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In 2011 when post-election violence forced some Ivorians to flee to Ghana, getting a community to host them did not come easy. The plan was for the asylum seekers who arrived at the Sampa and Osei Kojokrom borders, and surrounding areas to be hosted in the Bono Region of Ghana. After several consultations with various communities involving the Ghana Refugee Board, UNHCR, and other stakeholders, the people of Fetentaa agreed to accept

the refugees in their community. According to the Chief of Fetentaa, Nana Kofi Nti Yeboah II, convincing his people to accept the refugees was difficult.

Now, 10 years gone and Fetentaa is thriving. In a bid to ease the burden on the local community hosting refugees, and to promote the integration of services as well as peaceful coexistence, UNHCR, with the support of donors under the Solutions Capital Fund, and through its partners constructed new facilities, and

expanded existing infrastructure in the areas of health, education, livelihoods, and security. This is in line with the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) adopted by the International Community in 2017, which includes responsibility-sharing to ease the burden on the host community and enhance refugee self-reliance.

In July 2022, UNHCR handed over the new facilities to the Chief and people of Fetentaa and the local authority. [Read more.](#)



UNHCR Representative, Ms. Esther Kiragu exchanging pleasantries with the Queen Mother of Fetentaa, Nana Akosua Faah. ©UNHCR/PFolley

IOM Ghana launches Country Strategy - 2022-2025

The International Organization for Migration has launched its [Country Strategy for Ghana 2022-2025](#). The programmatic framework of the new Country Strategy is founded on three main pillars: resilience, mobility and governance. It aims to build the resilience of migrants and their communities of origin; strengthen existing migration management systems so that they are more protection sensitive to mobility-induced vulnerabilities; and reinforce the policy and legal framework for migration governance.



Chief Director of the Ministry of Interior (first right) launching the Country Strategy. ©IOM/Bortey

The Country Strategy will amplify the positive contributions of migrants on social and economic development in Ghana, and address the challenges of migration, key among them those occasioned by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)

UNDP & Societe Generale Ghana PLC partner to promote innovations and inclusive entrepreneurship in Ghana

UNDP and Societe Generale Ghana PLC have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to encourage and support innovators, especially small businesses led by youth, women, and persons with disabilities to scale up innovations towards sustainable development.

This partnership aims to leverage the expertise and resources of both institutions to provide a tailored programme including capacity building, mentorship, business to business matching, and pitching masterclasses to enable easy access to investors and markets for products and services. [Read more.](#)



Angela Lusigi, UNDP Resident Representative in Ghana exchanging the MoU with Hakim Ouzzani, Managing Director of SG Ghana PLC. ©UNDP

The UN and Government of Ghana participate in Transforming Education Pre-Summit in Paris

The United Nations in Ghana and officials from the Ministry of Education have participated in the Transforming Education Pre-Summit in Paris.

Under the authority of the United Nations Secretary General, UNESCO convened the Pre-Summit as a precursor to the 'Transforming Education Summit' (TES) scheduled to take place in September 2022. The Summit will harness evolving discussions and generate further momentum towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially Goal 4 which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

The pre-Summit brought together over 150 Ministers and Deputy Ministers, UN staff, diplomats, private sector representatives, young people, and civil society organizations in the 3-day event, which was organized around five Thematic Action Tracks; i) Inclusive, equitable, safe and healthy schools, ii) Learning and skills for life, work and sustainable development; iii) Teachers, teaching and the teaching profession; iv) Digital learning and transformation; and v) Financing of education.

The UN in Ghana delegation was led by UNESCO Representative to Ghana, Abdourahamane Diallo, and UNICEF's Chief of Education, Tara O'Connell. Ghana Deputy Minister of Education Honourable Rev. John Ntim

Fordjour led Ghana's delegation.

In addition to the plenary sessions, the Ghana delegation participated in many side events including Action Track 3 on Teachers, Teaching and the Teaching profession at which time the Hon. John Ntim Fordjour shared information on how Ghana used participatory approaches to develop the Comprehensive National Teacher Policy (CNTP) to transform the teaching profession in the country. The delegation also held bilateral meetings with some senior UNESCO officials to deepen the existing cooperation between Ghana and UNESCO as well as explore new areas of cooperation geared towards attaining the SDGs.



Ghana Delegation with Stefania Giannini (5th from Left), UNESCO Assistant Director General for Education.

