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HIGHLIGHTS

UN in Ghana starts a joint programme on Human Security in the Eastern region.

Women shea producers in Northern Ghana to benefit from international certification to access global markets.

Investing in conflict prevention to foster peace in Ghana.

265 communities in Northern Ghana receive resilient water sanitation and hygiene facilities under joint UN programme.

UN in Ghana committed to support Ghana in the fight of the COVID-19 pandemic

On August 18, Ghana received 249,600 doses of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX facility. Again, UNICEF and partners, including the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration were on the ground to receive them and to ensure their safe transportation to the health facility for storage.

The vaccines, the third batch under the COVAX facility, were donated by the UK Government to support the ongoing vaccination campaign.

Earlier, Ghana had taken delivery of 177,600 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccines, the first batch of the African Union's African Vaccines Acquisition Trust (AVAT) initiative. Conse-

quently, vaccination began on Monday, August 16, 2021 in some parts of the Greater Accra and Ashanti regions. The one-week vaccination exercise was targeted at persons of 18 years and above, who had not received AstraZeneca.

Meanwhile, the UN, led by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with Ghana Health Service (GHS) organized two workshops in August 2021 to support efforts of the Government of Ghana in harmonising the response to public health emergencies such as COVID-19 across its border posts.



UNICEF staff ready to check the consignment of vaccines at the airport.



Vaccines ready to be transported for storage.

COVID-19 pandemic (cont.)

The capacity building workshops helped to reinforce the capacities of Port Health, Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) and Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) - Customs Division officials on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at the land Points of Entry (PoEs).

The sessions were organised under the project “Strengthening Border Security and Border Community Resilience in the Gulf of Guinea” with funding from the German Federal Foreign Office. [\[Read more.\]](#)

UNDP has launched a project to support continuity of essential services for the vulnerable during and post-COVID-19 pandemic. The project is funded by the Government of Japan and will be implemented with the Ministry of Health and the GHS.

On the impact of COVID-19 on businesses, the Ghana COVID-19 Agribusiness Tracker and the COVID-19 Business Tracker released by the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS), in partnership with UNDP, the GIZ and the World Bank, revealed that the awareness level of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) amongst agribusinesses is low, with only one in four businesses knowing about the AfCFTA. To address

this gap, UNDP, in partnership with the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) and the Ministry of Trade, has engaged selected Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDA’s) in Ghana to facilitate the participation of local economies in the AfCFTA. [\[Read more.\]](#)

UNICEF, in collaboration with the Ghana Health Service (GHS), the World Food Programme (WFP), and the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, has provided technical expertise and funding to support an assessment of the pandemic’s impact on nutrition. The Second Quarter 2021 Food and Nutrition Security Monitoring Bulletin was released, highlighting more children receiving Growth Monitoring and Promotion services; fewer children underweight; and an increase in maize prices – all routine data cited are from the first quarter of 2021 and compared to same period in 2020.

What’s more, UNICEF also supported the Ministry of Health, GHS and H.E. the First Lady, Mrs. Rebecca Akufo-Addo, to engage Queen Mothers, other traditional leaders and young people who have the power to mobilize society and advocate for increased uptake of the Girl’s Iron Folate Tablet Supplementation and other nutrition programmes.



[H.E. Rebecca Akufo-Addo with queen mothers during a Community Mobilization Engagement on improving nutrition for children and adolescents.](#)

“We are accountable to the next generation” ~ UN Resident Coordinator announces start of joint programme

The UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Charles Abani, has led a delegation of UN officials to the Chief of Akyem Abuakwa, His Majesty, Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin II, at the Royal Ofori Panin Palace. It was the occasion to officially announce a joint UN programme which will be implemented in partnership with the Okyeman Environment Foundation (OEF).

The programme, **Fostering Reforestation, Environmental Sustainability and Tourism in the Okyeman Area (FOREST Okyeman): Accelerating the SDGs through a multi-stakeholder,**

community-based approach to sustainable livelihoods and wellbeing, will build on existing initiatives of the OEF in the region focusing on environment, health and education with a strong livelihood and empowerment component. It will be implemented by five UN agencies, namely UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, UNEP and UN Volunteer.

