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1. ADMINISTRATION

The Ghana Red Cross Society has its Regional Branches in the ten Regions of Ghana and are managed by Regional Managers and office assistants, Volunteer staff are also engaged as well as national service and NABCO personnel in the running of the district offices.

The Ghana Red Cross Society is operational in 153 districts with a volunteer strength of 77,625 throughout the country; all these districts have a representation of district organisers. The names of the district and the number of volunteers are as follows:

Fig 1. Staff Strength.

N O.	Region/ Headquarters	Regional Staff	Head Of Department	HQ Staff	Volunt eer Staff	National Service and Nabco Personnel	Regional Committee	HQ Board	
1	Ashanti	2			4	48	12		
2	Eastern	5			5	6	12		
3	Volta	2			42	17	12		
4	Central	15			3	14	11		
5	Greater Accra	2			26	63			
6	Western	2			6	46	10		
7	Upper East	8					42		
8	Upper West	2			25	11	8		
9	Northern								
10	Brong Ahafo	3			23		18		
11	Headquarters		6	23	5	10		7	
12	IFRC			1					
	TOTAL	41	6	24	143	215	125	7	

Fig 1.1. Regional Volunteer Mapping.

	REGION	NUMBER OF DISTRICT	VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP		
	(Active)	(Active)	Total	Adult	Youth
1	Greater Accra	16	36,705	9,175	27,530
2	Ashanti Region	13	1,630	450	1,180
3	Brong Ahafo	20	3,561	916	2,645
4	Western Region	22	5,105	1,248	3,857
5	Eastern Region	12	1,573	737	836
6	Upper East Region	14	14,461	10,700	3,761
7	Upper West Region	10	2,892	658	2,234
8	Volta Region	13	4,000	800	3,200
9	Central Region	14	3,429	1,562	1,867
10	Northern Region	19	4,269	2,309	1,960
	TOTAL	153	77,625	28,555	49,070

2. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE

2.0 Eastern Region

Eastern Region has twenty-six (26) political districts and municipalities. Red Cross is operational in twelve (12) of the districts. Two municipal management teams have been established in West Akim and Kwahu West. The region has six (6) chapters in Kwahu West, Yilo Krobo, New Juaben, Byram Central, Suhum and West Akim districts. There is one mothers club in New Juaben and one in Suhum. There are over sixty (60) school links from the first and second cycle schools.

2.1 Western Region

Western Region has 22 districts and with reference to the Japan Government project in 2015 the GRCS has been operational in all the districts. As at now 15 districts are very active. The 10-member District Disaster Response Teams (DDRTs) trained in 2015 is still active in all the districts. In addition, there are 19 operational Chapters which are spread across the region. Most of the basic and senior high schools in all the districts have Red Cross School Links.

The number of Mothers Clubs in the region is 7; one is located in Sekondi-Takoradi, two in Amenfi-West, three in Wassa Amenfi – East and one at Shama Junction in the Shama District.

2.2 Upper East

In Upper East two staff of the Regional Secretariat of the Society had their knowledge and skills enhanced when they were offered the opportunity to travel to Kenya for different trainings. The Regional Manager (Paul Wooma) alongside the National Society's General Legal Advisor (Patrick Asante) were graced to travel to Nairobi, Kenya for a week's Movement Induction Course Training at the BOMA, a prestigious 5 star Hotel built by the Kenya Red Cross. This Movement Induction Course was the third of its kind to be organized for National Society leaders in Africa. Various topics were treated including but not limited to the History of the Red Cross Movement, International Humanitarian Law, Safer Access, the Emblem; its use and abuse, Integrity issues, Disaster Risk Reduction, the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols etc. Participants were conducted round the Kenya Red Cross investments with the sole aim of gingering National Society leaders to emulate the shining example and do same in their respective National Societies. Participants left Nairobi with a special inspiring souvenir of a Kenya Red Cross Documentary book of their humanitarian interventions.

2.3 Ashanti Region

Four regional meetings were held in Ashanti Region and a matter affecting the region and ways to move the region forward was discussed. There were plans to organized orientation for the newly elected members but that didn't come on hopefully this year we will include it in our programme outline. District Committees held their meetings in their various districts. The Mothers' Club meetings were irregular in all the districts. However, the Chapters and School Links meetings were regularly conducted in most of the districts. Chapter and School Link were given First Aid trainings also there were fair training in some districts.

2.4 Greater Accra

The Greater Accra Branch of the Ghana Red Cross had operated strongly in nineteen Districts and Municipalities in 2019 as follows- Tema West and East, Adenta, Accra Metro (Ayawaso, Ablekuman, Okaikoi North and South, Ashiedukete), Ga South, Ga East, Ga Central, Ga North, Ga West, Osu Klottey, Ashiaman, Waija Gbawe, Ada West, Ada East, Kpone Katamanso, La Dade Kotopon Ledzokuku Municipal,-Krowor Municipal, La Nkwantanang, Ningo Prampram, Shai Osudoku .

3. INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

3.0 Eastern Region

Eastern Region currently has the following assets and properties available in the region, their locations, risk factors and recommended actions are: They have two desktops 1 at the Regional Office and one at West Akim, 1 laptop at the Regional Office, 2 Hp Printers1 at the Regional Office the other at West Akim, 1 Table Top fridge, 11 motor bikes one in each of these districts; New Juaben, Suhum, Atiwa Ayensuano, West Akim, East Akim, Kwahu West, Kwaebibirem, and Birem North. 10 Cameras one in each of these districts; New Juaben, Suhum, Atiwa Ayensuano, West Akim, East Akim, Kwahu West, Kwaebibirem, and Birem North. 2 Folder Stretchers, 2 Spin boards, 4 Splints, 1 Two way radio set, 3 dummies, 11 chairs, 1 writing table, 1 conference table, 1 computer desk, 1 shelf, 1 binding machine,1 generator, 1 industrial fan, 1 ceiling fan and finally 5000VA AVR.

3.1 Western Region

Properties and assets of the National Society in Western Region and what has been added on, (Renovations, Refurbishments etc.) per the 2019 operational plan. Their Location, Risk factors, recommended actions.

The Society has a piece of land at Agona Nkwanta, fresh documentation in progress. Meanwhile, there has been a close tie with the chief who has eventually become the Patron for the District. This has helped us to secure the land. 20 plots of land have been acquired from the chief and elders of Sampan, near Tarkwa. The land was originally acquired for the emergency First Aid Post project. However, the region managed to convince the chief for more plots for a long-term project like Red Cross Nursing training school. Initial Surveying work has been done, but funding is needed for further documentations. The land has been cleared once and felling of big trees done in 2016. There are plans to use it for farming until funding is secured for the intended project.

The Society has an old structure which was occupied by the Ghana Police personnel in Wassa Akropong. The building is now in dilapidated condition, and there are plans to develop it to include stores which could be rented out to raise funds.

The assets which the office have is 2 desktop computers, 3 printers, 1fridge, 2 television sets, 8 chairs and 4 writing tables, 4 CPR manikins,2 stretchers, 5 new stretchers, 1 standing air condition, a projector, projector screen and finally a generator which is currently not in use. The region also has two 2 Land Cruisers one with registration number (GW 2533-U) has broken down and been packed since December, 2016. The new vehicle (GR 7249-16) is in use with 10 motor motorbikes in the region.

3.2 Volta Region

Volta region has a challenge with office space and therefore sort help from the Volta Regional Director of Health Services who has responded to their appeal to him for an office/store space by allocating a the 21ft by 42ft long block at the Limb Fitting Centre which was donated to the Volta Regional Branch of the Ghana Red Cross Society to be used as additional office space and a store is yet to be renovated due to non-availability of funds. We hope to reroof it for use this year as NADMO has donated two (2) bundles of iron roofing sheets to us. Headquarters has also responded to our request/appeal for the remaining roofing sheets which we are yet to receive. There would be a need for us to carry out some renovation work before the block can be used.

3.3 Upper West

In Upper West Region, letters were written to lands commission, Wa to assist the society register all the land it owns in the region. The Wonuo guest house close to old UDS campus has been picked by the survey department and lease is being processed. The occupant's tenancy agreement has expired in April 2019. Nandom Guest house (Zenuo) and Tumu facility are to be picked and processed. The occupant's tenancy agreement with the society expired in September 2019. Furthermore, the lands commission has issued a letter to the society allocating a piece of Government land to be used for office complex. With the Optical Centre, the facility was closed down. However, the facility is expecting some payments from National Health Insurance Authority for claims submitted. The facility is currently rented to Maluu Optical for a year by head office.

3.4 Upper East

Upper East Regional office is situated at the Old Ministry Block, near NCWD and Ministry of Food and Agric. The Office is a government premise. The office has seen two renovations; first in 2014 when the MNCH project came to the region and secondly in 2019, where we saw a major phase lift with modern office furniture and work stations. The Regional office has three Rooms with one store. Two of them are used by the Regional Manager and the Administrative Assistant and the other is used by the Project Office. With vehicles at the regional office, a Toyota Pick -up donated by the Swiss Red Cross which was involved in an accident was successfully repaired. In 2019, 4 new motor bikes were received and kept at the Ghana Health Service garage awaiting distribution to the DRR project districts. These motors were donated by the DRR project.

3.5 Ashanti Region

Ashanti Region National Society Assets and Properties available in the Region and what has been added on, (Renovations, Refurbishments etc.) per the 2019 operational plan. Their Location, Risk factors, recommended actions

The one office we use for the regional administration is given us a lot of challenges because currently we have service personnel, NABCO staff and the WASH staff and we are all using one room office this makes working very uncomfortable for us, we plead that addition office space be made available for us. Some assets of the region include 1 desktop computer, 2 printers, 1 fridge, 1 television set, 6 chairs and 2 writing tables, 4 CPR manikins, 2 stretchers, 1 standing air conditioner, a projector and a projector screen. With vehicle maintenance, the region has 1 Toyota Hilux which is in use and 3 motorbikes also in use.

3.6 Greater Accra

The Greater Accra Regional Office has the various assets, The Region has improved its assets in the year 2019 especially office equipment. The region has 1 car, 1 motor bike, 4 computers, 1 public address system, 3 printers, 1 laptop, 2 photocopy machines, 1 GPS machine, 1 set of furniture, 8 office chairs, 40 classroom table and chairs, 5 tables, a fridge, 30 yellow gallons, 2 office phones, 1 television set, 8 manikins of which four are not in good condition, 3 examination beds, 1 mattress, 6 bales of second hand clothing, 8 shovels, 4 wheel barrows, 8 rakes, 60 library books, 20 rubber boots, 2 electronic typewriter and 4 stretcher, 1 ZTE phone, 25 veronica buckets, 19 tents, 2 air conditioners, 5 megaphones and a plot of land in Tema.

4. FIRST AID AND HEALTH SERVICES

4.0 Eastern Region

Red Cross organized first aid training for 41 staffs in six different institutions including seven (7) staffs from Peduase Valley Resort located at Peduase near Aburi. Funding was provided by the various institutions or the individuals. These trainings were either done in the institutions premises or in the regional office. Individual first aid trainings were also organized from various destinations. With the help of service persons and NABCO personnel in the region, first aid trainings were also done frequently through the youth link formation in schools NABCO and service personnel and German volunteers assist in training and educating students in first aid. These activities are properly and successfully carried out in the first and second cycle schools with support and supervision from the Regional Youth Organizer, Sylvain Saka Owusu. Each month, refresher trainings are organized by the RYO for these trainees to be fully equipped for the work.

4.1 Brong Ahafo

The patronage for First Aid Training is still not a priority of many institutions and the general public in the region. In that regard, seeking prospective first aid trainees is challenging and cumbersome. Even taking the training to the doorsteps of the institution is still not fetching any results as the willingness is still virtually absent. That notwithstanding, the following institutions benefited from some first aid trainings and talks within the period under review. The staff of the regional Lands Commission staff benefited a one day first aid talk at the premises of the Regional Lands Commission Office. Thirty staff benefited from the talk. Seven staff of the newly opened KFC food joint in Sunyani also benefited from the One-day first aid training. Four staff of Newmont Ghana Ltd. were also given first aid training in the regional Secretariat. In all, 41 people benefited in first aid trainings within the review period.

First aid and hand washing services were done in various public gatherings across the region including the one week funeral rites of the late Queen Mother of the Sunyani Traditional area. The Regional branch also gave first aid services to the general public during the commemoration of the Ghana edition of the world Forest Day in Nsoatre in the Sunyani West district. The Brong Ahafo Under thirteen years Milo competition took place on the Sunyani oval pitches and the Red Cross were there to cover all the competing teams with first aid services. The Kintampo Municipal branch attended to holiday makers at the Kintampo Water falls, about 41 people benefited from the services of the District Disaster Response Team members and Red Cross first aiders.

4.2 Central Region

The Region with its dedicated and committed volunteers have been offering First Aid Services during public events and occasions such as the Independence Day, May Day, the Premier league and International Football Matches.

The emergency First Aid teams have been providing First Aid services during road crashes likewise the NABCO Personnel at the Emergency First Aid Post.

4.3 Upper West

Letters were sent to about fifty (50) institutions in the region for first aid training. The challenge we had was that they had to get confirmation from their headquarters so the office decided, that the training will be free but the certificate and training manuals will be paid for. The following institutions were to be trained; Ghana National Fire Service, Immigration Service and Ghana Police Service, Ghana Education Service, National Health Insurance Authority, and DDRT Refresher Training for forty (40) members in four districts namely, Jirapa, Nadowli, Wa East and Wa West were trained.

4.4 Volta Region

As part of IGF and Membership drive, basic first aid training is ongoing for teachers across the Region. This is helping the Red Cross' visibility in the communities and also enrolling school links has increased. After the Basic First Aid Training was held at Ketu South Municipal in collaboration with GES/SHEP at Denu in which a total of 300 teachers were trained from both Public and Private schools in the Ketu Municipality in 2018, other districts/Municipals which we scheduled to train in 2019 could not come due to changes in the school calendar, according to the districts. Hence, the first aid training for teachers is scheduled to take place in the first academic term in 2020. The office organized 5 days of First

Aid training for some selected volunteers at Ho Miracle Life Clinic to equip them with more skills in first aid delivery which was sponsored by the office. 45 volunteers took part in the training. The participants had undergone practical lessons which have equipped them to meet other pressing challenges. Other new participants also benefited from these practical lessons.

4.5 Western Region

First aid education was conducted on radio stations most especially on Radio premier in Takoradi. Some churches such as The Church of Pentecost, Wesley Methodist, and Catholic Church at Kwesimintsim. The Presbyterian and Seventh Day Adventists (SDA) also invited Red Cross to train their members. First aid training was organized for Oilfield Training Centre, Ghacem, Best Western Premiere Hotel (Atlantic Hotel) and the University of Mines and Technology (UMaT), Tarkwa. First aid services were provided at ceremony, funerals, inter-school sports, premier league and other national tournaments. Community-based Red Cross volunteers responded to road crashes in their respective communities. The Regional branch in collaboration with the National Road Safety Commission and the Motor Traffic and Transport Department of the Ghana Police Service is looking for funding to construct Emergency First Aid Posts on the highways in the region. The project is pending as a result of funding. The regional branch did not have stock of First Aid Kits; however, we assisted few companies and schools to procure First Aid Kits on request.

5. INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS

5.0 Eastern Region

Internally, funds are generated from First Aid training, registration of new members and payment of dues. The main source of funds is membership registration.

Programme	2018	2019	Difference	Remarks
First Aid Training	3630	2050	-1580	Less income in comparison with funds realized from 2019
Registration /Dues for Adults	740	460	-280	=
Registration /Dues for Youth	1415	600	-815	=

Income and Expenditure

Income Item	Income Amount	Expenditure Item	Expenditure (Gh¢)	Comments
First Aid Training	2050	Certificates	500	

Dues and Registration	1060	Stationery	425	A4 sheets, Ribbons, Glues, Envelops etc.
		Communication	300	
		Toner	600	
		Internet	390	
		Fuel	1500	
		Volunteer Management	200	
		Funeral Donation	1000	
Total	3110		4,915	
WASH	102,906.50	WASH	100,226	
Disaster	6,900	Disaster	6,900	
Total				
Grand Total	112,916		112,041	
Balance	875			

5.1 Brong Ahafo

The traditional methods of fund generation such as renewal of membership dues, recruitment of new members, and First Aid trainings and services at public gatherings yielded very insignificant amounts of funds during the reviewed period.

The photocopier in the regional secretariat has being the only source of income generation, but the funds generated through this source is very little and is not able to cover the core cost of the secretariat. The regional management committee recommended the sale of canopies and chairs to be used for another income generation venture. A subcommittee was set up to see to the sale of the chairs and canopies. Unfortunately, this has not come to realization.

5.2 Central Region

The hostel continues to be the main source of supporting administrative core cost of the Region and now paying the net salaries of the Administrative Assistant

5.3 Greater Accra

The production and sale of first aid kits; The Greater Accra branch produced and sold Industrial, Domestic and Driver's First Aid Kits to the cooperate organizations, the Public, Schools, drivers, individuals, football clubs and churches and as a major source of income and fund raising. The production and sale of the First Aid Kits is one of major source of generation income. The Region improved the content of the First Aid Kits to meet the growing market standards and meet the demand of the some cooperate organizations.

The Region also supplied some Hospital Equipment to our client with small margins in order to keep our clients and customers. The Region also produced First Aid Kit for Swiss Red Cross at subside cost in 2019.

5.4 Photocopy Business Operation

The office purchased a Photocopier and Desk top computer to improve the business center at the old Tudu office as income generation ventures. This business center has helped the office when printing large volumes of photocopies when implementing projects.

Renting Of Tents

The Greater Accra Region has some few tents and though old and its quality not too good which has greatly affected the patronage but the office tried to recondition some of them and has rented it out to individuals and groups.

The renting and sale of tents can explore as national Society as means of raising funds.

Regional Youth Activities for Fund Raising

The Greater Accra had implemented three major Youth activities and raised resources to support region core cost.

The 2019 Youth funfair or Youth day celebration; Inter Schools First Aid competition in July and HIV/AIDS sponsored walk from September to December.

6. DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Specific objective: (a) *Design effective risk mapping for timely and appropriate response to human-induced and natural disasters*

6.1 Hazard Mapping

Hazard mapping in 8 regions namely, Greater Accra, Eastern, Western, Central, Ashanti, Upper West, Volta and Brong Ahafo. A total of 32 districts were identified 4 per region. The hazards identified are: floods, road traffic accidents, boat accidents, disease epidemics, fires, sea waves, landslides and armed conflicts.

Specific objective: (b) *Respond effectively and timely to all disasters affecting the most vulnerable communities.*

6.2 District Disaster Response Teams training

Out of 8 regions, 7 regions with a total of 28 District Disaster Response Teams were trained and established in the 7 regions in which the hazard mapping was conducted. A team comprise 10 members each in a district and 40 members in the 7 regions. The teams were taken through training with an additional training module on the management of fires.

S/no.	REGION	DISTRICTS
1.	Greater Accra	Ga West, Gbawe municipality, Ledzokuku , Ashaiman
2.	Central	Asikuman Odoben Brakwa, Awutu Senya East, Assin Central Agona West
3.	Eastern	Suhum, Ayensuano, Kwahu Afraim Plains North, Kwahu Afraim Plains South

4.	Ashanti	Amansie West, Asante Akyem North, Bosomtwe, Offinso North
5.	Brong Ahafo	Asutife South, Dormaa Municipal, Jaman South, Dormaa West
6.	Western	Amenfi West, Amenfi East, Ahanta West, Elembelle
7.	Volta	Ho West, Akatsi, Keta, Adaklu
8.	Upper West	Lawra, Nadom, Bolu, Tumu



A volunteer demonstrating on mass casualties' management during central regional DDRTs training

Each of the District Disaster Response Team was given the following materials to enhance their activities: first aid kits, T-shirts and jackets. This activity was supported by the Swiss Red Cross. The training was facilitated by S.S Mahama -DM Advisor, Jonathan Hope -DM (Ag), Resource Persons from NADMO, Ghana National Fire Service and the Regional Managers.

6.3 Community Disaster Preparedness and Response Teams (CDPRTs) Training and Logistics Presentation

In the framework for community-led disaster management 51 communities were selected in Upper East and Northern region for the establishment of Community Disaster Preparedness and Response Teams and Community Disaster Oversight Committees in each of the 51 communities. In consultation with the leadership of the communities 15 people from each of the communities were selected and trained on overview of disaster management, emergency first aid, management of fires and swimming drills (boat accident prone communities).

The teams' members were selected by members of the community who want to be better prepared for the hazards that threaten their communities. The roles of the teams are to promote community awareness of potential hazards and preparedness measures, conduct search and rescue, among others. The Oversight Committees are to ensure that the teams carry out their prescribed roles in the community.

Materials and equipment to enhance the operation of the established were distributed to the 25 Communities Disaster Preparedness and Response Teams (CDPRTs) in the five zones of the Northern Region. The presentation ceremony was done by the Disaster Management

Coordinator, Swiss Red Cross Logistics/DRR Coordinator, Regional Manager and District Organizers. The Materials that were presented to the (51) fifty-one CDPRTs were as follows: Bicycles, Life Jackets (Vest), Life Buoys, Nylon Ropes, Cutlasses, Wellington Boots, First Aid Kits, Red Cross T-shirts, Red Cross Jackets, Fire Extinguishers, and Fire beaters.



Presentation of materials for the CDPRTs in Bolgatanga.

The regions and the number of communities are as below:

S/no.	REGION	NO. OF COMMUNITIES
1.	Upper East	25
2.	Northern	26

The items were handed over to the Community Disaster Committees which have oversight responsibility of ensuring the good use and maintenance of the items as well as the performance of the CDPRTs.

6.4 Refresher training for Regional Emergency Response Teams

In order to strengthen the capacity of the Emergency Response Teams at the regional level and be better equipped in a wake of any emergencies in the country such as terrorism. The Emergency Response Team Western and Volta regions were retrained in their respective regions to further enhance the response capacity of these teams in the event of any emergency or crisis. A total of 40 volunteers, 20 each from the region were trained and the training was facilitated by Disaster Manager and Regional Managers of the respective regions.



Team members going through CPR hands-on



The purpose of this retraining was to review and update participants on the overview of Disaster Management, First aid in emergencies and others. This activity was sponsored by the International Committee of the Red Cross

6.5 Relief Distribution-DREF

Ghana experienced heavy rains in early October 2019 which caused serious flooding and extensive damage to farmlands, houses, properties and loss of lives across the country

In the Upper East Region, the torrential rains between 6th and 12th October caused serious flooding and damaged to houses and farmlands leading to displacement of people and fatalities. The joint rapid assessment was carried out by National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) and Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) reported that a total of 26,083 people were affected in the Region, out of which 10,890 were children, 19 people were reported dead across the region.

The total of thirteen (13) districts namely Bolgataga Municipal, Bolgatanga East, Bawku, Kasena Nankana East and West, Nabdam, Builsa North and South, Binduri, Garu, Tempene, Telensi, Bongo and Pusiga districts were affected. This necessitated a DREF request from the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to enable Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) to meet the urgent needs of the affected communities and to provide assistance to 4,333 households through shelter household Items, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and health.

Mr Gayoni Gbolo Solomon was deployed as a National Disaster Relief Team (NDRT) Delegate to assist the Upper East Regional Manager in the relief operation. The Ghana Red Cross intervention was in nine (9) worse affected districts namely, Bolgatanga Municipal, Bongo, Nabdam, Binduri, Garu, Kasena Nankana West and East as well as Builsa South and North. This was because other actors such as Action Aid Ghana, the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO), Care International and other Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) had done some relief distribution in the other districts. The DREF operation was executed keeping in mind the three Areas of Focus (AoF); Shelter, Health and WASH.

A total number of 100 volunteers were recruited to assist in the assessment and relief distribution. In order to facilitate the distribution of relief items, one-off distribution ration chits were issued to the beneficiaries before the distribution exercise. The items distribution was launched by Vice President of Red Cross- Dr Kingsley Kojo Asare Pereko and the presence of Secretary General- Samuel Kofi Addo and Deputy Secretary General- Dr Eric Asamoah Darko. The headquarters and regional staff also supported the event.

The non-food items procured were as follows:

S/no.	ITEM	QUANTITY
1.	Blankets	1200
2.	Kitchen Set	600
	Buckets	600
3.	Mats	1200
4.	Mosquito Net	1200
5	Jerry-cans	600
6	Hygiene Kit	500
7	Household chlorine tablets	1800

(1 kitchen set, bucket 1, 1 hygiene kit, 2 blankets, 2 mats, 2 LLITNs and 1 jerry can each)



Presentation of relief items to the beneficiaries at Garu

Below are the affected districts and number of beneficiaries in the region.

S/no.	DISTRICT	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
1.	Bongo	84
2.	Binduri	84
3.	Garu	63
4.	Bolga Municipal	84
5.	Kasena Nakana West	84
6.	Bulsa South	42
7.	Builsa North	42
8.	Kasena Nakana Municipal	42
9.	Nabdam	84
	Total	609

6.6 Health Education

During the year under review a total of about 3,000 students and teachers from 10 selected basic schools from Ho municipality in the Volta Region were educated through hygiene promotion exercises involving hand washing with soap. The education was facilitated by Health Promotion Officer from Ho Teaching Hospital. Ten Veronica with metal stands, mini bowl, toiletries were donated to the schools. The education was supported by ICRC.



Handover of hand washing equipment and student demonstrating proper hand washing with soap and running water.

4.0 Lessons Learnt and DRM Validation Workshops

Every year lives, in many parts of Ghana are threatened by disasters. Floods and cholera outbreaks are the most common disasters that occur annually in Ghana, resulting in the displacement of people, psychological trauma, breakdown of communication, loss of livelihoods. To mitigate the impact of the flooding and associated health epidemics, the Ghanaian Red Cross Society (GRCS) has taken a leading role in providing disaster relief.

It is against this background that the lessons learned workshop was held to take stock of the most recent past Disaster Relief Operations. The objective of the Lessons Learned workshop was to reflect on the DREF and Swiss-funded flood and cholera response operations which took place in the Greater Accra, Central and Upper East regions in 2018 and assess their impact on beneficiaries within the targeted regions.

The discussions focused on a post-mortem of the successes and challenges encountered during the operation in order to identify lessons that can inform the planning for future operations. The aim of this report is to present the findings of the workshop.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 World Red Cross Day

The 90th World Red Cross day was celebrated in Wa in the Upper West Region of Ghana with a three-day celebration on the theme “Find the Volunteer inside you together for Humanity”. The Three Day Celebration was kicked started on 6th May, 2019 with a blood donation exercise. The exercise was held at the forecourt of the Regional office in Partnership with the Upper West General Hospital, the National AID’s Commission, the National Blood Bank, SG Mobile Health Care and Indomie. In attendance were the Secretary General, Mr Samuel Kofi Addo, the Head of finance, Mr Alex Lanbon, the Head of Operation, Mr Asamoah Darko, a rep from ICRC, Mr Cobbina Angelo, the Youth Coordinator, Mr Ernest P. Nyame-Annan, the Head of the Mother’s club, Madam Fafa and the Regional Manager, Mr Philip Seth Ahetto and other dignitaries from the Road Safety Commission, the Narcotic Control Board and the DVLA. Schools present were TI Senior High School, WA Technical Institute, Wa Senior High School and the UDS chapter of the Red Cross.

The event was used as a platform to by Secretary General, Mr Samuel Kofi Addo to educate the general public of the essence of donating blood to save a life and also the implications of being volunteerism. The Secretary General declared the 90th World Red Cross Day celebration fully Launched in his opening address.



The Henry Dunant public lecture took place on the 7th of May on the theme “What do you love in Red Cross/ Red Crescent”. The Chairperson Madam Ajara Hassan, in her acceptance speech said “Even as road accidents increase on our roads so has the worth of the Ghana Red Cross Society increased in our communities. Volunteerism should be encouraged in our youth and retired volunteers should also try to teach the youth the little tricks they know to lift up the flag of the society.”

The Secretary general in his lecture told the house about the successes the Ghana Red Cross Society has achieved in the three Northern regions, in terms of Maternal health care, Eye health, Disaster Risk Reduction, Reuniting family links, the mothers club and the distribution of relief items among others in the Northern belt. He also mentioned “We should try to eliminate human suffering through the power of humanity.”



The 90th World Red Cross Day Celebration was climaxed on the 8th May with a celebration at the University of Development Studies (UDS) new campus. The chairman for the celebration was the PNC spokesperson and a former red crosser in the person of Hon. Bernard Mornah. In his acceptance speech he said “Red Cross takes pride in providing care to people wherever they may be. The purpose of humanity should be executed through technology. Volunteers and the entire society should uphold Red Cross and be guided by the 7 principles of Red Cross.”

The Ghana Red Cross Secretary General, Mr Samuel Kofi Addo in his speech said “Whatever be the reason why you love Red Cross as the theme portrays let it highlight the Humanity in you” “Volunteerism should come first and be impartial and thus our worth as Red Cross can be upheld” was mentioned by The ICRC rep, Mr Cobbina Angelo-Asse, “We should all keep the spirit of volunteerism” was reiterated by Mr Lloyd Adams, The Ghana Educational Service Upper West Regional Director.

The Upper West Regional Minister Delegate, Mr Hamza in his speech saluted the effort of the Red Cross in the Upper West Region in Eye care and the provision of Relief Items to disaster victims. Also present at the celebrations were Director of the Upper West Road Safety Commission, Mr Mohammed, Director of the Upper West Narcotics Control Board, Mr Charles Kanye and a Rep from the Swiss Red Cross, Mr Fred Anti. The three-day event came to an end with a group photo session.



Pictures from the workshop @Koforidua.

During the year under review, Ghana Red Cross validated its Disaster Risk Management strategy (GRCS DRM Strategy 2020-2024) focuses on developing a common DRM strategy for staff, volunteers of Ghana Red Cross Society and key stakeholders. The DRM strategy identifies key areas of focus, strategies for implementation, resource strategy – essentially laying out where the GRCS wants to go and how it may get there.

This strategy document is sectioned into four main parts which include the DRM context analysis, Conceptual framework and purpose, Disaster Risk Management Strategy and the Operational guidelines. The validation workshop assembled all the regional managers, heads of department at the headquarters levels and the relevant key stakeholders among them were Ghana National Fire Service, Ghana Health Service and NADMO.

Both workshops were facilitated by Miss Nihad Habib, Disaster Management Delegate from the Abuja Cluster, Dr Kingsley Kojo Asare Pereko, Vice President, Ghana Red Cross and Mr Saladin Mahama, Disaster Management Advisor, Ghana Red Cross Society. The said workshop was opened by the Lawyer Kwame Gyimah, the President of Ghana Red Cross and in attendance were Mr Samuel Kofi Addo, Secretary General, Mr Thomas Okollah, Swiss Red Cross Country Representative. Swiss Red Cross provided funding support for the workshops.

7.2 Publicity And Visibility

Radio discussions on the role and responsibilities of the Red Cross before and during the disaster were carried out in the regions with emphasis on the fundamental principles and principles and values of the Movement. Logistics such as T-shirts, Jackets and ID tags were also produced and distributed to volunteers during the victims' assessments and relief distribution during DREF in the Upper East Region. There was media engagement during the\ during and after the upper east floods. The president of Ghana Red Cross launched the DREF during the press briefing which was broadcasted on both print and electronic media.

On the whole coordination of the disaster activities and collaboration with both stakeholders of government and non-government such as the NADMO and the European Union monitoring team was quite effective. Cooperation with stakeholders at the National Headquarters and the regional branches was great. A meeting on SOPs and coordination mechanisms was held at the NHQ for the staff.

The information officer was placed at GRCS regional headquarters in Upper East office to receive and manage all information to and from the field through phone as part of Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA). Information during the DREF was also posted on Facebook and twitter accounts and National Society's website.

8.0 HEALTH REPORT 2019

The year 2019 has seen the National Society collaborate with a number of partners in the health sector. We have had partners like Swiss Red Cross, RANAS, UNICEF, IFRC and Nestle as a National Society, we have had projects in WASH, MNCH, Eye Health just to mention a few. Details of the Projects and programs are stated below;

8.1 WASH

Ghana Red Cross Society, through its programs and projects, continues to provide service delivery to most vulnerable and affected individuals, households and communities to prevent and alleviate human suffering. Through the WASH interventions, the Eastern and Ashanti Region has carried out some health promotion activities that have impacted behavior change in the project communities.

8.2 GHANA WASH PHASE II

The project is now in its second phase. A total of ten districts in the Eastern and Ashanti Region were selected for WASH implementation. These districts are Suhum, Ayensuano, Atiwa East, Amansie Central, Bosome Freho, Adansi North, Adansi South, Bekwai, Ahafo Ano South and Ahafo Ano South East. The project continues to provide safe potable water and toilet facilities in the various selected communities. After the completion of the project, the communities will benefit from 12 newly constructed mechanized water systems estimated to reach 50,000 people with safe potable water using cost recovery strategies to ensure the sustainability of the systems. 62,000 people with health and hygiene promotion to improve the well beings using social behavioural change communication

Monitoring

Monitoring of the project is carried out both internally and externally by Nestle and the



International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Independent analyst also carry out monitoring as and when the need arises.



DR Elham interacting with volunteers at Obretema and Asikasu to understand CBHFA approach in Gh WASH

8.3 HANDING OVER OF INSTITUTIONAL LATRINES AND WATER FACILITIES

The project has supported in constructing institutional latrines at Asikasu, Ntronang and Atobriso No.1 and other schools in the project communities. The eastern region project team from time to time, together with the District Organizers went to these communities, inaugurated and handed over the facility to the school authorities. It is noteworthy, that these schools would not use the latrines until an inauguration and handing over ceremonies were performed. Students and teachers were also comprehensively educated on how to efficiently use the facilities.



**Educating Ntronang Presby School on latrine usage
Ntronang R/C School**

Latrine inspection at



Handing over latrine at Amanfoso L/A to Kwaebibirem Municipal Education Circuit Supervisor who in turn hands over to the head teacher

8.4 BIO DIGESTER, WATER SUPPLY, AND COST RECOVERY

The concept of sustainability and expansion of WASH services to other communities triggered a series of discussions with leadership and entire communities in the project areas. This forms part of the phase two strategies. The outcome of the series of meetings is community members are willing to pay for subsidized bio digesters as household latrines. On average, most community members are willing to pay a subsidized amount of Eight Hundred Ghana Cedi (GHC 800.00) per household latrine. Eastern regional team is working on acquiring a one-stop-shop for the production of bio digesters.



Drilling borehole in Kadewaso

The same is true of water supply. Community members are willing to have their existing boreholes mechanized and the water sold to recover and expand the system if water quality and pump testing results show an increase in yield. Drilling of boreholes is completed in both regions. Fenaso Nkwanta has an installed water system providing safe potable water to community members at a very reasonable cost. In Amanhyia, there is an on-going construction of a steel support structure elevated at 6 meters with a 20m³ tank.

WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATION

Ghana Red Cross Society observed the World Water Day on the 22nd of March, 2019 at Kofi Pare community in the Ayensuano district of Eastern Region. The day was observed with a durbar at the community's durbar ground and the occasion was graced by the Chiefs and Elders and members of the community, invited guests, and representatives from Red Cross Headquarters, IFRC, and NESTLE.

There was a durbar held in the Asikasu community at the Presbyterian School ground to hand over the household and institutional latrines to the people of Asikasu.

The occasion was graced by the Chiefs and elders and people of the community. Various activities like drama, cultural dances, and performances were displayed. In the course of the event, the beneficiaries of the latrines, and the community as a whole were orientated on how to properly use the latrines.



Inauguration and handing over of three boreholes in Kofi Pare

8.5 HAND WASHING

The World Health Organisation (WHO) stated that if regular washing of hands, particularly at the mandatory times, encouraged among the public, diseases and infections could be reduced to the barest. In this regard, the Brong Ahafo regional branch set up hand washing points in most public gatherings. During the one-week funeral rites of the Queen Mother of the Sunyani Traditional Council, a hand washing point was set up and many people who attended the funeral rites washed their hands.



Staff of SSNIT washing their hands at the funeral rites of the late queen mother of Sunyani Traditional area.

The Volta regional office carried out a Proper Hand Washing program to educate school children in five selected basic schools in the Ho Municipality namely Ho Kpodzi 'A' Basic, Ho Dome E.P. Basic, St. Cecilia J.H.S, Anglican Basic School, Methodist Basic School on the proper ways of washing the hands to prevent contraction of infectious diseases which was funded by the Headquarters and donations (Veronica Buckets and Stands) were made to the participating schools. During the program, we realized that the materials used in the demonstrations were not enough to meet the needs of the various schools considering a large number of students. **A total of 55 schools and 3557 were reached with the hand washing message in 2019.**

We recommend that there should be a provision of adequate materials for the schools to always practice proper hand washing and regular awareness to sensitize the proper washing of hands.

8.6 BLOOD DONATION

The Volta Regional Office in collaboration with Ho Nurses' Training College chapter organized a blood donation exercise to stock the blood bank of the Ho Teaching Hospital which was held at the premises of the college and funded internally as part of the SRC week celebration. The trainees were taken through the importance of blood donation and blood transfusion. Some of the donors complained of not getting blood when needed by their relations during emergencies and complained about supplements giving to donors to replenish not sufficient. Below is a table showing the breakdown of voluntary blood donations in some regions.

Region	Number of pints collected
Ashanti	172

It is recommended that regular donor organizations and individual donors must be given proper recognition and attended to in times of emergencies.



8.7 CHOLERA RESEARCH PROJECT

GRCS successfully received Region has started the Cholera research project to understand underlining factors causing the Cholera outbreak in Ghana and especially in the capital city Accra. The project is being implemented in the Ashieduketeke District.

Fifteen Volunteers were trained for six days on the tools designed and developed to collect the data. The baseline study is underway with thirteen communities sampled for data collection.

8.8 ANNUAL HIV/AIDS AWARENESS CREATION AND HEALTH WALK

The Greater Accra Region embarked on three-month education and awareness creation on **HIV/AIDS** in Schools and its surroundings. The activities were centred on the youth; the Red Cross Volunteers were strongly involved in the campaign and other Health related issues awareness creation from the month September to December 2019. The 2019 walk took place on the 7th of December and regardless of all challenges the Walk took place with about sixty Schools participating in the walk. Similar activities were carried out in the Ashanti region with 17 schools participating.



Picture1: GAR Health work



Picture 2: Ashanti Regional Health

8.9 POLIO OUTBREAK SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

The Ghana Red Cross Society in collaboration with UNICEF and other partners embarked on social mobilization towards mOPV2 campaign for the Round one and two polio vaccination in some worse performing Districts and Municipalities in the Greater Accra, Northern, Upper East Regions to complement the efforts of Ghana Health Service and all its partners.

The campaign targeted children less than five years across the three Regions. The Ghana Red Cross mobilized 250 volunteers of which majority were mothers' club members trained and deployed in some worse performing districts to create awareness and demand for the mOPV2. The effort of the GRCS was to contribute to the national target of reaching 864,696 children between the ages of 0- 59 months to be vaccinated. Data collated by the GRCS indicated the projected targets for the exercise were exceeded, suggesting that the campaign was successful. A total of **24,037 HHs** were reached during the round 1 of Polio immunization campaign, **168,254** children aged 0 months to 59 months were taken for immunization and **312,371** people were educated on Polio messages. The Tables below data collected and analysed.

mOPV2 CAMPAIGN SOCIAL MOBILISATION DATA SHEET SUMMARY R1

Region	District	Sub-district	Community	Polio Round	Total Number of House Hold Reached	Total number of people in the Household	Total Number of children below - 59 months in the household	Total # of people educated on polio key messages at HH
Upper East	Bulsa North		39	R1	947	5683	6630	12313
	Bolga Mun				2689	16131	18820	34951
Northern	Tamale Metro				1294	7763	9057	16820

	Savelug o			2130	12780	14910	27690
Greater Accra	Ga Central	10		2331	13987	16318	30305
	Accra Metro	9		3878	23266	27144	50410
	Ga West	15		4589	27534	32123	59657
	Ningo Pramp ram	14		3586	21514	25100	46614
	Ashiam an	11		2593	15559	18152	33711
Totals				24037	144217	168254	312471

Table 2: showing a summary sheet of mOPV2 social mobilization campaign

mOPV2 CAMPAIGN SOCIAL MOBILISATION DATA SHEET SUMMARY R2

Region	District	Sub-district	Community	Polio Round	Total Number of House Hold Reached	Total number of people in the Household	Total Number of children below - 59 months in the household	Total # of people educated on polio key messages at HH
Upper East	Bongo	Boe	22	R2	1617	9805	1901	4896
		Zorko	13		1205	6174	1555	2814
		Valley Zone	20		2974	14294	4161	6418
		Namolo	2		264	1114	308	334
	Kasena Nankana	Navrongo East	18		1973	9416	1655	8509
		Kolugo	16		1407	4089	1057	2651
		Manyoro	12		1039	4753	858	2058
		Pungo	15		3980	12818	3207	5176
Northern	Tamale Metro	Vittin	4		4161	10104	5823	9262
		RCH	19		8681	19338	14851	16045
		Nyohini	7		1300	38775	2011	2494
		Bulpella	5		1313	4242	1440	2865
	Savelugu	Savelugu	27		10394	27101	16585	20766
		Moglaa	4		1618	3216	3085	3150
		Pong-Tamale	9		1062	3001	1987	2529
	Kumbungu	Kumbungu	25		9788	21224	13405	13616

	Zangbalin g	2		190	902	550	328
	Gboling	2		38	260	125	76
	Totals	222		53004	190626	74564	103987

Table 3: showing a summary sheet of mOPV2 social mobilization campaign Round 2

During the implementation of the house to house social mobilization, the regions setup monitoring plans in consultation with District Health Management Teams (DHMT). This was to enable the monitoring teams to know where Red Cross volunteers are operating as well as where vaccination sites have been set up.

Each District was divided into two zones for easy monitoring and supervision, the Zonal Teams were also divided into groups and the Volunteers were paired for security purposes and team-work.

All respective stakeholders in the communities were notified about the upcoming coming campaign and they were very supportive. After educating households, volunteers mark the houses indicating there were in the house. The use of Open Data Kit (ODK), a data collection application was used for data collection by all partners during the campaign this improved monitoring at all levels. Below are some pictures taken during the campaign.



8.10 CHALLENGES FACED DURING POLIO CAMPAIGN

- Most communities in some selected districted were scattered hence requiring only hard-working volunteers to walk long distances to educate households.
- In some of the Districts, the GHS Staff were not collaborating initially but eventually pick up as the days went by.
- The number of Volunteers per each District was not enough due to the condensed nature some communities in some part of Greater Accra, Northern regions
- The allowance for Volunteers is inadequate hence they complained about the number of hours they worked on the field.

CONCLUSION

The Volunteers activities helped to improve the social mobilization and on the whole, the program implementation was successful. 9.0 MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH (MNCH)



The MNCH project is currently operational in six Districts namely; Pusiga, Binduri, Bongo, Talensi, Nabdam, Kassena, Nankanna. Initially, the project was operating in four districts during the first phase and later scaled to two (2) more in 2018 making a total of six. In the aforementioned districts, 80 mothers clubs exist from all the MNCH communities making 2,080 memberships. With technical support from the Ghana

Health Service (GHS), the 2,080 mothers' club members were all trained in the Maternal and Child Health issues to support in-home visitations, and rapid referrals of emergencies especially amongst pregnant women, newborns, and the postnatal women and other health emergencies in their respective communities. Basically, the MCs perform the following core duties;

- Composing educative health-related songs, drama and role-plays which are aired on the various radio stations in the region and beyond
- House –House visitations
- Identify danger signs newborn, postnatal woman and the pregnant and make quick referrals
- Clean -up exercises
- Health campaigns
- Mobilizing children for national immunization days with GHS staff
- Support GHS in distribution and education on the use of LLIN in the communities
- Support GHS staff in running immunization outreaches in the communities

9.1 HOMEBASED MATERNAL AND NEWBORN CARE ACTIVITY

Description (Mothers Club Member (MCs))	Total
Total number of HHs visited by MCs	22,576
Total pregnant women referred by MCs for ANC	3,253
Number of labour cases escorted by MCs	1,337
Number of babies visited and seen by MCs	3,137
Number of postnatal women seen by MCs	3,128
Number of Danger signs seen and referred by MC	460

Examples of danger signs include; bleeding in pregnancy, pallor, severe vomiting, severe abdominal pains and infected cords, convulsion, discharging eyes/yellowish eyes amongst others in newborns.

9.2 MASS MEDIA AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Interactive radio discussion

District	Held	Total call-ins	# of males	# of females
Binduri	18	226	158	68
Bongo	15	236	138	98

KNM	15	286	168	118
Nabdam	9	142	90	52
Pusiga	10	134	93	41
Talensi	12	164	93	71
Total	79	1,188	740	448

As indicated above, **79** radio talk shows were held across the six districts, six radio stations were engaged in this activity. Various health topics were discussed, with technical support from the Ghana Health Service. A total of **1,188** call-ins were received from listeners who contributed to the program.

Common Durbars

District	Held	Total attendance	Adult male	Adult Female	Youth male	Youth Female
Binduri	2	657	309	213	66	69
Bongo	5	1,875	736	393	366	380
KNM	5	1,229	519	372	212	126
Nabdam	3	998	343	219	228	208
Pusiga	2	479	312	67	37	63
Talensi	5	1217	605	337	153	122
Total	41	6,455	2,824	1,601	1,062	968

Forty-one (41) community durbars were organized in all the MNCH communities on various health-related topics and the general issues concerning the GRCS. A total of **6, 455 people** were in attendance of **1,061** being males, **2,824** females, **968** youth males, and **1,062** youth females.

9.3 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY TRANSPORT

District	# of people served by tricycles from the community to Health facility (HF)					# of people served by tricycles - lower level to higher HF				
	ANC	Labour	PNC	Child	General	ANC	Labour	PNC	Child	others
Binduri	16	70	3	12	41	10	190	0	13	45
Bongo	26	66	0	23	28	22	93	0	12	26
KNM	22	62	0	16	23	11	86	4	3	61
Nabdam	22	77	3	4	46	9	103	0	17	54
Pusiga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Talensi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	86	275	6	55	138	52	472	4	45	186

With support from the Swiss Red Cross, Ten (10) tricycles were given to the initial four MNCH beneficiary communities to facilitate emergency referrals. The table above shows the activities of these tricycles in the year 2019. A total of **560** cases were transported from the community

level to the Health facility and **759** cases referred from one health facility to the other for further management. Detailed cases indicated in the above table.

The MNCH has remained an integral part of the communities and has helped reduce many avoidable deaths and cases. It is however in need of support for the mother`s club members to develop their skills to further and grow their income generation activities (IGA).

9.4 CONCLUSION

All these projects have helped boost the image of the Health Department and the National Society as a whole. The department can boast of having a strong team to manage and facilitate programs and developing proposals for funding, and grants to help national society meets its strategic goals. The department will continue to strive to ensure it achieves more success in the years coming.

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