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Ghana Delegation at the High-level Ministerial Session.
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As part of its support to the Government of Ghana in preparing for the pre-summit and the main summit, the UN System in Ghana has prepared a position paper that highlights the key education sector issues

and proposed areas that need more emphasis to enable the country to achieve the SDG4.

Highlights from the pre-summit include the need to shift from reforming to transform-

ing education to address the present and future challenges of the world; and the active and progressive involvement of young people in all education policy processes towards transforming education.

Responding to continuous education during COVID-19 through digital learning

UNESCO has organized a cross-country seminar in Accra during which participants from UNESCO (Headquarters Paris, Abuja, Accra, Addis, Cairo), Huawei Technologies Limited, and Ministries of Education from Egypt, Ethiopia, and Ghana shared ideas on effective ways to integrate ICT into the education system.

The seminar is a key activity under the UNESCO-Huawei Technology-enabled Open Schools for All Project, a pilot project being implemented in

Ghana, Egypt and Ethiopia to test and scale up Technology-enabled Open School Systems.

Developed within the framework of the UNESCO-Huawei Funds-in-Trust, this project aims to build technology-enabled crisis-resilient school systems that will make the comprehensive school education programme (learning of knowledge, teacher-student interaction and social caring) accessible from schools, at home and in other places, to ensure

the continuity and quality of learning at any given time.

During the inception phase of the project, a country needs assessment was conducted and an elaborated country-level work plan was developed. The purpose of the seminar was primarily to present the activities implemented and the emerging results, and to guide the second implementation phase of the project until August 2023.

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UNESCO Hands Over \$179,800 worth of ICT Equipment to the University for Health and Allied Sciences

UNESCO Ghana office has handed over a set of teaching platform ICT equipment worth \$179,800 to the University for Health and Allied Sciences in Ghana. The donation is under the UNESCO-CreateView Smart Classroom Project being implemented by the University to improve the ability of teaching resources production, teaching big data analysis, long-distance teaching and learning, and in-class productivity. The equipment constitutes hardware and software. They include smart touch panel, smart recording system, high-speed scanner, and corollary equipment, recording classroom intelligence analysis software, interactive teaching system, intelligent classroom cognitive analysis engine software, among others.

The ICT equipment will help the university to create, manage, share and publish their own teaching resources. Other universities in Africa that will benefit from the second



UNESCO Ghana Representative making a presentation to the Vice Chancellor of UHAS. ©UNESCO

phase of this initiative include the National Open University of Nigeria and the University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar.

This is one of many UNESCO interventions that are being funded with support from private sector organizations that have signed up onto the [UNESCO Global Education Coalition](#), such as Huawei, Wikimedia Founda-

tion, Guangzhou Create View International Data Information Company Limited (CreateView) and Prada. UNESCO established the Coalition in March 2020 to mobilize support from the private sector to support Member States to protect the right to education during the COVID-19 pandemic and to support in the recovery efforts. [Read more.](#)



PACT 2.0 launched and Vaccine Champions trained to combat vaccine hesitancy

The Partnership to Accelerate COVID-19 Testing (PACT) 2.0 has been launched to increase COVID-19 vaccine uptake in Ghana, specifically in the Greater Accra and Ashanti Regions, two major cities in the country.

Funded by the German Government with support from UNAIDS, PACT 2.0 is implemented by Hope for Future Generations, Ghana Red Cross Society, Young Health Advocates Ghana and National Association of Persons Living with HIV (NAP+).

The three-month project seeks to reduce vaccine hesitancy and boost vaccine uptake towards the attainment of national targets in fighting the

Meanwhile, UNAIDS is working with the Africa Centres for Disease Control (Africa CDC) to strengthen community-led response against COVID-19 & HIV in Africa.

A training workshop was held to train Vaccine Champions and expand access to COVID-19 vaccination for the public and persons living with HIV.

Facilitators from the Ghana Red Cross Society, the Health Promotion Department of Ghana Health Service and HFFG commended PACT 2.0 for being a channel to uproot misinformation in the communities which have fueled fear surrounding COVID-19 vaccines. [Read more.](#)



Some vaccine champions demonstrating ways of engaging community members on COVID-19 vaccine acceptance. ©UNAIDS



Group picture of Vaccine Champions. ©UNAIDS

African Union **AFRICA CDC**
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Test, Trace and Treat:

Partnership to Accelerate COVID-19 Testing (PACT) in Africa

To help increase continental testing efforts and reduce COVID-19 transmission in Africa, Africa CDC has launched the Partnership to Accelerate COVID-19 Testing (PACT): Test, Trace, Treat. PACT will mobilize experts, community workers, supplies and other resources to **TEST, TRACE** and **TREAT** COVID-19 cases in a timely manner to minimize the impact of the pandemic on the Africa continent. Anchored on the African Union Joint Continental Strategy for COVID-19 Outbreak¹, PACT will ultimately help prevent transmission and deaths, and minimize the social and economic harm associated with COVID-19.

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Over hundred participants attended the hybrid seminar to share perspectives and views on digital open school models. As a co-organizer of this event and beneficiary country of the UNESCO-Huawei project, the Government of Ghana shared perspectives and opened international discussions on the importance of digital and dis-

tance learning, informed by several recent national events, such as the maiden National Digital & Distance Learning (NDDL) Conference organized by the Centre for National Distance Learning and Open Schooling in Ghana (CENDLOS) held in Accra.



Group photo of dignitaries together with participants at the UNESCO-Huawei Technology-enabled Open Schools for All Project. ©UNESCO

UNICEF and UNESCO support to maiden National Digital and Distance Learning Conference.

UNICEF and UNESCO supported the maiden National Digital & Distance Learning (NDDL) Conference organized by the Centre for National Distance Learning and Open Schooling in Ghana (CENDLOS) held in Accra.

The CENDLOS hybrid conference was attended by over 200 stakeholders to discuss strategies and develop a comprehensive road map for the integration of digital learning across levels of education in Ghana. It also provided an opportunity to highlight the progress of digital and distance learning in the country and to throw a spotlight on innovative approaches, especially considering the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on education.

Ghana, like many countries in the Sub-region suffered significant learning losses resulting from the COVID-19 generally because of weak capacity of its educational system to respond to emergency situations and due to non-existent policy direction on ICT integration in existing curricula, limited basic ICT skills by teachers and educators, limited access to devices coupled with high cost of data, and absence of digital learning platforms.

One of the critical areas tabled at the conference was the importance of action research to be embedded into digital and distance learning programmes.

UNICEF is working with the government to provide digital learning platforms such as the joint Microsoft-UNICEF initiative, the Learning Passport, and school internet connectivity through the GIGA initiative to provide continued learning opportunities to children across the country. To date, more than 35,000 schools have been mapped. The initiative aims at supporting and accelerating efforts in Ghana and around the world to connect every school to the Internet in a reliable and sustainable manner, in partnership with the private sector and the government.

During this quarter, 330 and 2,700 district level and school cluster representatives monitored several back-to-school campaigns to ascertain the number of teenage mothers who have returned to school and assess how conducive and receptive prevailing conditions are for them.



UNICEF's Dr. Dawn DiPeri presenting the Learning Passport at the Maiden Distance and Digital Learning Conference, organised by CENDLOS. ©UNICEF/Kokoroko

The findings will inform the nature and strategies to be adopted in the coming campaigns.

UNICEF is supporting the digitization and alignment of the 'Differentiated Learning' training content with the National Teaching Council (NTC) digital platform for Continuous Teacher Professional Development, aimed at equipping teachers to teach in an age- and level-appropriate manner. The platform has been popular amongst teachers with an in-built user assessment function indicating positive feedback from teachers to improve teaching and learning in the classroom.

Following the CENDLOS conference, UNICEF facilitated post-conference Learning Passport content mapping exercise with a diverse group of digital and distance learning stakeholders.



The Learning Passport App being used at the D2 Learning Conference. ©UNICEF/Kokoroko

Growing resilient MSMEs in Africa for a sustainable future

Globally, MSMEs make up over 90 percent of all firms, employ more than 70 percent of the population, and contribute about 50 percent of GDP according to the International Council for Small Businesses (ICSB). This trend is mirrored in Ghana where MSMEs account for almost 70 percent of the GDP. UNDP Ghana is investing in integrat-

ed ecosystem support to grow MSMEs beyond survival and also enhance access to professional support for local businesses...Now is the time to scale up multi-partner collaborative platforms that support national priorities to unlock the enormous transformative potential of MSMEs to power Africa's long-term prosperity. [Read more.](#)

Ivorian refugee leads a team of Ghanaian chefs to organize a Bread Fair in Accra

“Bread is a universal food. you can eat bread if you have nothing” says Chef Eric Douoba, an Ivorian refugee in Ghana. At a Bread Fair held at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Accra, Chef Eric and other bakers from different parts of the country exhibited their bakery skills to the satisfaction of the many patrons who visited.

The Fair, organized by Chef Eric was in observance of the Feast of St. Honore, a moment set aside to appreciate bread and pastries. The event had chefs from Kempinski Hotel, Alisa Hotel, and Golden Tulip participating.

Golden Chef Foundation is the brainchild of Chef Eric. He partners with some Ghanaians to manage the Foundation in Accra. Golden Chef Foundation represented Ghana in the World Bread Cup (the Coupe du Monde de la Boulangerie), a meeting place for the most incredible talents of the bakery profession and the reference of the international bakery. According to Chef Eric, the Foundation is getting ready for the African Cookery and Pastry Cup in Morocco come September.

Visitors at the Fair were sensitized about bread and the process of making bread, one of the most consumed foods in the world. [Read more.](#)



Some school children learning about how bread is made ©UNHCR/PFolley



Chef Eric at the Fair. ©UNHCR/PFolley

A visit to the Blue Oasis - One year on

In June 2021, the UNHCR established the Blue Oasis, a community centre for urban refugees under its urban program. The centre has an ICT centre, a library, training rooms, conference centre and board room. All of these have been set up to aid refugees in their job search and for their skills development, livelihood activities, information

exchanges and recreation.

A year on, and as part of highlighting the significance of World Refugee Day, the UN Information Centre visited the centre to listen to the views of users of the facility. [Read more.](#)

Strengthening border security at the northern borders of Benin, Ghana and Togo

The Minister for the Interior, Hon. Ambrose Dery has commissioned the renovated Hamile border post in the Upper West Region.

Border patrol equipment including motorbikes, day and night binoculars, tents, first aid boxes, raincoats, solar lamps, among others, were also provided to facilitate the management of irregular border crossings around the border post.

Honourable Ambrose Dery commended IOM and the German Federal Foreign Office for their commitment to improving the infrastructure at the land

border posts.

On the same date, the official handover of border patrol equipment organized by IOM Benin, took place in Cotonou at the Ministry of the Interior and Public Security headquarters. The Benin handover ceremony was presided over by H.E Alasane Seidou, Minister of the Interior and Public Security. He also took the opportunity to express his sincere thanks to the United Nations in Benin and to IOM which, since its establishment in Benin in 2012, has distinguished itself in supporting the government of Benin on issues as varied as migration, se-

curity, and border management.

The interventions were implemented to enhance traveler facilitation and control while improving migration data collection and border security. The Migration Information and Data Analysis Systems (MIDAS) was also installed to support the digitization of migration data management. MIDAS, which was developed by IOM, is a user-friendly, non-commercial and fully customizable border management information system that provides countries with the possibility to collect, process, analyse and share traveler information. [Read more.](#)



The Minister for the Interior, Honourable Ambrose Dery (sitting, 3rd from right) in a group photo with participants at the handing over ceremony in Hamile. They include Abibatou Wane (sitting, 3rd from left). ©IOM

Sustaining peace by advancing inclusion and representation (An op-ed)

Declining global peace has negative implications for human development. The most recent Global Peace Index indicates an average decline in global peacefulness in at least 73 countries.

Women, youth, and representatives from groups who are disproportionately affected

by conflict and violence are currently underrepresented in peace processes.

In this [op-ed](#), the UNDP Resident Representative, Angela Lusigi notes that Ghana has made significant strides in increasing women's participation in peace negotiations, peacekeeping activities, and preven-

tive diplomacy. For instance, the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre in Accra, supported by UNDP and the Japanese government, offers courses based on the pillars of Resolution 1325. She makes the argument that given the opportunity, African women can help build a peaceful, secure and resilient continent.

UNESCO trains 25 judges on freedom of expression and the safety of journalists in Ghana

To reinforce their capacities and knowledge on freedom of expression and safety of journalists as pertains to international and regional standards, 25 judges have been taken through a 3-day training exercise organized by UNESCO Ghana office under the UNESCO's Judges' Initiative.

The workshop was organized in partnership with the Judicial

Training Institute and was attended by five Court of Appeal judges, nine High Court, and 10 Circuit Courts judges from various parts of the country. The initiative seeks to build a judicial system that ensures an enabling environment for freedom of expression, access to information, and the safety of journalists.