Supported by the UN Human Security Trust Fund with a grant of 1 million US dollars, the implementing UN agencies will support the programme with an additional 1.3 million US dollars. It is expected to benefit 1.3 million people.

Previously, in 2020, the Special Advisor of the President of the Republic of Ghana on Sustainable Development, Dr. Eugene Owusu led the then UN Resident Coordinator to meet with the Chief to deliberate on strengthening UN partnership with the Akyem community in preserving the environment and achieving the SDGs. The result of that visit was the successful acquisition of the 3-year UN Human Security Trust Fund grant. “I am pleased to translate the vision we had at the time into an actionable programme”, Dr. Owusu said during the gathering. [\[Read more.\]](#)



His Majesty, Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin II, Okyenhene



Mr. Charles Abani addressing the gathering at the King's palace





Group picture of some of the UN staff following the meeting with His Majesty, Osagyefuo Amoatia Ofori Panin II, Okyenhene

UN and partners hold maiden Ghana Waste Fair 2021

The first ever waste management fair has been held in Ghana's capital, Accra. Conceived by UNDP and organized in partnership with the Coca Cola Foundation and the Ghana National Plastic Action Partnership under the Waste Recovery Platform the Fair sought to promote sustainable waste management and deepen collaboration and commitment amongst key actors in the circular economy in the country.

The Fair brought together over 300 stakeholders to dialogue and share ideas on how innovation can be leveraged to promote sustainable waste management in Ghana. [\[Read more.\]](#)



A participant at the Fair explaining his exhibit to officials at his stand.

Ghana speeds up efforts to meet environmental protocol

Ghana is reported to have achieved the target of attaining the 35% consumption reduction of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons. Thanks to various interventions to regulate the importation and usage of refrigerants with high Global Warming Potential (GWP) and capacity building initiatives by the Government.

To consolidate the success achieved and continue to meet other obligations under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, UNDP supported the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to organize a series of trainings for technicians in the refrigeration sector.



Technicians being taken through practical sessions at the training

The [Montreal Protocol](#) is the landmark multilateral environmental agreement that regulates the production and consumption of nearly 100 man-made chemicals referred to as ozone depleting substances (ODS). [\[Read more.\]](#)

First mini hydro plant - an engine for job creation and power generation

Renewable energy is a priority sector for the country's climate change mitigation agenda. The Ministry of Energy, through the Bui Power Authority (BPA), and with support from UNDP, has completed the construction of the mini-hydropower plant, known as the Tsatsadu Generating Station (TGS). The exercise is part of the Ministry's [Renewable Energy Master Plan](#).

The Plant, situated at the Tsatsadu Waterfalls, has a power producing capacity of 45kilowatts with the possibility of adding another 40-60kilowatts capacity turbine in the future. [\[Read more.\]](#)



An aerial view of the Tsatsadu Mini-hydro Power Plant.

Training workshop on Enhancing the Resilience of Ghana's Infrastructure

UNOPS, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) and the University of Oxford (Environmental Change Institute), held a training workshop on Infrastructure Resilience Concepts and Tools in September.

This training is a culmination of over a year of engagement

with the Technical Experts who provided, verified and validated data, which was analysed using the Tools, which included Capacity Assessment Tool for Infrastructure (CAT-I), National Infrastructure Systems Model (NISMOD) and Sustainable Infrastructure Financing Tool (SIFT), to assess Ghana's climate change hazard exposure and the state of the enabling environment. The final output from this Study is the "Ghana:

Roadmap for Resilient Infrastructure in a Changing Climate", which details resilience and adaptation solutions as well as innovative financing options.

