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Editorial

Journal of Advocacy, Research and Education – 2014 to 2026: An Overview

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Abstract

The *Journal of Advocacy, Research and Education* was founded in October 2014 in Ghana, Africa, to promote open access scholarship and facilitate the dissemination of multidisciplinary research in advocacy, education, and related fields. Since its establishment, the journal has experienced steady growth in both international authorship and academic recognition. Between 2014 and 2025, the journal has published contributions from scholars representing 33 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. In addition to its growing international reach, the journal has been indexed in several reputable academic databases and repositories, including Scopus and other major indexing services, enhancing global accessibility and scholarly visibility. As we reflect on 11 years of continuous publication, we celebrate the journal's achievements and acknowledge the contributions of our authors, reviewers, editors, and institutional partners. We remain committed to strengthening the journal's reputation as a trusted platform for disseminating high-quality, open-access research that informs policy, education, and practice worldwide.

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1. Historical Reflection (2014–2025)

The *Journal of Advocacy, Research and Education (JARE)* was founded in October 2014 by the Centre for Behaviour and Wellness Advocacy (formerly KAD International) in Ghana, with technical and funding support from Cherkas Global University Press (Washington, District of Columbia, USA). The primary aim of the JARE was to promote open access publishing globally (Sarfo, 2023). The inaugural issue featured seven articles authored by scholars from Ghana and the Russian Federation (KAD International, 2014). Since its establishment, the JARE has maintained a consistent publishing record and gradually expanded its global reach.

Following its first issue, the JARE adopted a publication schedule of once every four months. For the past 11 years, the JARE has consistently published three issues annually in April, August,

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and December, with steady growth in its international visibility and scholarly contributions (Sarfo, 2024, 2025).

Between 2014 and 2025, the journal has published research contributions from over 30 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. Among these contributors, Ghana remains the leading contributor with 147 authors, reflecting the journal's strong foundation within the Ghanaian academic community. Other notable contributors include Ukraine (38 authors), South Africa (35 authors), Mexico (19 authors), Nigeria (18 authors), Russia (14 authors), and the United States of America (14 authors). Contributions from several other countries across Asia, Europe, and the Americas demonstrate the journal's increasing international engagement and academic collaboration (Centre for Behaviour..., 2026a).

In addition to its growing international authorship, JARE has achieved recognition through inclusion in several reputable indexing and abstracting services. So far, the JARE is indexed in major scholarly databases, including Scopus, African Journals Online, EBSCO Information Services, Google Scholar, Crossref, ERIH PLUS, and Research4Life (Centre for Behaviour..., 2026b). Inclusion in these widely recognised platforms has significantly enhanced the robustness, visibility, accessibility, and global dissemination of the journal's research. Additionally, such notable indexes enable students, researchers, institutions, practitioners, and policymakers worldwide to access and engage with our publications.

2. Future Aspirations

Over the past eleven years, the *Journal of Advocacy, Research and Education* has built a reputation for publishing high-quality, evidence-based research addressing important issues in education, advocacy, and interdisciplinary scholarship (Sarfo, 2024, 2025).

As the global research environment continues to evolve, the journal remains committed to strengthening its role as a platform for accessible and impactful academic communication. Our goal is to continue improving the quality, visibility, and international diversity of open access research.

Looking ahead, the Editorial Board seeks to expand international collaboration among scholars, reviewers, and institutions while maintaining rigorous peer-review standards. We also aim to enhance the journal's presence in major academic databases and to promote the wider dissemination of research outputs. We also hope to expand our funding scope to support our open-access agenda, especially for countries in the Research4Life community.

On behalf of the JARE Editorial Board, I express our sincere appreciation to our authors, reviewers, readers, indexing partners, and supporting institutions for their continued contributions to the journal's growth. Together, we look forward to strengthening the *Journal of Advocacy, Research and Education* as a trusted home for multidisciplinary research and open knowledge sharing.

7. Declarations

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