Since 2013, UNESCO's Judges' Initiative has raised the capacities of judicial actors on

international and regional standards on freedom of expression, access to information and the safety of journalists in over 150 countries around the world. Over 23,000 judicial actors, including judges, prosecutors, and lawyers, have been trained on these issues, notably through a series of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), on-the-ground training and workshops for Supreme Court judges, and the publications of toolkits and guidelines.



Dignitaries together with trained judges. ©UNESCO

Mobilizing communities towards sustainability for people and for planet.

According to the World Bank, about 1.3 billion people around the world depend on forests for employment, forest products, and contributions to livelihoods and incomes. Yet, deforestation and forest degradation continue to threaten the global forest cover and the livelihoods of many people. To provide sustainable solutions to these interconnected challenges and accelerate the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the United Nations in Ghana with funding from the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security is implementing a project titled: Fostering Reforestation, Environmental Sustainability and Tourism in the Okyeman Area (FOREST Okyeman). The project is being implemented by UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, UNEP, UNV, and the Okyeman Environment Foundation as well as government, and private sector actors. It is particularly significant as it is adopting human security and community-based approaches towards promoting sustainable livelihoods and wellbeing of the people by strengthening

local systems to address critical gaps in environmental, health and education response in Akyem Abuakwa. [Read more](#) about the project.

Good natural resource governance: A key to development.

In Ghana, over the past years, extraction of natural resources such as cocoa, gold, and oil, among others, has helped transform Ghana's economic growth, with revenue contribution valued at 67% of exports and 15.4% of GDP.

As part of measures to contribute to Ghana's efforts to enhance natural resource governance, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organized a dialogue to examine Ghana's progress towards good natural resource governance and explore policy options to address existing and emerging deficits to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Read more](#).



UN staff participate in beach clean-up exercise

The United Nations in Ghana held a clean-up exercise at the Ussher Fort Beach as part of activities leading to the UN Ocean Conference held in Lisbon in June 2022. Held in partnership with the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board and Zoomlion Ghana Limited, and supported by UN-Habitat, the occasion sought to sensitize the community on the essence of protecting our marines, oceans and seas. Staff of the UN were led by the Resident Coordinator, Mr. Charles Abani, who used the opportunity to mobilise action and call for high-level national commitment to mitigate plastic use in the country. [Read more.](#)

Marking the 2022 World Ocean Day, Plastic Punch, in collaboration with the UNDP and the European Union in Ghana also held a beach clean-up exercise, calling on citizens to take action to save the oceans from plastic pollution for a sustainable future. The aim of the beach clean-up exercise is to leverage volunteerism and mass action to reduce the amount of plastic waste going into the oceans whilst raising awareness on the need for sustainable consumption, production, and proper waste management practices in communities towards a sustainable future for all. [Read more.](#)

In a blog titled [Mobilizing collective action for a sustainable ocean economy](#), the UNDP Resident Representative, Angela Lusigi calls for collective action, nurtured through partnerships and local action, to save our ocean.



UN staff cleaning up to mark World Ocean Day. ©UNDP



UN staff cleaning up ahead of the Ocean conference. ©UNIC



UN Resident Coordinator, Charles Abani cleaning the beach ahead of the Ocean conference. ©UNIC



Youth 'DeclarACTION' on sustainable urbanization at the Youth 2030 Cities Forum held in Accra

Over 60 youth attending the Youth 2030 Cities Forum have issued a document that identifies new youth-led agendas and sustainable solutions and measurable goals in addressing the many challenges facing their communities. The [DeclarACTION](#) was issued at the end of a 2-day interactive Forum held in Accra.

The Forum is part of the [Youth 2030 Cities](#), a youth-led sustainable urbanization initiative of UN-Habitat that aims to strengthen youth voice and participation through capacity building. The initiative empowers young people to meaningfully collaborate with community organizations and local governments to create sustainable cities.

Drawn from NGOs, youth groups and networks from two cities, Accra and Tamale, the participants represented over 12 institutions.

Ghana is one of the six countries including Colombia, Ecuador, India, Senegal and Vietnam, selected across Africa, Asia, and Latin America to host the 2030 cities initiative to meaningfully engage youth groups toward sustainable urbanization at all levels and in alignment with key global events between 2021 and 2030.

The DeclarACTION was integrated into the World Urban Forum



Group photo of participants



Youth participants in a group working session.