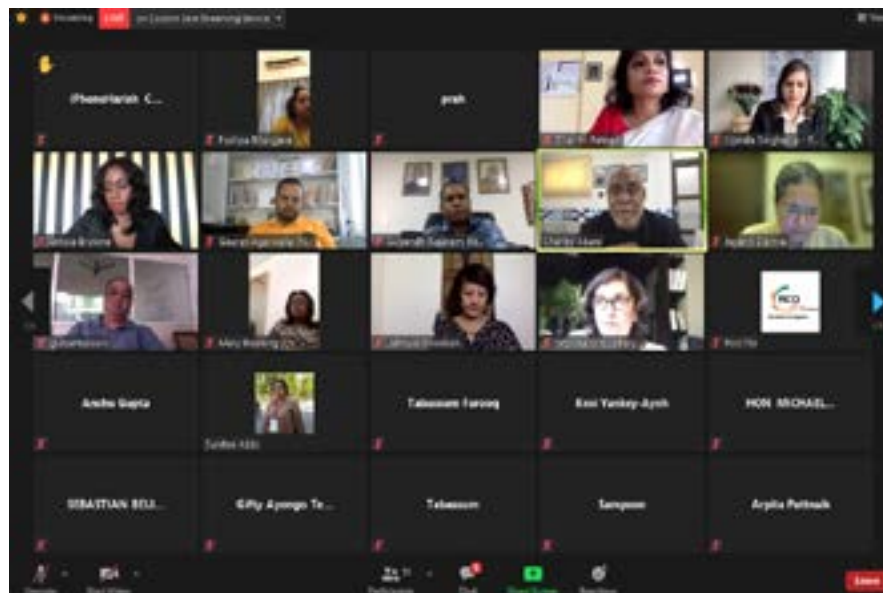
The key objective of the training was to enable the participants to utilise the Tools, to further build on the current work, and to mainstream resilience in future infrastructure developments.



Group photo of in country training participants and virtual resource persons

Conclave held to strengthen south-south cooperation

The UN in Ghana partnered with the FLO-FICCI Women's Chamber of Commerce to hold the 2nd International Trade and Business conclave for women entrepreneurs. The conclave aimed at increasing business relations between women entrepreneurs in Ghana and India.



President commissions Premium Foods Ltd, a WFP-assisted factory

President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo of Ghana has commissioned a new factory of Premium Foods Limited, one of two industrial agro-processors supported by the World Food Programme (WFP) to produce high quality specialized nutri-

tious foods. Located at Kwaso in the Ashanti region, the factory was supported under WFP's Enhanced Nutrition and Value Chains (ENVAC) project, funded by the Government of Canada. It is equipped to process over 96,000 metric tonnes of maize grits and cereals each year.

Its extrusion plant produces a ready-to-eat fortified blend of corn and soybeans, fortified with 18 vitamins and minerals, to improve the nutrition of pregnant and nursing women, adults and growing infants. [\[Read more.\]](#)



President Akufo-Addo, supported by HE Ms Kati Csaba, the Canadian High Commissioner, cutting the ribbon to commission new Premium Foods factory [above]; Aerial view of the new state-of-the-art Premium Foods factory [Below].



Women shea producers in Northern Ghana to benefit from international certification to access global markets

The shea industry in Ghana is traditionally dominated by women and provides a source of income for many families, particularly in the rural areas in Northern Ghana. This is because, the shea tree grows well in the savannah ecological zone. Women are mostly engaged in shea picking, sale of the fresh shea fruits, processing, and sale of the shea nuts. The shea

has many health and nutritional properties .

To promote fair trade certification for products made by Ghanaian women in the shea butter industry, UNDP, through the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP), is supporting a project that is being implemented by Ripples Ghana. [\[Read more.\]](#)



Shea butter packaged by the women for export.

Recipient of UNAIDS Solidarity Fund kicks start programme implementation

Three grantees from Ghana have received seed fund from a 250 000 US-dollar Solidarity Fund developed by UNAIDS and partners to facilitate access to financing for key populations of the HIV response who are facing special hardship in

the current COVID-19 context.

The seed fund will empower recipient organisations to sustain their livelihoods through scaling existing or developing new business initiatives that will generate business value and social impact for their communities.

