

THE DIRECTORY OF LOW VISION SERVICES IN GHANA

This directory is colour coded for easy identification

CLINICAL SERVICES	SOCIAL SERVICES	SCHOOLS & EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES	VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
37 Military Hospital	Department of Social Welfare	Akropong School for the Blind	Ghana Blind Union (Material Resource Centre)
Ghana Blind Union Eye Centre	Special Education Unit	The Balme Library	Ghana Red Cross Society
Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital Eye Unit			Operation Eyesight Universal
Sight-Uni and Hearing Clinic			Sightsavers International
Iris Optometric Practice			
Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, KATH			
St Michael's Catholic Hospital			
KNUST Hospital Eye Clinic			
Presbyterian Hospital, Agogo			
Anglican Eye Clinic, Jachie			
Tafo Government Hospital Eye Clinic			
Eastern Regional Hospital			
Volta Regional Hospital			
School of Optometry and Vision Science UCC			

CATEGORY	NAME, ADDRESS & WORKING HOURS	SERVICES OFFERED	COMMENTS
Clinical Services	37 Military Hospital Liberation Road Accra Open Mon – Fri: 8am – 2pm	Low vision assessment, and management/rehabilitation Magnifiers and telescopes (facility helps patients to obtain them from international online suppliers)	Facility prefers patients who were referred with referral letters.
	Ghana Blind Union Accra Rehabilitation Centre, Barnes Road, Adjacent Adabraka Polyclinic, Adabraka-Accra Open Tue & Thurs. 8.30am – 2.30pm	Low vision assessment, management/rehabilitation and visual training Available devices: Magnifiers, telescopes, reading stands, handwriting /signature guides, electronic magnifiers, Victor Reader Streams	

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Clinical Services	<p>Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra Eye Unit</p> <p>Open Mon – Fri: 8am – 2pm</p>	<p>Runs regular eye clinic in addition to the low vision services.</p> <p>Low vision assessment, and management/rehabilitation</p> <p>Available devices: Handheld magnifiers and telescopes</p>	<p>Tertiary facility. Waiting times may be longer</p> <p>Referral letter required though walk ins are accepted on limited basis</p>
	<p>Sight-Uni and Hearing Clinic Ecowas Road North Legon</p> <p>Open Mon – Sat: 8:30am to 4:30pm</p>	<p>Low vision assessment and management/rehabilitation</p>	<p>Private facility.</p>
	<p>Iris Optometric Practice Near Korle-Bu (trotro station), closer to the Fire Service Korle Bu, Accra</p> <p>Open Mon – Fri: 8:30am – 4:30pm, Sat: 9am – 1pm</p>	<p>Low vision assessment and management/rehabilitation</p>	<p>Private facility.</p>

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Clinical Services	<p>Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi</p> <p>Open Mon – Fri: 8am – 4pm</p>	<p>Runs regular eye clinic in addition to the low vision services.</p> <p>Low vision assessment, and management/rehabilitation</p>	<p>Tertiary facility. Waiting times may be longer</p> <p>Referral letter required though walk ins are accepted on limited basis</p>
	<p>St Michael Catholic Hospital, Pramso Lake Bosomtwe Road</p> <p>Open Tues & Thurs: 8am – 3pm</p>	<p>Vision screening</p> <p>Assessment of functional vision</p> <p>Training in visual skills and use of low vision devices</p> <p>Simple advice on environmental modification</p>	

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Clinical Services	KNUST Hospital Eye Clinic, Kumasi – Ashanti Region Open Mon – Fri: 9am – 2pm	Vision screening Assessment of functional vision Training in visual skills and use of low vision devices Simple advice on environmental modification	
	Presbyterian Hospital, Akyem Agogo – Ashanti Region Open Mon – Fri: 9am – 2pm	Vision screening Assessment of functional vision Training in visual skills and use of low vision devices Simple advice on environmental modification	

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Clinical Services	<p>Anglican Eye Clinic Jachie Lake Rd – Ashanti Region</p> <p>Open Monday – Friday 7:30am – 3pm</p>	<p>Vision screening</p> <p>Assessment of functional vision</p> <p>Training in visual skills and use of low vision devices</p> <p>Simple advice on environmental modification</p>	
	<p>Tafo Government Hospital Eye Clinic Old Tafo – Ashanti Region</p> <p>Open Mon – Fri: 9am – 2pm</p>	<p>Vision screening</p> <p>Assessment of functional vision</p> <p>Training in visual skills and use of low vision devices</p> <p>Simple advice on environmental modification</p>	

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Clinical Services	Eastern Regional Hospital Eye Clinic Koforidua Open Wednesdays 9am – 2pm	Vision screening Low vision assessment Diagnosis and provision of low vision aids Low vision aids to be bought upon recommendation	
	Volta Regional Hospital Eye Clinic, Hohoe Close to UHAS Public Health School Open Mon & Fri: 8am – 2pm	Vision screening Assessment of functional vision Training in visual skills and use of low vision devices Simple advice on environmental modification	
	School of Optometry & Vision Science Eye Clinic University of Cape Coast (Science) Mondays 8am – 4pm	Low Vision Assessment Training on use of vision aids	Prior appointment is preferable

CATEGORY	NAME, ADDRESS & WORKING HOURS	CONTACT PERSON	SERVICES OFFERED	COMMENTS
Social Services	Social Welfare Department Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection Accra Mon – Fri (8am – 4pm)	The Liaison Officer	Community care for disabled and need persons Provides financial support to people with disabilities through the district common fund (persons need to apply)	A proof of disability letter or report can be obtained through the local offices of the Ghana Blind Union
	Special Education Unit Ghana Education Service Ministry of Education, Accra Mon – Fri (8am – 4pm)	The Liaison Officer	Establishment of resource centres in schools Provide resource teachers, braille sheets, writing frames, stylus for use in schools; transcribe textbooks and other reading materials into Braille.	The Unit owns and manages all the special schools for the blind.
Schools & Educational Resources	Akropong School for the Blind P. O. Box 29 Akuapem – Akropong Eastern Region	The Principal	Boarding school for all levels of education up to senior high school. Children are accepted from age 6 years.	About 50km from Accra. However, this is the default go-to-school for those in Accra since there is no special school in Accra
	The Balme Library WEB Dubois Road, Legon University of Ghana, Accra 0302512407/0302500014/ 0302767303 http://ugspace.ug.edu.gh blbalmelib@ug.edu.gh	The Librarian	Inclusive tertiary facility providing support to students and staff with low vision/blindness Transcription to braille services	Available to students and staff of University of Ghana

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Non-Governmental or Voluntary Organisations	Ghana Blind Union Material Resource Centre Accra Rehabilitation Centre, (near Adabraka Polyclinic) Barnes Road, Opposite National Museum, Accra Open Mon, Wed, and Fri. 8.30am – 2pm	Mrs Theodara Apotsi (Assistant Manager, Ghana Material Resource Centre)	Educational Sponsorship Rehabilitation: computer learning centre for those who were working prior to low vision. Given training to be able to go back to work); White cane distribution and training Advocacy and community sensitisation through awareness campaigns; Counselling services for patients and family Functional training and Capacity Building; Orientation and mobility training	
	Ghana Red Cross Society Near Golf House Okponglo, Accra	The Regional Manager	International and national advocacy, training for eye care personnel, funding for eye care outreaches/campaigns.	
	Operation Eyesight Universal, Near Pink Hostel, Asylum Down, Accra	Operations Manager		
	Sight Savers (Ghana) No.58 Patrice Lumumba Rd Airport Res. Area, Accra	The Administrative Manager		

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