(WUF 11) held in Katowice, Poland in June 2022; It will also inform policy dialogues, regional activities, and global high-level meetings on sustainable urbanization. The

DeclarAction will become the roadmap for urban youth action in country, relating to the achievement of the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

The Youth 2030 Forum afforded young people and youth group leaders the opportunity to discuss problems facing their local communities outlining sustainable solutions.

Prior to the forum, 2 focus group discussions were held in Accra and Tamale to determine the level of youth insight into the SDGs, the most pressing issues in their communities, and youth-led initiatives regarding sustainable urbanization.

Highlights of the challenges identified included adolescent pregnancy, sanitation issues, gender-based violence, unemployment, and substance abuse. In addition, each participant shared their knowledge and experience in the field and provided advice on how youth can play a significant role in addressing such critical issues.

The Chief, Youth and Livelihoods Unit, UN-Habitat, Mr. Douglas Ragan emphasized the need to identify key partners in the community including NGOs and local government (such as Assemblymen, DCEs, Mayors) to ensure resilience and development in their respective communities.

Also speaking at the forum, was the Head of Urban/Rural Development Unit from the Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization, and Rural Development, Mr. Inusah Shirazu. He discussed “how local government is assisting in the achievement of global goals in communities, highlighting that investment by Metropolitan Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) and local government is critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He also mentioned “the need for the youth

to direct all complaints to the Public Relations Complaints Committee (PRCC) in the event that paperwork is delayed”.

Youth 2030 Cities is a partnership between UN-Habitat, Fondation Botnar’s Healthy Cities for Adolescents programme, local government and youth focused on increasing the capacity of youth and youth-led organizations to implement projects and activities that lead to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. They remain committed to helping youth create a more enabling environment at all levels to ensure active youth governance and the adoption of an intersectoral-action approach to sustainable urban development, with the youth as a core group, contributing to the creation of new models and approaches.

IOM Ghana breaks ground on four community reintegration projects in Bono and Bono East

One area of the work of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is to provide the necessary support to returning migrants and their communities towards a smooth reintegration of the former. Through its community-based reintegration projects, the IOM is bringing together returnees and community members, thereby contributing to the development of the communities,

supporting returnees to re-establish themselves sustainably, and reducing stigmatization.

In June it launched four community reintegration projects in the Bono and Bono East Regions of Ghana, where records of irregular migration are high. The projects will provide employment opportunities for returned migrants and youth through basic infrastructure, training, and

the establishment of sustainable community-led factories in the communities of Asuano, Bon-su, Agyina, and Admu. [Find out more](#) about the various projects.

Meanwhile, the IOM has launched the “WAKAWell, Fa Kwan Pa So” Campaign to empower young people in the Bono and Bono East regions to make informed migration-related decisions and prevent exploitation

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Development partners in Ghana meet to discuss the status of the national migration policy



Group photo of Migration Coordination Platform meeting participants in Accra, Ghana ©IOM/RMiller

Effective coordination of migration-related issues in Ghana among international development partners and multilateral agencies is key to achieving national and global migration management commitments. The Migration Coordination Platform (MCP) provides the space for key players on the sector to deliberate on migration management matters and ways to improve coordination and collaboration amongst stakeholders.

IOM Ghana breaks grounds (cont. from pg. 16)

associated with irregular migration. The Campaign includes a series of videos highlighting migration experiences and individual definitions of success. It also features an online platform, WAKAwell.info/Ghana, which provides reliable



Cassava Processing Factory groundbreaking in Adamu. ©IOM/RMiller

The MCP has held its bi-annual meeting at which time participants discussed the implementation status of the national migration policy of Ghana and its related sectoral policies on migration data management, border management, diaspora engagement, and countering human trafficking. The purpose was to review efforts by stakeholders at addressing the phenomenon of migration and further increase the level of coordination and consensus in its management. [Read more.](#)

and tailored information on migration pathways for countries and information about local opportunities including education, professional training, business development and employment available in these communities. [Read more.](#)



Young people present in a group photo with IOM Chief of Mission. ©IOM/ABortey

“We will approach durable solutions humanely” - Interior Minister assures Ivorian refugees in Ghana

The Minister for the Interior, Hon. Ambrose Dery has pledged Government’s support to approach durable solutions for Ivorian refugees humanely as cessation for their status comes into effect on June 30, 2022.

Hon. Ambrose Dery, who was keynote speaker during the World Refugee Day celebration in Ampain, assured Ivorian refugees in Ghana that durable solutions would continue to be implemented humanely as their status ends.