The three are Hope for Future Generation (HFFG), Women of Dignity Alliance (WODA) and Hope Alliance Foundation. WODA recently held an introductory meeting in Accra to kick-start the implementation of the “Women Empowered Through Social Entrepreneurship” under



Angela Trenton-Mbonde [2nd from right] with members of WODA after the meeting.

which over 90 sex workers will receive training in various trade enterprises such as liquid soap and bread making. They will also receive training on standard so-

cial enterprise operating practices and improve their entrepreneurial skills via one-on-one mentoring with professionals.

UNAIDS Country Director, Angela Trenton-Mbonde, underscored the need for beneficiaries to maximize the opportunity the Solidarity Fund offers.

Workshop on labour migration and ethical recruitment in agricultural sectors held

IOM Ghana, with funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, held a knowledge exchange workshop on the intersection

between food and agricultural supply chains, labour migration and ethical recruitment in Ghana. It was also an occasion to present and discuss the preliminary findings of an IOM re-

search on labour migration in the cocoa value chain in Ghana.

The research findings will inform the development of a multi-year IOM intervention

Traditional leaders and national institutions pledge to make child labour a priority in District Development

2021 marks the year for the elimination of Child Labour. To this end, ILO in collaboration with the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, organized a tour of cocoa farming communities to gain insights from the ground under the ILO Trade for Decent Work Project (T4DW).

The project is funded by the EU and is part of the larger ILO/EU support to sustainable Cocoa Initiatives and ILO's promotion of International Labour Standards and Decent Work for All.

The Ministry of Labour led the delegation of Nation-

al Steering Committee for the Elimination of Child Labour, ILO and District Chief Executives of the respective communities. The outcome of the visits was heightened commitment by stakeholders to contribute and uphold activities that would eliminate child labour at all cost.

UN continues to support distance learning efforts

Ghana's distance learning programme continues to support about 6.3 million children to overcome learning disruption caused by the pandemic. UNICEF and the Ghana Education Service (GES) implemented programmes to broadcast

lessons in four core subjects through the national Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) and its 32 affiliates, as well as 47 local radio stations in 47 districts and six regions.

UNICEF also promoted the use of community libraries.

Meanwhile, a month-long hackathon 'World Youth Skills' was launched on 12 July to garner fresh ideas from young people between 10 and 24 years old on ending open defecation in Ghana, with support from the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, UNICEF, CONIWAS, GHS, and partners.



Training Consultant Michael Selom taking teachers through how to navigate the Moodle Platform

UNESCO, in partnership with the GES, Centre for National Distance Learning and Open Schooling (CENDLOS) and Ghana National Association of Teachers (GNAT), has launched an Emergency Remote Teaching (ERT) training for Junior and Senior High Schools' SHS teachers in the Greater Accra Region.

The training, which brought together teachers across all districts in the Greater Accra region, took participants through practical sessions on creating online/virtual classrooms using Moodle and other Learning Management Platforms. It will be replicated in the Ashanti, Northern and Western regions. The ERT training is one of the activities being implemented under the UNESCO-Korea Funds in Trust (KFIT) Project.



assisted 135 stranded Ghanaian migrants to return home from Libya, through the Voluntary Humanitarian Return Assistance Programme. IOM worked closely with the Government of Ghana to ensure a smooth reception and welcome of the returnees upon arrival at the Kotoka International Airport in Accra.

EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in Ghana – 4 Years On

Since 2017, when the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in Ghana was launched, over 1,800 returnees have been supported to voluntarily return to Ghana. The majority came back from Libya, followed by returns from Niger and Algeria. Over 800 returnees have benefitted from various forms of reintegration support including collective and

community reintegration interventions. The European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa-funded initiative is part of a regional programme aimed at improving protection, facilitating voluntary return, providing sustainable reintegration to returning migrants, and contributing to strengthening migration governance. [\[Read more.\]](#)

Meanwhile, in late July, IOM

Building capacity to Prevent Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment

Sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment violate the right of the victim and is a betrayal of the core values of the United Nations.

As the UN agency responsible for sexual and reproductive health, UNFPA is committed to preventing sexual misconduct by anyone, including programme implementers, and will promptly act upon any such abuse when it occurs as well as assist those affected by it.

