Williams, Executive Director



EPI Since 2008





2024 Broad Overview

MENSTRUAL KITS



501

kits
distributed

25,050

days of school
given back

BOREHOLES



54

repaired (52)
& new (2)

81,000

people given clean
water access

COMPUTER LABS



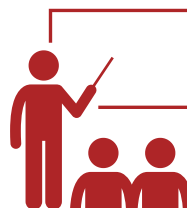
4

new
labs

1,017

new students
with access

CLASSROOM BLOCKS



5

blocks built (3
new, 2 repaired)

600

new students in
a classroom

LANTERNS



392

lanterns
distributed

572,320

additional
hours of light

MERRY-GO-ROUNDS



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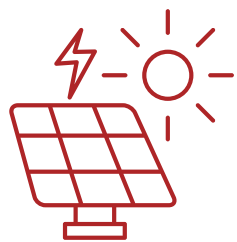
MGR
installed

587

new students with
access to light

2024 Broad Overview

SOLAR POWER



2

solar
systems

1,500

people with
solar access

SCIENCE KITS



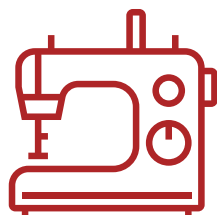
98

new kits
given

7,350

new students with
access to materials

SEWING MACHINES



28

machines
given

28

new career
possibilities given

EMPOWER SPORTS DAY



200

students (4
schools)

8%

increase in school
attendance

EMPOWER STEM DAY



8

rural
schools

200

students connected
with a university

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY



80

girls
educated

~60

community
mothers educated

Empower STEM 2024

In 2024, Empower Playgrounds hosted its first-ever "Empower STEM" event. We brought over 200 students into the city of Accra from several rural schools to visit and see both the University of Ghana and the big city. Students had the opportunity to hear from academics and industry experts, including our board member Dr. Angela Trego, about STEM career opportunities. This helps students to broaden their perspectives and envision their own futures in higher education and beyond.

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World Menstrual Hygiene Day

This year on May 28th, we hosted our first ever event in honor of World Menstrual Hygiene Day. Over 80 girls plus their mothers gathered and received an education on the importance of understanding and taking care of their menstrual hygiene. Each girl received a reusable menstrual kit, allowing them to stay in school and save money.

Empower Sports Day

This year our team also created the first ever multi-school sports competition. This gathered over 200 students from 4 schools to participate both soccer and volleyball games. This event encouraged students to attend school and form connections with their classmates, which helped foster a more comfortable and effective learning environment. Sports are an integral part of Ghanaian culture, & help to bring more students in rural areas into the schools.





Alorkpem Solar Powered Health Clinic & Computer Lab

For the island school of Alorkpem, student's access to healthcare and electricity is extremely limited. Because it's an island, it's difficult to get any form of electricity. Empower Playgrounds build it's first ever solar powered computer lab at Alorkpem School. The community was also in severe need of electricity at their local clinic. We were able to provide a solar system to run the clinic.



Financial Statement

2024 Revenue:
\$347,885.83

Donations Breakdown:

30% Private
70% Foundations



Program Expenses:

57% Ghana Operations
38% Administrative*
5% Fundraising



***100% of administrative expenses are covered by our founder.** This makes it possible for 100% of your donations go directly to our projects in Ghana.



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Get Involved in 2025



Donate

Every donation supports our projects, changing the lives of students



Share

Follow us on social media! Share our posts and campaigns with others to spread awareness.



Get Involved

Watch for opportunities to get involved this year during World Menstrual Hygiene Day and Fall Annual Event!



THANK



FOR YOUR
CONTINUED
SUPPORT