He said Ghana has since independence, proven to be a safe place for persons fleeing territories where they fear they will be persecuted. He pledged government will continue to live up to its responsibilities as spelt out in the UN Convention on the Status of Refugees as well as the 1969 AU Convention on Refugees which Ghana is a signatory to. He said Ghana manages what has been referred to as a progressive asylum system that does not require all refugees to stay in camps and provides opportunities for refugees to develop their potential. [Read more.](#)



Minister for the Interior, Hon. Ambrose Dery. ©UNHCR/PFolley



From L-R Comptroller General of the Ghana Immigration Service, Mr. Kwame Asuah Takyi; UNHCR Representative, Ms. Esther Kiragu; GRB Board Chairman, Prof. Ken Attafuah; and GRB Executive Secretary, Mr. Tetteh Padi. ©UNHCR/PFolley



Some refugee and host community children dancing during World Refugee Day event in Ampain Camp. ©UNHCR/PFolley

Adolescent pregnancy in Ghanaian communities – A worrying trend amid MTCT of HIV

The Ghana Health Service (GHS) District Health Information Management System (DHIMS) reports high records of pregnancy amongst adolescent girls, many of whom, and their unborn babies, are highly predisposed to HIV transmissions. UNFPA, in recognition of the risks of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV among pregnant and parenting teens as well as adolescents, is running a campaign to raise awareness. As part of this campaign, UNFPA recently held an engagement forum with these teenagers at two locations in Accra.

The forum reached about 500 pregnant adolescents and teen mothers and was facilitated by nurses from the GHS and Field Officers from Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana. [Read more.](#)



Young mothers at the forum. @UNFPA

A proposed network to the Youth Engagement Centres

UNICEF commissioned ten Youth Engagement Centres in partnership with the Ghana Library Authority. The centres will engage adolescents and young people in the communities, build digital and entrepreneurial skills, and provide learning-to-earning transition services such as mentorship and job-matching support. In this first phase, ten centres have been launched in libraries across eight regions of Ghana.



UNICEF Deputy Representative, Fiachra McAsey launching the Youth Engagement Centres with the Ghana Library Authority Chief Executive Hayford Siaw. ©UNICEF/Kokoroko

UNICEF Ghana Country Office participates at the conference on elimination of child labour

The Ghana Country Office represented UNICEF at the [5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour](#) Hosted by the government of South Africa in collaboration with ILO, the Conference gathered heads of state, ministers, employer and worker representatives, United Nations agencies, academia, civil society organizations and the media from 187 countries across the globe.

Menstrual Hygiene Day observed in Accra

The book "An Autobiography: Pieces of the Portrait" by Linda Ampah provides some important strategies for girls' empowerment in relations to reproductive health and sexuality. Using personal experiences, the author touches on issues like rape, sexual abuse, paedophilia and incest, and highlights the urgent need to speak to those issues with young girls.

On Menstrual Hygiene Day 2022, UNFPA, Ghana Reads Initiative and the Gale Community Library at Mamprobi used this book as a segue to engage 300 adolescent girls on the issues of

menstruation and to introduce them to Linda's messages and lessons contained in the book. 'I wish to advise girls here to be bold to say no to sexual advances when you're not ready for sex. Your no must be emphatic', Linda told the girls.

The engagement with Linda and other resource persons was aimed at empowering girls to be assertive and adequately manage menstruation with good hygiene.

UNFPA, through the Child Marriage Programme also donated sanitary pads to all the girls who participated in the session. [Read more.](#)



A resource person taking the audience through the cycle of menstruation. (Above). Participants proudly showing off their menstrual pads. (Left).©UNFPA



UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

August

Launch of [#LetMeLearn](#) campaign ahead of the Summit on Transforming Education. 2 August.

Intergovernmental [Conference](#) Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. 15-26 August; New York.

September

[UN Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism](#) 8 - 9 Sept. The Congress concept note is available [here](#). New York

The [77th session of the UN General Assembly](#) (UNGA 77) opens - 13 Sept. New York

[Global Aviation Security Symposium](#) (ICAO) - 13-15 Sept; Montreal, Canada

[Summit on Transforming Education](#) - 19 Sept. New York

[Global Citizen Festival](#) (10th anniv) (NYC) - 24 Sept. New York & Accra

[World Conference on Culture and Sustainable Devt](#): Mondiacult. 28 - 30 Sept. Mexico



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