To ensure that programme Implementing Partners (IPs); who interact regularly with beneficiaries and communities do not fall foul of standards on Sexual Abuse and Exploitation,



Nana Koranteng (left) receiving End GBV souvenir from Dr Agnes Kayitankore, Deputy Representative, UNFPA.

UNFPA brought together IP venting Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). [\[Read more.\]](#) focal points from all the 16 regions of Ghana to train them on the UN Standards on Pre-

Strengthening capacity of journalists in data storytelling

The United Nations in Ghana, in partnership with the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) and the Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ), has initiated a capacity development and certification programme in statistical data communications for journalists to improve their data storytelling skills.

The programme, which will be run by GIJ aims to equip journalists with the needed skills to interpret and report data accurately and position them to effectively advocate for policy and social change through data storytelling. [\[Read more.\]](#)



The GIJ Rector, Professor Kwamena Kwansah-Aidoo, exchanging the signed MoU with Mrs. Abena Osei-Akoto, Director of Census and Surveys at GSS. On the right is Dr Frederick

265 communities in Northern Ghana receive resilient WASH facilities under joint UN programme

Several communities in Northern Ghana are pronounced flood prone, owing mainly to the low-lying nature of the area. Floods in this part of the country are perennial, thereby increasing the vulnerability of the people in the area to infections, illness, loss of livelihoods, lack of farmlands and school closures.

Besides, poor water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services pose yet another key public health challenge for flood prone areas in Northern Ghana. With only about 10% of the population said to use improved sanitation facilities, and high cases of open defecation, the situation is worrisome. For the people,

“issues of water and sanitation can be life threatening, especially when disaster occurs,” says the Country Representative of UNFPA, Mr. Niyi Ojuolape. Further buttressing the seriousness of the situation, Dr. Eric Moukoro, Programme Manager, UN-Habitat, said “when it floods, the water washes the poor WASH facilities into the streams, rivers and un-elevated and poorly built hand-dug wells thereby contaminating the very source of their drinking water,” a situation that makes the people in the North susceptible to several health hazards.

To address this daunting poor sanitation menace, and to support the people to build resilient

WASH facilities that can prevent vulnerability to natural disaster in the area, the United Nations in Ghana, represented by four agencies, namely, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNDP and WHO implemented the UN Water and Sanitation in Disaster Prone Communities Programme, (WASH in DPC) targeting 265 disaster prone communities in Northern Ghana.

Through the programme, approximately 300,000 people in these communities, schools and healthcare facilities have received resilient water and sanitation infrastructure and thereby allowing for their social inclusion and universal access to water and sanitation and other essential services related to



Dr. Eric Moukoro, Programme Manager, UN-Habitat interacting with residents at Bunkpurugu.

265 communities [cont.]

disaster management with early warning mechanisms by communities and Government bodies, including the National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO).

The 3-year programme is funded by Global Affairs (GAC), an endorsement of Canada's aspiration "to foster an inclusive society where everyone's needs are met" says Mr. Eric Chimsi, Development Officer at the Canadian High Commission. [\[Read more.\]](#)



A woman fetches from a water station built for the community.



A resident washing his hands at a handwashing station built for the Ward K community.



Group picture of visiting UN officials, partners and residents of Ward K.

Investing in conflict prevention to foster peace in Ghana

A peace and security project on **strengthening response capacities of state and civil society actors in preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism in coastal states in West Africa** has been launched. The project, under the leadership of UNDP, with funding support from the Government of Japan, will be implemented together with the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC).

Furthermore, UNDP in partnership with the National Peace Council, has trained key stakeholders in selected border communities in Ghana on how to identify early warning signs and prevent violent extremism to foster and maintain peace in the country. The workshop engaged local government officials, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), local leaders, youth, and women from at risk communities in the Ketu South Municipality in the Volta region and in the Kassena Nankana West District of the Upper East region, which are along major border areas in Ghana. [\[Read more.\]](#)



The signing of project documents by UNDP Resident Representative in Ghana, Angela Lusigi and KAIPTC Commandant, Major General Francis Ofori. On the right is the Japan Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Mr. HIMENO Tsutomu.



Participants at the peacebuilding, early warning and response training engagement.

In the Sissala East Council. [\[Read more.\]](#)

In the Sissala East Council, a peacebuilding, early warning and response training engagement with communities and youth groups has taken place. This was organised in partnership with the Upper West Regional Peace



YoLe: A shining example of ensuring that every young person's potential is fulfilled

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), with a mission of delivering a world where every young person's potential is fulfilled, launched the Youth Leaders (YoLe) Fellowship in Ghana in November 2018. The programme aims to invest in young people and prepares them to be leaders today and tomorrow.

It is designed to deliver carefully curated contents and hands-on experiences that are locally relevant and globally pertinent with a focus on improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes, within twelve months.

YoLe is barely three years old, yet its successes speak volumes. Several of the young fellows

who pass through the programme have either furthered their education, gained meaningful employment or pursuing higher academic goals.

The opportunities and endeavours that these young people have undertaken after the fellowship are indeed impressive and even in some instances mind boggling, proving Kofi Annan's words 'Empowered, they can be agents of development and peace.' All 25 alumni of YoLe are changing the world in numerous ways, working for the good of Ghana and the world at large.

The third cohort is in for something life-changing, they are buckled up and are ready for the take off.



Fellows of the Second Cohort of YoLe.

Young Ghanaians shoot baskets to achieve life goals

200 young adults and children came out to Jamestown in Accra on July 2 to inaugurate a completely refurbished outdoor court, thanks to the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the European Union. The court renovation is part of the Playground project, a collaboration between IOM and Sports for Education and Economic Development (SEED) project, which seeks to empower young people to create viable alternatives to irregular migration, in the heart of their own communities.

The Playground project is part of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration, which, in Ghana, has brought back home over 1800 returnees since 2017, over 60 per

cent of whom are between 18 and 35 years old.

Sports can be a vector for social change and help young people achieve their dreams while building viable alternatives to irregular migration. Together with local partners, Playground builds a culture of self-development and pride on and beyond the court. The Jamestown initiative was undertaken in collaboration with the Accra Metropolitan Assembly and youth-led sports-focused NGO DUNK Grassroot. [\[Read more.\]](#)



The newly renovated basketball court.

UN programme opens doors of opportunity for young Ghanaian innovators

UNDP's Waste Recovery Platform (WRP) is opening doors of opportunity to young Ghanaian innovators.

Alinko has been in the waste recovery sector for over 30 years. He uses recycled plastic waste to make different products. His fortunes changed overnight after his waste recycling work was identified and showcased on UNDP's social media through a video story. The documentary was produced under the solutions mapping initiative of the UNDP Accelerator Lab in Ghana, in collaboration with the Ghana WRP. [\[Read more.\]](#)

For 36-year-old Nelson Boateng, building houses and producing pavement blocks with

plastic waste is what he knows how to do. After graduating from school with a diploma in computer networking engineering, Nelson was determined to provide solutions to the country's plastic menace and so he ventured into recycling.

With his recycling company, "Nelplast Ghana", Nelson recycles plastic waste into other products. His innovation won him a grant from the first edition of the Waste Recovery Innovation (WRI) Challenge, organized by UNDP, in partnership with the Embassy of the Netherlands in Ghana, under the Ghana WRP. [\[Read more.\]](#)

Meanwhile, three senior high schools have been awarded a total of 9,000 US dollars to enable them implement innovative waste management projects



Ibrahim Yougbare, AKA Alinko, a waste recycler at work



Nelson entering his plastic house



Transforming Fafa's life through joint approaches

The 2018/2019 Ghana Health Service District Ranking of adolescent pregnancy placed Akatsi North District in first position for its high prevalence in the Volta Region.

19-year-old Fafa resides with her grandmother in the Ave Afiadenyigba community. She is part of the adolescent pregnancy statistics in the district. She is four months pregnant. She is four months pregnant and has now become an addition to these statistics.

Fafa got pregnant at age 18 by her unemployed 21-year-old boyfriend. [Read](#) how through a joint UN programme, funded by Global Affairs Canada, Fafa



Fafa

Beating childhood cancers through early detection and treatment

Although more than 80% of children with cancer live in developing countries like Ghana, only about 20% to 30% of them receive such treatment. This is often due to inhibitive costs. In Ghana, where can-

Insurance Scheme, the average expenditure for treating childhood cancer is about US \$1000. In the treatment of Leukaemia, it can reach as high as \$7000 for up to three years.

This is far beyond the means of many Ghanaians. According to the Professor Renner of the KorleBu Teaching Hospital in Ghana, "about 50% of patients used to abandon treatment halfway due to lack of funds. However, this figure has been reduced to 15% with support from a number of benevolent individuals and organizations" including World Child Cancer, which has helped to fund diagnostic investigations, purchase chemotherapy doses and cover the costs of transport and clinic appointments for numerous Ghanaian families and the introduction of the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancers by the WHO. [\[Read more.\]](#)



A patient with her mother.

Championing parental peer learning; a Chief's reigning story

Nana Koranteng Amoako is the chief of Asin Asamankese, a farming community in the Central Region of Ghana. The region recorded a total of 10,301 adolescent pregnancies in 2020, as reported by the Ghana Health Service.

A chief's reigning story (cont.)

Nana Koranteng, who is poised to make a difference and change the narrative of adolescent pregnancy in the Central region, decided to join and lead the Community Parents Network Association Group (COPNAG) established by the Department of Gender in 2018. His aim is to support efforts to curb adolescent pregnancies in his community and ultimately in the region.

The concept of COPNAG as a community-owned intervention aims at improving parental skills in a bid to enhance parent-adolescent relationships. It is facilitated by the Department of Gender in partnership with UNFPA, under the Canada-funded UN Joint Programme on Empowering Adolescent Girls.

[Read more](#) on how Nana Koranteng and other members of the community are using this means to communicate more effectively on sexual and reproductive health issues with their children.

Vehicles delivered to Ghana Highway Authority

UNOPS has delivered four vehicles to the Ghana Highway Authority (GHA). Financed through the African Development Bank (AfDB), the vehicles were procured through UNOPS' Procurement Procedures to support the implementation of the Eastern Corridor Road Development Programme (Phase 1).

The Eastern Corridor Road in Ghana project is set to link the capital, Accra, with the northern hinterland and across the borders to the Sahel region. Upon completion, the project would address the needs of an estimated 230,000 people and impact the lives of over 5.4 million inhabitants by reducing travel and transit time, support education and health services delivery while agricultural potentials of the rural areas would be transformed.



Procured vehicles handed over to Ghana Highway Authority

Rehabilitated Ussher Fort Slave Museum and Documen-

Weeks after the inauguration of the rehabilitated Ussher Fort Slave Museum and Documentary Centre, UNESCO country office and partners organized two visits for the UN Country Team and the diplomatic community. The reha-

bilitation of the edifice was made possible with support from the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust (NFIT) and UNESCO.

The UNESCO Representative and Head of Office in Ghana, Mr. Abdourahamane Diallo, declared the visits as historical

and stressed the need for solidarity and shared responsibility among the countries in safeguarding outstanding properties such as Ussher Fort, one of 28 components of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western regions.



The UNCT members who visited the Fort in a group picture



Members of the diplomatic community at the Fort

World Day against Trafficking in Persons: IOM shares stories of trafficking survivors

Sherrynorth and Adaku are brave, strong and resilient young women. These creative women with big dreams for their future, are survivors of

human trafficking. On World Day against Trafficking in Persons, commemorated annually on 30 July, they are sharing their stories and fighting to end human trafficking. Read their stories [here](#).

World Youth Day - An evening to remember

This year's International Youth Day on August 12 was marked with an evening forum by the National Youth Authority, in collaboration with the United Nations in Ghana in Accra. In attendance were the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. Alhaji Mahamudu Bawumia and Her Excellency Mrs. Samira Bawumia, several dignitaries representing government and civil society organisations, as well as young people from youth-led organisations. [\[Read more.\]](#)

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H.E. Mrs. Samira Bawumia [middle]; Niyi Ojuolape, Country Rep or UNFPA [3rd from L] in a group picture with other officials at the event.

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