

# Prof. Dr. Grace Ayensu-Danquah, The High-Achiever Fighting For The Welfare Of Women And Children

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**FOR A country saddled with limited opportunities and the resulting brain drain, not many of the citizens are blessed to migrate to and develop an illustrious career in the United States of America (USA).**

The few Ghanaians who are, hardly look back home, given the myriad of challenges that await any 'returnee.' Prof. Dr. Grace Ayensu-Danquah is one of the rare exceptions.

A renowned surgeon and academician, Prof. Dr. Ayensu-Danquah, returned home around 2013 to help impact the lives of her fellow citizens, and advance the welfare of women and children in particular, in furtherance of her belief that passion matters more than profit.

The Johns Hopkins University-trained physician has since channeled her energy and resources into medical philanthropy, by tapping her knowledge and professional expertise to provide free medical care to help improve the lives of women and children in Ghana and Africa as a whole.

It is her conviction that an empowered woman, no matter her educational background and social status, is the fulcrum around which her community will be transformed.

In that regard, Prof. Dr. Ayensu-Danquah has provided free medical screening to women, children, and the underprivileged in her constituency, Essikado-Ketan in the Western Region, and the whole of Ghana.

She has also contributed immensely to policy dialogue and formulation in advancement of improved medical care for women and children.

In her entire personal, professional, academic, and political life, Prof. Dr. Ayensu-Danquah has fought for the rights of women and the girl-child; often holding high the capabilities of the Ghanaian female to rise up to the occasion when given equal opportunities and contribute meaningfully to development.

The University of Wisconsin-trained medical practitioner is an unrelenting gender advocate who works with all, using her bottom-up approach, to ensure that women occupy their rightful place in society.

At a personal level, those who know and associate with her describe Prof. Dr. Ayensu-Danquah as a virtuous and humble lady who treats everybody she comes into contact with, especially her fellow women, with utmost respect and decorum.

Indeed, her main aim in seeking political office on

the ticket of the National Democratic Congress is to help create equal opportunities for women to help improve their lives.

With evidence of her love and support for women, children, and the underprivileged visible for everyone to see, it now behooves the people of the Essikado-Ketan Constituency in the Western Region to elect her into power, to help empower her to do more good for many more people.

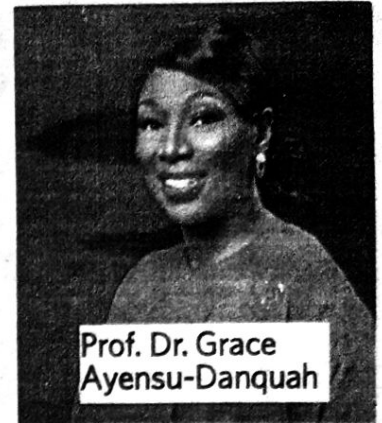
## Brief Profile

In addition to being a gender advocate and philanthropist, Prof. Dr. Ayensu-Danquah (MD, MPH, FGCPS, FICS, FACS) is a humanitarian surgeon and educationist

She holds a Bachelor of Science (BSc.) Degree in Biology from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and a Medical Degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

She is a double board-certified surgeon trained in general surgery, having completed a trauma and burns fellowship. She is also trained in reconstructive surgery.

Additionally, she holds a master's degree in Public Health in International Health Management and Planning, with special certification in humanitarian assistance and disaster management from the Johns Hopkins University



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Dr. Ayensu-Danquah has also worked in private practice in the USA, and holds licenses to practice in California, Michigan, and Maryland.

In Ghana, she runs a private surgical facility in Accra. She is also the founder of Healing Hands Organisation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to providing medical and surgical care to the poor and needy with no access to proper healthcare. The NGO also provides free medical supplies and equipment to clinics and hospitals in rural areas.

Prof. Dr. Ayensu-Danquah is a member of the Ghana Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) Technical Advisory Committee on Safety of Vaccines and Biological Products (TAC-VBP), and a board member of Days for Girls International Ghana.

She is also an adjunct Professor of Surgery at the Centre for Global Surgery at the University of Utah, United States; a lecturer at the University of Cape Coast, School of Medical Sciences in Ghana; a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a fellow of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons.