



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

GHANA RED CROSS SOCIETY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

ANNUAL REPORT, 2021.

Administration:

Brief Background in the Volta region.

The Regional branch of the Ghana Red Cross Society is one the ten (10) administrative branches with its Regional Office located within the premises of the Volta Regional Health Directorate. The office is a single all-inclusive room.

Brief Background in the Eastern region.

Eastern Regional branch of the Ghana Red Cross is located within the ministries and occupies a single room office that is situated on the ground floor of the Ministry of Health. The single room administrative office space is shared by all paid and volunteer staff including national service and NABCO personnel.

The region is divided into thirty-four (34) political districts with New Juabeng being its capital. Out of the 34 districts, Red Cross is active in 17 districts with district officers. There are spots of activities in the remaining 17 districts but without district organizers.

Brief Background in the Western region.

The Regional Headquarters is located at Sekondi in the old hospital structure used by the Ghana Health Service some years past. The society is occupying three (3) rooms and a store room with the other rooms been used by the Metro Birth and Death Registry, and Sekondi Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Center.

Brief Background in the Brong Ahafo region.

The Brong Ahafo region use to be the second largest region in Ghana next to the erstwhile northern region. It uses to cover a land size of thirty-nine thousand, five hundred and seventy-seven square kilometers (39,577km). it was created on the 14th April 1959 out of Western Ashanti. Per the 2010 Population and Housing Census it had a population of 2, 310,913 the sixth most populated region in Ghana. It a density of 58 per kilometer, 21 administrative districts and municipalities.

In 2019, as a result of the 2018 referendum, new regions were created from the Brong Ahafo region namely, the Bono region with Sunyani the regional capital, the Ahafo region with Goaso as the regional capital and the Bono East region with Techiman as its regional capital.

The regional branch of the Ghana Red Cross Society is located in Sunyani in the Bono regional Capital. The Regional Office is Situated at the Ministries Buildings of the Bono Region. It is behind the Regional Directorate Offices of the Ghana Health Service, near the Births and Deaths Registry.

The Regional Secretariat still preside over the other two new regions (Ahafo and Bono East regions) caved out of the then Brong Ahafo Region around the middle of 2019.

Brief Background in the Upper East region.

The Ghana Red Cross Society has been the leading volunteer humanitarian movement in the region offering support to vulnerable populations during times of emergency and off emergency seasons. The Region is disaster prone and experiences one kind of disaster or another especially flooding.

The Society's credibility and image in the eyes of the public in the region and beyond in dealing with natural/ disasters emergencies and provision of First Aid services has led many an organization to want to do business with us.

The Society works in partnership with other Organizations for fifteen (15) Political/ Administrative Municipal/District Assemblies.

Staff and Volunteers strength

Staff Strength in the Volta region.

The Regional office is manned by two paid staff as follows:

- Mr. Gershon K. Dzokoto - Regional Manager
- Miss Margaret Akorta - Office Assistance

No. of Volunteer Staff in the region (Their name and position in the region)

The following are the volunteer staff of the Region:

- Mr. Dunant Zoglo - Ag. Regional Youth Organiser
- Miss Esther Chomaffo - Regional Mothers Club Facilitator
- Mr. Dunant Zoglo - Regional Chapter Organizer
- Mr. Micheal Sittie - First Aid Training Coordinator
- Mr. Bright Agodzo - Regional Disaster Response Team Coordinator
- Mr. Bright Agodzo - Reg. Blood Donor Recruitment Coordinator

No of National Service Persons in the region.

The Region received nine (9) National Service Personnel. This is as a result of a gap identified by the region. The request by the office for the national service personnel is to assist the regional volunteer staff in the regular activities of the society.

The Personnel were taken through orientation and were trained in disaster response activities, fundraising, resource mobilization, Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross, History of Red Cross and first aid.

They assisted the office in the following activities;

- Disaster response
- Membership drive
- Resource Mobilization
- Information dissemination

- Social mobilization
- First aid talk\Service at public places.
- Public health emergencies
- Clean up exercises.

No. of Regional Committee Members (Their Name and Position)

There were fourteen (14) elected Regional Committee members and these elected members support the staffs to manage the Region.

The following are the Regional Committee members and their positions;

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| • Dordzi Wilson | - Chairman |
| • Bright Agodzo | - Vice-Chairman |
| • Comfort Agbadja | - Member |
| • Julius Agbagba | - Reg. Youth Rep |
| • Dakey Thomas | - Reg. Treasurer |
| • Enynam Letsa-Maglo (Mrs) Esq. | - Legal Advisor |
| • Gertrude Kukah | - Member |
| • Samuel K. Akwensi | - Member |
| • Harrison K. Belley | - PRO |
| • Paul Kokumah | - Health |
| • Larry Yeboah | - Member |
| • Heinrich Aidam | - Member |
| • Emelia Bansah Oguah | - Member |
| • Esther Chomaffo | - RMC |

Strength of Staff in the Brong Ahafo Region

Paid staff in the Region remained as follows;

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| • Mr. Gayoni Gbolo Solomon | Regional Manager |
| • Ms. Olivia Kwarteng Opuni | Administrative Assistant |
| • Mrs. Faustina B. Chaahaa | Administrative Assistant – attached to the Red Cross Health Services, Eye unit. |

No. of Volunteer Staff (Name and Position in the Region)

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|--------------------------|---|
| • Rashida Dumbie | Regional Youth Organiser |
| • Mary Alhassan | Regional Mothers Club Facilitator |
| • Emmanuel Boateng | Regional Emergency Response Team Coordinator |
| • Twumasi Ankrah | Municipal Organiser- Sunyani Municipal |
| • Mustapha Baba Santo | Municipal Organiser- Techiman Municipal |
| • Abu Mohammed | Municipal Organiser- Wenchi Municipal |
| • John Bosco Amobilla | Municipal Organiser- Kintampo North Municipal |
| • Debrah Abdul-Razak | District Organiser- Tain District |
| • Danso-Korkwah Bismarck | Tano North District |
| • Raphael K. Owusu | Tana South District |
| • Manu Felix | Jaman North District |
| • Kyei Listowel | Dormaa Municipal |
| • Owusu Boateng | Dormaa West District |
| • Nii Kwei Bellemano | Berekum west District |

- Muniratu Tamanja Atebubu Amanteng District
- Effa Korsah Nkoranza Municipal
- Effah Korsah Nkoranza North District
- Ibrahim Mohammed Asunafo North municipal
- Ibrahim Mohammed Asutifi South District.

No. of National Service Personnel in the Region

There is only one National service personnel currently posted to the regional secretariat in the person of Aar David.

No. of Regional Committee Members (their Names and Positions)

- Ntow Franklin Regional Chairman
- Eric Mills Regional Vice Chairman
- Grace Afia Gyamaa Hon Treasurer
- Atubisah Clement Hon Public Relation Advisor
- Donkor Isaac Hon Health Advisor
- Mary Alhassan Regional Mothers Club Facilitator
- Atta Fenah National Disaster Management Organisation
- Rashida Dumbie Regional Youth Representative

Staff Strength in the Western region.

- Regional Manager - Benjamin Acquah
- Office Assistant – Patience Ofosu Anim

No. of Volunteer Staff in the region (Their name and position in the region)

S/N	NAME	POSITION	CONTACT	REMARKS
1.	Shahid Sannie Mohammed	Youth Organizer	0249945799	
2.	Mr. Philip Abban	First Aid Coordinator	024185571	
3.	Mr. Edward Acquaa Harrison	Emergency resp. team Coordinator	024484561	
4.	Mrs. Magaret Adade	Mothers Club Facilitator.	0541807147	
5.	Mrs .Esther Nave	Deputy Mothers club facilitator.	0242920757	
6.	Philip Bruce -Arhin	Chapter Organizer	0242652492	
7.	Augustina Mensah	Deputy focal person for disaster and cash voucher assistant		
8.	Kingsley Yeboah	Focal person for health	0242387710	

No of Nabco Personnel - 20

No of National Service Personnel - 24

No. of Regional Committee Members (Their Name and Position)

	NAME	POSITION	CONTACT	REMARKS
	Mr. Frank Oforu-Asante	Chairman	0243114989	
	Mr.Kenneth Dormah	Vice Chairman	0544545499	
	Maame Ekua Afra	Treasurer	0242090344	
	Dr. Augustine Kwesi Amoako	Health Advisor	0244922738	
	Mr Emmanuel Owu-Ewie	P.R.A	0544144135	
	Mr.Kamara Huseni	Youth Representative	0553154080	
	Stephen Johnson	Committee member		
	Gabriel Amehere	Committee member		
	Gordon .K. Mensah	Committee member		

Staff Strength in the Upper East Region.

BOLGA TANGA EAST DISTRICT

S/N	POSITION	1	NAME	AGE
1	District Organizer		Atoliyea Nsobono Joseph	
2	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Awuni Lydia Lardi	40
3	District Youth Organizer		Afarabono Akana Roland	36
4	District Disaster Volunteer		Daniel Asakedingo	36
	TALENSI DISTRICT			
1	District Organizer	2	Bagna Jacob	37
2	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Basina Mercy	30
3	District Youth Organizer		Buzongmuu Paul.K	32

4	District Disaster Volunteer		Christopher Nab	37
	KASSENA NANKANA WEST DISTRICT	3		
1	District Organizer		Akobulgo-Zotipelba Ayeo-Duko	
2	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Aduko Mary Awanzoko	
3	District Youth Organizer		Aselsiwine Raymond	
4	District Disaster volunteer		Avuure Cletus	
	PUSIGA DISTRICT	4		
1	District Organizer		Moli Julius Mathias	45
2	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Asufu Gifty	34
3	District Youth Organizer		Dormah Isaac	30
4	District Disaster volunteer		Asunda Faustina	38
	GARU DISTRICT	5		
1	District Organizer		Alem Isaac	
2	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Salifu Iaadi	
3	District Youth Organizer		Yamba Mike	
4	District Disaster Volunteer		Alex Azumah	
	KASSENA NANKANA MUNICIPAL	6		
1.	Municipal Organizer		Amitoriba Gabriel Anaba	60
2.	Municipal Mothers Club Facilitator		Angelina Badare	50
3.	Municipal Youth Organizer		Azuko Joseph Assasiba	34
4.	Municipal Disaster Volunteer		Martin Aengpae Ncho	32
	BINDURI DISTRICT	7		
1.	District Organizer		Bugbil Cletus Samba	46

2.	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Atiiga Juliana	43
3.	District Youth Organizer		Abugnaba Faster Afuug	47
4.	District Disaster Volunteer		Asana Muslim	43
	BONGO DISTRICT	8		
	District Organizer		Ayine Amooro Ferguson	
1.	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Esther Akabzaa	
2.	District Youth Organizer		Adoliwine Philip	
	District Disaster Volunteer		Azaligazure Ernest Kofi	
	TEMPANE DISTRICT	9		
1.	District Organizer		Atubiga Caesar	
2.	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Issah Rebecca	
3.	District Youth Organizer		Awafo Paul	
4.	District Disaster Volunteer		Asabliga James	
	NABDAM DISTRICT	11		
1.	District Organizer		Tambeog Michael	
2.	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Agnes Zure	
3.	District Youth Organizer		Damolg Justice	
4.	District Disaster Volunteer		Aurug Dominic	
	BAWKU MUNICIPAL	12		
1.	Municipal Organizer		Aguda Baba Kamerun Felix	
2.	Municipal Mothers Club Facilitator		Moro Mamata	
	municipal Youth Organizer		Akudugu Jonathan Agalise	
3.	Municipal Disaster Volunteer		Abanga Anthony	
	BOLGATANGA	13		

	MUNICIPAL			
1.	Municipal Organizer		Joseph Aserekama	
2.	Municipal Mothers Club Facilitator		Ivy Ayantoleya	
3.	Municipal Youth Organizer		Kenneth Atanga	
4.	Municipal Disaster Volunteer		Issahaka Bin Abdulai	
	BULSA NORTH DISTRICT	14		
1.	District Organizer		Haruna Hamidu Baba	49
2.	District Mothers Club Facilitator		Abukakari Serina	45
3.	District Youth Organizer		Alhassan Suweba Palpuo	23
4.	District Disaster Volunteer		Ababa Eva	27
	REGIONAL STAFF VOLUNTEERS			
1.	Regional Disaster Volunteer		Sylvester Adigma	
2.	Regional Youth Organizer		Emmanuel Atanga Akolgo Dongo	
3.	Regional Mothers Club Facilitator		Odditte Achulia	

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iii. No of National Service Persons in the region. ZERO

Staff strength of the Eastern Region

The region has four [4] paid staffs in the persons of Theophilus Tackie, as the Regional Manager, Eunice Agah, as the Office Assistant, Kennedy Amanu, as the Project Officer and Bruno Gladstone, as the Regional Driver.

Regional Volunteer Staff

Youth Organizer- Sylvain Saka Owusu

Regional Youth Representative- Adu Emmanuel Ofori

Mothers' Club Facilitator- Florence Nartey
Emergency Response Team Coordinator-Bernard Attiemo
Regional chapter organizer-Oduro Ameyaw Depores

Regional Committee Members

NO.	NAME	POSITION	PROFESSION	TEL. NO.
1	Emelia Diana Okai	Chairman	Public Health Officer (RTD)	0244884097
2	Juliana Abbeyquaye	Vice Chairman	Director (Department of Gender)	0243707372
3	Theophilus Adu	Hon. Treasurer	Accountant	0552692030
4	Samuel A. Akamah	Health Advisor	Doctor	0546202777
5	Shadrack Majisi	Legal Advisor	Director (Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, CHRAJ)	0244989413
6	Emmanuel Adu Ofori	Youth Rep	National Service Personnel	0243678315
7	Asare Bekoe Noah	Executive Member	NADMO Administrator (West Akim)	0249346886
8	Gershon Adonis Dzason	Executive Member	Nursing Assistant	0545922810
9	Felix K. Pascal Duhoe	Executive Member	Teacher	0244980300
10	Isaac Tei-Ibinibe Sopelle	Executive Member	Public Officer (National Population Counsel)	0540905313
11	Kwasi Owusu Obeng	Executive Member	Public Officer (National Population Counsel)	0206735136
	STAKEHOLDERS/ REPRESENTATIVES	INSTITUTION	POSITION/ PROFESSION	TELEPHONE
12	Bernice Oforiwaa	GES	SHEP Coordinator	0244524280
13	ASI Emmanuel Faith Otchere	Immigration Services- Rep	Immigration Officer	0207383832
14	Amofah A Gerald	NADMO	SDCO	0260990044

15	Kennedy Adzroho D. O. Lamptey	National Ambulance	EMT-B	0243122504 0241987429
16	Patricia Brago Gyan	Regional Education Office	HRMD	
18	Ruth Manu	National Road Safety Agency	Regional Manager	0201486148
19	C/Inspr. Kenneth Asante D/C/Inspr. Thomas A. Anane	Ghana Police Service	Station Officer Station Officer	0244263008 0260663687

National Service Personnel

The regional office received eleven (11) national service personnel with the following backgrounds:

Name

- Asem Christine
- Aduako Dorothy
- Azure Florence
- Mensah Boakye Hannah
- Adjei Marilyn
- Osei Gladys Kwankyewaa
- Aduhene Peter-Hammond
- Appiah Prince
- Afari Gideon
- Adu Emmanuel Ofori
- Kwaku-Duah Patience Dede Edu.

Program/course

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
Diploma in Health and Safety
Diploma in Managing Health and Safety
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
Higher National Diploma, Marketing
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
BBA Entrepreneurship
Post Diploma Bachelor of Education
Occupational Health and Safety
Diploma in Psychology and Foundations of

District

The table below shows the total GRCS operational districts in the Volta region.

Total No of districts / Active districts

NO	DISTRICT	STATUS	PROJECT
1	HOHOE	In-Active	
2	KPANDO	Active	

3	AFADJATO SOUTH	Active	
4	HO WEST	Active	
5	HO MUNICIPAL	Active	
6	AGOTIME ZIOPE	Active	
7	KETU NORTH	Active	
8	KETU SOUTH	Active	
9	AKATSI SOUTH	Active	
10	SOUTH TONGU	In-Active	
11	ADAKLU	Active	
12	NORTH TONGU	In-Active	
13	KETA	In-Active	

List projects in the districts (if any)

The Region has no projects.

Brong Ahafo Districts.

Total number of Districts/Active Districts.

Thirteen (13) districts/ municipalities are active. These are; Sunyani Municipal, Berekum Municipal, Berekum West district, Wenchi Municipal. Tain District, Dormaa Municipality, Dormaa West District, Techiman Municipal, Techiman North District, Sunyani West district, Kintampo North district, Tano North district and Tano south district.

List Projects in the Region (if any)

As at the time of producing this annual report, only Wenchi municipal and Berekum west are implementing the Covid-19 vaccination awareness project.

Western District

Total No of districts / Active districts - 22

Shama, STMA(3), Ahanta West, Ellembele, Jomoro, Tarkwa(2), Prestea(3), Wassa Amenfi West, Wassa Amenfi East, Wassa Amenfi Central, Mpohor, Bibiani, Bodi , Juaboso, Sefwi Wiawso, Bia East, Bia West, Akotombra

List projects in the districts (if any)

No Projects

Upper East District /Municipalities

Total No of districts / Active districts

There are fifteen (15) Administrative MMDAs in the Upper East Region.

Eight (8) out of the 15 are very active Red Cross Districts . The remaining Seven (7) are somewhat active depending on the situation on the ground.

The districts are;

- **Pusiga** (RMNCAH Project)
- **,Binduri** (RMNCAH & DRR Projects)
- **Kassena -Nankana** Municipal(DRR &RMNCAH Projects)
- **Bongo** (DRR&RMNCAH Projects)
- **Nabdam** (DRR&RMNCAH Projects)
- **Talensi** (DRR&RMNCAH Projects)
- **Builsa North** (DRR&RMNCAH Projects)
- **Builsa South** (RMNCAH Project)

Organization Development (Membership)

Volta region.

No. of Red Cross Branches in the region.

Mothers Club Chapters in the region

The table below shows the total number of Mothers' Clubs we had in the Region since 1997 when the concept was introduced in region. As at the time of writing this report none of the above Mothers' Clubs is active. This is as a result of many factors, some of which include non-availability of funding to continue their income generating ventures, demise of some of the members, migration, etc.

GHANA RED CROSS SOCIETY - VOLTA REGION
DATA ON CHARTERED MOTHERS CLUBS - MARCH 2008

No.	Name	District	Membership	Date of Formation	IGA	Functioning	Dormant
1	Hlefi M/C	Ho	19	1997	Bread baking	☐	
2	Sokode Bagble M/C	"	15	1996	Gari Processing		☐
3	Anyirawase M/C	"	20	1997	Batik Production		☐
4	Klefe M/C	"	15	1997	Bread baking		☐
5	Akrofu Xeviofe M/C	"	15	1997	Gari Processing		☐
6	Anfoeta Gbogame M/C	"	15	1998	Nil		☐
7	Anfoeta Tsebi	"	19	1996	Palm Oil Production	☐	
8	Tsito Methodist M/C	"	21	1999	Nil		☐
9	Guaman M/C	Jasikan	20	2003	Nil		☐
10	United M/C	"	15	2003	Nil		☐
11	St.Peter Claver M/C	"	20	2003	Nil	☐	
12	Kudje M/C	"	15	2004	Nil		☐
13	Sovie Kudzra M/C	Kpando	20	1998	Nil		☐
14	Anfoega Wademaxe M/C	"	15	2004	Pomade Making		☐
15	Menu M/C	Kadjebi	19	2004	Nil	☐	
16	Asato M/C	"	20	2001	Nil	☐	
17	Holy Rosary M/C	Hohoe	20	1998	Nil	☐	
18	Ve Wudome M/C	"	21	2002	Nil		☐
19	Aflao Preventive M/C	Ketu	18	2001	Nil	☐	
20	Dekpor-Yia M/C	"	15	1997	Farming	☐	☐
21	Agavedzi M/C	"	35	2003	Nil		☐
22	Aflao Central M/C	"	20	2001	Nil	☐	
23	St. Johns' M/C	"	15	2003	Nil		☐
24	Agricultural Area M/C	Nkwanta	18	2002	Nil		☐

25	Bonakye Gp 1 M/C	"	16	2004	Guinea Worm Erad. Prog.	☐	
26	Bonakye Gp 2 M/C	"	15	2004	"		☐
27	Bonakye Gp 3 M/C	"	16	2004	"	☐	
28	Bonakye Gp 4 M/C	"	15	2004	"		☐
29	Kpassa Agou M/C	"	14	2004	"	☐	
30	Agou Kunji M/C	"	15	2004	"	☐	
31	Agou Fie M/C	"	16	2004	"	☐	
32	Kpassa East M/C	"	15	2004	"	☐	
33	Kpassa West M/C	"	16	2004	"	☐	
34	Wiliwili M/C	"	13	2004	"	☐	
35	Sibi Hilltop M/C	"	12	2004	"	☐	
36	Lancha M/C	"	17	2004	"		☐
37	Kete-Krachi M/C	Krachi	20	2003	"		☐
38	Adom M/C	"	12	2004	"		☐
39	Avega-Kortey M/C	Akatsi	10	2005	"	☐	

No. of functional districts in the region.

The Region has nine (9) Red Cross active districts.

Volunteers Performance

Volunteers in most of the municipalities and districts was encouraging. Volunteers reported punctually and regularly to work and also show positive attitude towards humanitarian work.

Total Adult new members registered for 2021 (No. of females and males)

Twenty-five (25) adult members registered in 2021

Male: 21
Female: 4

Total adult membership renewal for 2021 (No. of females and males)

Total youth new members registered for the year 2021 (No. of females and males)

Seventy-eight (78) youth members registered in 2021.

Female: 65
Male: 13

Total youth membership renewal for the year 2021(No. of females and males)

The total youth membership in the region stood at 4000 in 2017. However, from 2018 to 2021, youth membership is 1922 and adult membership is 964. This is because, of the total membership in the region over the years, many could not renew their membership. Tracking old members for an update was met with a challenge since old records available did not include contact numbers.

Eastern region

Membership Drive

Over the years, Red Cross in Eastern region has registered several hundreds of in school and out of school volunteers of varying backgrounds. The year 2021 especially saw a reduced numbers of registered in school youth due to the Covid Pandemic. Fewer adults paid dues in the year under review. Members of good standing (members who have paid dues for the year) in the region in the year 2021 stood at 33. The table below gives the breakdown:

Category	Male	Female	Total
Youth	-	2	2
Adult	18	13	31
Total	18	15	33

Branches, Structures and Volunteer Development

Eastern Region has thirty-four (34) political districts and municipalities. Red Cross is operational in seventeen (17) of the districts. These 17 districts and municipalities have district and/or municipal organizers. Though there are occasional activities in the remaining 17 districts and municipalities, there are no substantive district or municipal organizers. Two municipal management teams have been established in West Akim and Kwahu West. The region has seven (15) chapters in Kwahu West, Yilo Krobo, New Juaben, Birem 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. The table below summarizes the branches and structures in the region.

Structures	Number	Functional	Location	Membership
Districts	34	17	Eastern Region	NA
District Management Teams	2	2	West Akim and Kwahu West	24
District Offices	2	2	New Juabeng and West Akim	
School links	NA	Over 60	Various locations in the region	
Tertiary Chapters	1	1	Koforidua Technical University.	
District/ Municipal	15	15	Yilo Krobo, New Juaben, West Akim Birem Central,	NA

Chapters			Suhum, Asuogyaman, Upper manya, Odumase, Lower Many, Somanya and Atiwa East, Kwahu West etc.	
Mothers Club	2	2	New Juaben and Suhum	15 and 10 Respectively

Upper East Regional Organization Development (Membership)

No. of Red Cross Branches in the region. **NONE**

No of Mothers Clubs in the region **120**

Mothers' Clubs membership 2,680

No. of functional districts in the region. **Eight (8)**

Total Adult new members registered for 2021. One (1)

(No. of Females (0) and Males (2)

Total adult membership renewal for 2021 **One**

(No. of Females (ZERO) and Males (One)

Total youth new members registered for the year 2021 (ZERO)

(No. of Females (ZERO) and Males (ZERO)

Total Youth membership renewal for the year 2021 (ZERO) (No. of females (ZERO) and Males (ZERO)

FIRST AID TRAINING AND SERVICES

Volta regional First Aid Trainings

The Society provided first aid training to its members namely the chapters and youth links and rendered first aid services to the public and at the sports stadium during local sporting activities.

In order to make first aid knowledge available to as many as possible, the region embarked on series of first aid trainings (both commercial and non-commercial) for individuals and groups.

Trainings were organized for the following:

- Motor (Okada) riders
- Individuals
- Church groups
- Teachers

- Red Cross Volunteers

As part of income generating activities, the Region, in collaboration Ghana Education Service organized a basic first aid training for teachers across Ho Municipal and Ho West District. A total of 450 teachers, representing about 143 basic schools attended the training,

Sale of first Kits

There were no first aid kit sold.

Emergency response First Aid posts services

Volunteers at the Nogokpo Emergency First Aid post, situated at Nogokpo in Ketu South Municipal has been regular at post. They responded to minor emergency cases where casualties were managed and referred to the hospital.

First Aid Training Services in the Western Region

First Aid Trainings

Below are companies the region has trained;

Ghana Prisons, NADMO, Immigration, Ghana Navy, Oilfield Training Center, Atlantic Hotel, Dignity DTRT, Orsam Eni, Amaja, ETG, Norpalm, A1 Energy Group Ltd, National Pensions Regulatory Auth, Best Western Premier, Omni Energy, Bayfield Oil Services, Rigworld Training Center, Imperial Logistics, Radiance Petroleum, Environmental Protection, GREL.

Description

Free First Aid Training

NADMO

The free first aid training for stakeholders started with Nadmo on the 11th & 12th January 2021. 30 staffs of Nadmo S.T.M.A were trained at the S.T.M.A assembly chamber. Instructors for the training were Philip Bruce-Arhin and Augustina Mensah.

Environmental Protection Agency

On 29th January 2021, 11 staff of E.P.A were trained in first aid and 9 staff also trained on 4th February 2021 making a total of 20 staff. Trainings were done one day intensive starting from 9am to 4pm. Instructors for the training were Philip Bruce-Arhin and Augustina Mensah.

Ghana Immigration Service

24 officers were trained in basic first aid on 15th February 2021 and 22 officers were also trained on the 16th. Training started at 9am and ended at 4pm each day with an hour break. Instructors for the training were Philip Bruce-Arhin and Augustina Mensah.

Prison

We trained 350 prison officers in two weeks from 23rd February 2021 – 5th March 2021 at the Prison Officers Mess. Each day we trained 35 officers from various stations in the region. Philip Bruce-Arhin and Augustina Mensah did the training for the officers. The trainings had two main sessions; theoretical and practical demonstrations.

Gallery



Commercial trainings

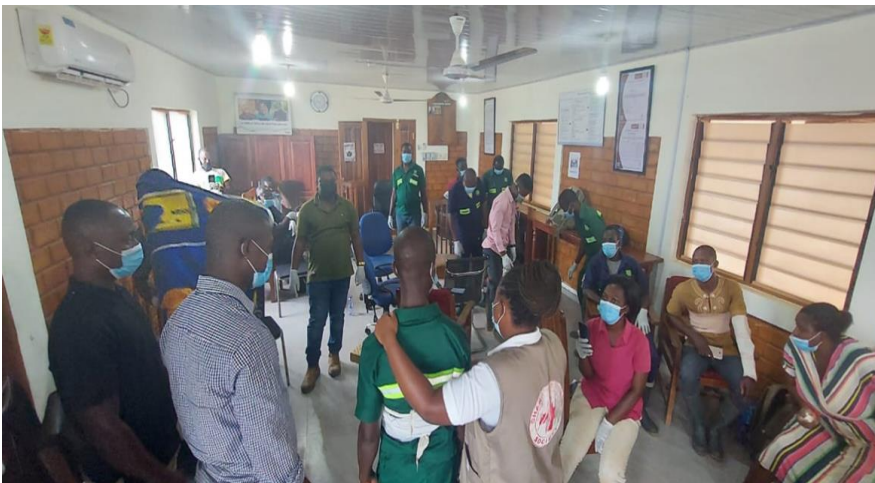
GREL

230 Staff of Grel were divided into 6 batches for standard first aid training which took 1 month 2 weeks from 4th October – 18th November 2021. The 1st batch of 60 staff was trained at Apemanim site while the 2nd batch of 30 staff was trained at Tsibu. The 3rd batch was trained at Abura and the 4th trained at Subri. The 5th and 6th were trained at Awodua and Agona Abbrim respectively. Instructors for the training were Philip Bruce-Arhin and Augustina Mensah.



NORPALM

95 staff of Norpalm was trained in standard first aid from 27th September 2021 – 30th September 2021. They were divided into 2 batches and each batch was trained in 2 days. Instructors for the training were Philip Bruce-Arhin and Augustina Mensah.



Sale of first aid Kits

6 sale of first aid kits to Jubilee Tech Training Center

First Aid services

SDA Church, Road Safety, National Health Insurance Scheme.



Number of institutions trained in first aid - 21

Number of Volunteers trained - 146

Emergency response First Aid posts services (If Any)

FIRST AID TRAINING AND SERVICES IN BRONG AHAFO REGION

First Aid Trainings and Services

In 2021, first Aid training wasn't attractive in the region as only 28 prospective drivers from Techiman in the Bono East region received basic First Aid training.

52 youth members from the Kintampo Senior High School branch in the Kintampo north district were also trained in basic first aid.

52 Bui Power Authority staff Bui were also trained and awarded standard first aid certificates. In total 132 persons were trained in first aid within the reviewed year.

Sale of First Aid kits

The region did not engage in the sale of any first aid kits.

First Aid Services

The region engaged in four sessions of rendering first aid services to the general public. These included the annual commemoration parade for retired soldiers and the security services normally called eleven/eleven parade.

Floats for oil companies promoting their products and football matches.

Number of institutions trained in First Aid

Only three institutions accessed first aid training within the reviewed period. These institutions were the Kintampo Senior High School link of the Ghana Red Cross Society, the Bono regional Ghana Football Association and a driving school in Techiman in the Bono East region.

Number of Volunteers trained in First Aid

Only 48 youth volunteers from Kintampo Senior High School got trained in basic first aid.

Some Red Cross Youth a first aid training session.



Emergency Response First Aid Post Services (if any)

The Bono, Bono East and Ahafo regions do not have any emergency response first aid post, hence no services in this regard were undertaken.

First Aid Training and Services in Upper East

The Society was able to conduct two First Aid Trainings for two Organizations in the Upper East Region. The Society did not procure any First Aid Kits from Headquarters, nor produce some in the region for sale. Our District Organizers have been rendering First Aid services to our Community Disaster Preparedness and Response Teams in our DRR and MNCH Districts without a fee.

In all a total number of 3,480 of Mothers Clubs Members and CDPRTs have benefited from First Aid Training and other trainings in the region

In 2021 two institutions have been trained on Basic First Aid Management. The Upper East Region has no Emergency Response First Aid post(s) services.

Income generating activities in the region.

Eastern region

Internally, funds are generated from First Aid trainings, registration of new members and payment of dues and donations. The table below highlights the various sources of funds realized;

Funds Generated Internally

Programme	2021 (January – December)	Remarks
First Aid Training	GH¢ 19,250.00	
Membership registration for adults	GH¢700.00	
Dues for adults	GH¢380.00	
Membership Registration /Dues for Youth	GH¢10.00	
First Aid Kit	GH¢1,370.00	
Donations	GH¢5.00	

Income and Expenditure

Income Item	Income Amount (GH¢)	Expenditure Item	Expenditure (GH¢)	Comments
First Aid Trainings	19,250.00	Certificates	2,000.00	
Dues and Registration	1,095.00	Stationery	167.36	Door handle change, brown and white envelopes, correction fluid, etc.
First Aid Kits	1,370.00	Trainers Allowance	2,800.00	
		Fuel (For training)	2,100.00	

		First Aid Manual	200.00	
		Regional Vehicle Maintenance and Fuel	3,728.00	
		Regional Motorbike Maintenance and Fuel	1,195.00	
		Management committee meetings	2,795.00	
		Annual General Meeting (AGM) Expenditure	2,172.00	
		Plane ticket from Accra to Tamale for Conference	1,000.00	In and Out
		Office Maintenance	400.00	Printer Imaging Drum
		Funeral Expenses	870.00	
		Payment of Post Office Box arrears	544.00	
Total	21,715.00		19,971.36	
Balance			1,743.64	
COVID-19	28,220.00	COVID-19	30,220.00	
DISASTER	19,350.00	DISASTER	19,350.00	
GERMAN VOLUNTEERS COORDINATIO	1,400.00	GERMAN VOLUNTEERS COORDINATIO	1,400.00	

N		N		
Total	48,970.00		50,970.00	
GRAND TOTAL	70,685.00		70,941.36	
Balance			1,423.64	

Income generating activities in the region.

Type of income generating project in the region includes Youth Camp, etc.

Income from first aid training activities. Balance as at 31st December,2021 is **GHC41,124.77**

INCOME GENERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE BRONG AHAFO REGION

Resource mobilisation

Resource mobilisation has been a challenge as the people in the region hardly donate or patronise products and services of the Red Cross. Only a meagre income was raised from the photocopy services run by the secretariat. The little funds generated are used to buy electricity and stationery for the administration of the secretariat.

Type of income generation project in the region

As already stated above, income generation is a serious concern of the region. The erratic request for first aid service and training remains the only income generation opportunities for the region.

Income from First Aid training activities

A total of four thousand, one hundred and sixty (GH¢4,160.00) Ghana Cedis was realised from first aid training within the reviewed period.

Income from other activities

The Brong Ahafo runs and eye clinic as part of the Ghana Red Cross Society eye care programme.

Funds from this enterprise is used to meet the core cost of the facility as no support comes from any partner since the participating National Society; the Swiss Red Cross weaned itself off the project in 2010.

Within the reviewed period, a total of two hundred and forty-seven thousand, two hundred and one (GH¢247,201.14) Ghana Cedis, fourteen pesewas were realised as income with an expenditure value two hundred and forty-one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-three (GH¢241,983.14) Ghana Cedis fourteen pesewas. Closing income balance for the year was five thousand, two hundred and eighteen (GH¢5,218.00) Ghana Cedis.

Income generating activities in the Upper East region.

The region has no particular source of income generation except the rendering of First Aid Service and the proceeds thereof.

In 2021, the first Aid instructors trained two Organization and realized a total amount of

Communications and Public Relations

Upper East region

During the year under review, the Red Cross in the Region engaged the Media extensively in her undertakings.

The number of media houses invited to Red Cross programmes in the region were four(4) They were Ghana News Agency, GBC/GTV News Joynews,, Community Radio stations.

The Community information Centres(CIC) mainly in the DRR Project districts were used to broadcast information on DRR & Health messages especially on covid .

Most of the Media houses engagement programme shows were on Health prevention ,promotion COVID 19 protocols observation and Disaster Risk Reduction messages .These were slots normally paid for by the MNCH and DRR Projects for our District Organizers and Mothers' Club Facilitators and other relevant government Departments to go on air to discuss topics selected by the team.

The media also covered stories involving the commissioning of seventeen (17) boreholes in the region under the WASH Project in the Upper East Region. The commissioning event took place in Pusiga District with Secretary -General the chiefs and people and Community Water and Sanitation Agency attending . The Region also engaged the media too with our volunteers to grow trees to mark the Greening Ghana Day on the 11th of June ,2021.

The Regional Manager had the rare opportunity to be hosted by Joynews Programme on the 27th of October,2021 post disaster on the post displacement of families and the need for a Humanitarian Forum to be organized.. The Region could not mark World Red Cross Day Celebration.due to lack of funds.

Volta region

Number of media houses invited to Red Cross programmes in the region.

Two (2) media houses were used during the period public education on Covid-19 safety protocols. These are GBC Volta Star Radio and Ho FM, all based in Ho.

Covid-19 safety campaign centered on the Importance of adhering to safety protocols, Effective ways of handling rumours, Stigmatization, Social distancing, No hand shake campaign, regular hand washing with soap under running water, Feedback.

Below are some of the feedbacks generated from the radio programme:

- Government to donate Veronica bucket.
- Government to supply free sanitizers.
- Government to supply free masks.
- People still doubt the availability of the disease.
- They feel there should be distribution of PPEs.
- They raised concern about the covid-19 fund to be borrowed to people.
- We need solidarity, not stigma to support everyone affected by corona virus.
- Cinema vans should visit the communities to show videos of people who have recovered and living with their people to reduce stigmatization.
- Expected the team to come along with PPEs.
- More education should be carried out on the radio stations.
- Business activities are slow hence money is hard to come by.
- Most people believe covid-19 is real.
- Difficulty in breathing when the nose mask is being used.
- When the nose mask is on whiles talking to someone you find it difficult to hear.
- The nose mask produces a lot of heat when it is put on.
- When nose mask is being used it produces heat rashes around the area covered.
- Frequently wearing the nose mask make people cough
- The moment people cough people around begins to discriminate.
- How can husband and wife observe physical distancing?
- Can the virus be transmitted through blood?
- Can the virus be transmitted through food items?
- Why is government not supporting people while they stay at home?
- Social distancing is not well practices in some rural areas.
- Some of the washing facilities are lowered that the aged finds it difficult using those facilities.
- The liquids soap at most washing facilities are being mixed with a lot of water so it does not promote effective hand washing.

Stakeholders' engagement in the region

During public health emergencies such as COVID-19 pandemic, people need to know what health risks they face, and what actions they can take to protect their health and lives. As a part of a risk communication committee programme, there were series of stakeholder's meeting to discuss ways that allows accurate information to be provided in a timely fashion, trustworthy, understanding, and credible, satisfaction and co-operation as well agreement if an issue arises.

The goals of the meeting are as follows;

To ensure meaningful, relevant and accurate information is provided early, often, and in languages that people understand, trust and use, enables individuals to make choices and take actions to protect themselves, their families and communities from threatening health hazards.

Ensure an efficient flow of accurate and consistent information on the cause, magnitude, uncertainties, and consequences of COVID-19 pandemic

Deliver messages through the appropriate channels to provide timely educating the public so that they can understand and implement the safety protocols

Objectives of the stakeholder's meeting;

Establish, build and/or maintain trust with the population through ongoing two-way communication and engagement that regularly addresses misunderstandings, misinformation, rumours and frequently asked questions.

Encourage and dialogue with people to adopt protective behaviours like proper wearing of face mask, hand washing, social distancing and avoid social gathering.

Manage expectations and communicate uncertainties.

Communications and Public Relations in Western region

Number of media houses invited to Red Cross programmes in the region - 17

Any media house engagement programme shows and on what topic.

First aid hour on radio premier

Brief narration on the media engagement programmes (if any).

Radio Premier has given the society 2hrs airtime on radio every Sunday to educate the public on first aid and health related topics.

Any youth activities done in the region.

Regional youth Camp at Prestea from 18th to 22nd December.2021 with 96 participants from various district and school links. The youth were taken through first aid training, youth empowerment among others. The camp was very successful.



COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE BRONG AHAFO

Number of media houses invited to Red Cross programmes in the region.

About five media houses were engaged in activities of the regional branch. Some of the media houses included local FM stations, Ghana News Agency, Adom TV, and various Community Information Centres (CICs) etc.

Any media house engagement programmes showed; what topics?

Most of the issues the regional branch engaged the media was on covid-19 communication and risk communication. Some of the topics included;

The epidemiology of the pandemic, the protocols put in place by the central government and the health ministry, blood donation campaigns etc.

World Red Cross Day celebration

This year's world Red Cross Day was celebrated by carrying eye care services to the door steps of vulnerable people, eye screenings were done free of charge to the vulnerable. A few of those who were diagnose of conditions were given some drugs and spectacles.

There was also a talk show to disseminate Red Cross information to the general populace on Moonlite FM; a local radio station in the Sunyani municipality.

Stakeholder engagement in the region

The regional Red Cross branch is a member of the Regional Public Health Emergency Response Team have held meetings with Ghana Health Service on community Engagement and Risk

communication on Covid-19 in the region. Other collaborator have been NADMO, GES, decentralised Assemblies National Road Safety Authority, Ghana Football Association, Department of Social Welfare, National Commission on Civic Education (NCCE) etc.

Any youth activity done in the region

The youth link of Mother Ignacia School under took a street walk with placards to lure their parents and community people to get vaccinated against the deadly Covid-19 pandemic. About 250 pupils took part in the campaign. The youth campaigners or crusaders paid a call on the Paramount Chief of the Goaso Traditional Council at his palace, he was very happy and applauded the Red Cross for the wonderful initiative. He said he was particularly happy because like the Biblical scripture; Jesus said allow the children to come to me, do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as them (Mt. 19: 14). He said Parents and the general adult population alike will listen to the plea of this little ones.

He asked the Red Cross to undertake many more such interventions and he would be ready to support them.

The Regional Manager; Mr. Gayoni Gbolo Solomon donated a Red Cross embossed 'T' shirt to the traditional ruler.

Members of the youth link dramatized the benefits of the vaccine to parents and invited guest at the programme.

The regional secretariat of the Ghana Red Cross donated infra-red thermometers, hand sanitisers, hand washing equipment and some PPEs to the school. A vaccination point was set up and some guest captured the opportunity to take the vaccine.



The RM presenting a Red Cross T shirt to the Paramount chief after the campaign.

Health department

Western regional Covid- 19 Activities

The region and the health department trained volunteers from eight (8) selected districts to embark on the Covid-19 education.

The districts are as follows; S.T.M.A, Shama, Tarkwa-Nsuaem, Juaboso, Jomoro, Elembelle, Bia-East and Bia-West.

In all about 60 volunteers were trained. Each district embarked on the COVID-19 education using mediums such as radio stations, community information centers, markets, lorry stations and churches. The education was done on;

- Handwashing
- Wearing of nose marks and
- Social distancing

Brong Ahafo Covid-19 Activities

All hands were on deck to relegate the covid-19 disease to the background. Volunteers in the districts undertook risk communication and community engagement activities to sensitise the community folks on the laid down protocols as well as the need to get vaccinated against the disease. Some channels employed were mass education with megaphones, information vans, community information centres and radio talk shows as well.

About 50 vulnerable persons who recovered from the affliction of covid-19 benefited from the Ghana Red Cross cash transfer project.

The beneficiary selection was led by the Department of Social Welfare with support from other collaborators like the NCCE and the disease surveillance unit of the GHS.

Covid-19 Response Activity Districts in the Volta Region

Risk communication continued in the communities in the selected seven (7) districts, which are the most vulnerable and high risk districts in the region which is made up of towns, villages and settlements which shares border with Ghana's eastern neighbor, Togo.

In the light of this, the Ghana Red Cross Society with support from other partners launched several awareness raising campaigns and initiatives to bring quality information on prevention and symptoms of the disease to the people.

The ten (10) volunteers which were selected from each of the seven (7) districts were very active during the campaign. They assisted the health workers in educating the public on the safety protocols.

The specific interventions carried out by volunteers included but not limited to;
Distribution and display of flyers, handbills and posters carrying COVID-19 related messages.
Use of community information centers for sensitization.
Awareness creation at the various Community markets, lorry stations, churches and mosques.
Door to door awareness campaigns.

Public education during community gatherings called by opinion leaders.
Follow ups to ensure that households are adhering to COVID-19 protocols.
Individual engagement (one on one)

OTHER PARTNERS/STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED

Ghana Health Service personnel in the locality
Ghana Immigration Service personnel at the various border posts in the locality
Traditional rulers and elders
Assemblymen and Unit Committee members



Covid-19 Response: Gershon Dzokoto recording feedback from Listeners on Volta Star Radio

Eastern Regional Community engagement and sensitization on COVID 19

With the joint effort and cooperation of our trained volunteers, our community engagement radio campaigns on COVID-19 was run in the Yilo Krobo, Upper Manya Krobo, Lower Manya Krobo, Asuogyaman and New Juabeng North Municipality in key community information centres (CICs), places of worship, schools, funeral grounds etcetera and on selected market days.

Images 2: COVID-19 Volunteers in community radio interaction with community members and the elderly at Sekesua



Covid 19 Vaccination Sensitization Training

Many people are skeptical about getting vaccinated with the Covid vaccine. Throughout the year, series of trainings were organized for our volunteers to be able to sensitize communities with the objective of increasing understanding of the vaccine, dispelling rumors that create fear within the populace and mobilize community members for vaccination. December 2, 2021 climaxed the training sessions we have had in the region for the year. Red Cross volunteers have since been reaching out to community members by means of Community information Centers, during funerals and other mass gathering settings.



COVID WASH

As part of IFRC's COVID-WASH support initiatives, two (2) market centers i.e. **Nkurakan** in the Yilo Krobo district and **Anum Apapam** in the Ayensuano district were identified and approved for the installation of the mobile kiosk water system to serve traders and residents of these communities.

The regional team in consultation with the headquarters team perform community engagement functions, site prospecting, geophysics and identification of contractors to drill standard water boreholes for the installation of the water kiosk.

Nissi Construction Company executed the water drilling at the sites. Afterward, the drilled boreholes were tested and they passed the water quality and yield test conducted by CWSA in the first phase.

The system installer, Project Maji was contracted to execute the mounting of these water systems under the oversight supervision of the regional Red Cross team in consultation with relevant community and government stakeholders for the second phase.

The regional secretariat having been part of the processes leading to the installation of the sustainable water points in these two (2) communities and having performed its oversight functions, confirmed the full completion of construction and installation works as required of Project Maji for Anum Apapam and Nkurakan communities. With the emergence of the global pandemic COVID-19, the GH-WASH project has become a timely intervention to help individuals and communities cope, manage and control the spread of the viral infection. The project is thus being appreciated greatly in all implementing communities.

Below is a pictorial illustration of construction and installation of water points for Anum Apapam and Nkurakan communities.





Training of Vendors and Caretakers

In all, Ghana Red Cross has constructed four (4) small town water systems in 4 communities and three (3) mechanized stand pipes in 3 communities. In october 2021, 2 community volunteers were traind from each community. In each community, one volunteer would serve as the caretaker of the system while the other served as the vendor. The caretakers responsibility included ensuring cleanliness of the system and its surrounding, while performing minor system maintenances. The vendor on the other hand, ensured accountability in the sale of water and tokens used to fetch water. Both vendor and caretaker are able read and interpret the attached meters to the small community water systems. Volunteers were drawn from all project communities.



Image 9 Training of Vendors and Caretakers

Sustainable Water recipients feedback data collection

Community feedbacks and comments forms a core of the monitoring, evaluation and lessons learning in the GH-WASH project implementation strategies and success stories. With a joint plan of action from the sustainability unit from headquarters, the regional WASH team executed a two days community feedback data collection from several households in Amanhyia and Asikasu to solicit their views and challenges in utilizing and assessing the cashless water system. Another aim of the feedback data collection was to identify common myths and misconceptions community members have towards access to the sustainable water facility.

Progress

The GH-WASH project in its quest to provide portable water and sanitation systems to assist behavior change, fairness in human dignity and reduce incidence of extreme vulnerabilities has executed all its action matrices for the year in review as planned.

Table 1: Results Matrix

	Activity	Indicator	Output		Cumulative Results 100%	Remarks
			Target	Results		
Eastern Region	Monitoring and Supervision.	Quarterly report detailing number monitoring visits and supervisions conducted.			100%	Completed
	Community engagement and sensitization on COVID 19	# radio talk sessions. # IEC materials distributed. # of other social events participated.			100%	Completed
	Mapping of community water supply networks.	Report detailing consultations with communities to identify water channels.			100%	Completed
	Water Systems maintenance.	Notice received. Technician informed. Repairs completed. System restored.			100%	Completed
	World Water Day celebration and inauguration of Amanhyia water station.	Invitations letters sent. Agenda & speeches prepared. Venue identified & made ready. Event organized. Post event debrief held.			100%	Completed
	Sustainable Water recipients feedback data	# kobo collected administered. # collated and analyzed.			100%	Completed

	collection.					
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Water and sanitation projects in Western region

There was the construction of three(3) bore-holes in the region. They are situated at Beposo, Tarkwa and Wassa-Akropong. Community leaders, assembly members of the said areas, the contractor and the Red Cross all took part in getting a site for the bore-hole in the areas. The 3 bore-holes have all been drilled waiting for installation so the community can start using it.



Covid- 19 Activities in upper east

The COVID 19 campaign was vigorously carried out by our CDPRTS and our District Organizers.

COVID 19 items such as Veronica buckets with metal, Wellington boots ,Hand sanitizers, Nose Masks, Lacoste T-Shirts, Infrared thermometer, rain coats etc received from the National Headquarters of the Society was ably distributed by our volunteers alongside education and sensitization on the general observation of the protocols such as hand washing under running water, use of hand sanitizer, wearing of nose mask and the necessity to take the COVID Vaccine.

The Radio talk Shows led by the District Organizers did the education and sensitization alongside the Ghana Health Service, COVID 19 taskforce,

A major sensitization and distribution activity to place in Bolgatanga when the Local Council of Churches organized a national programme dubbed “Christ to the Rural World”. Similarly, the Volunteers were at the death of the Upper East Regional Chief Imam funeral rites to provide education and distribution of the hand sanitizers Public institutions also benefited from the package.

The Regional Disaster Focal person for Disaster Management, Mr Sylvester Adiema led the operations

Eye care Health Services.

Eye care health services

The Ghana Red Cross eye clinic continues to be the preferred clinic of accessing eye care among the people of the region and beyond. Within the review period, four thousand, one hundred and eleven (4,111) patients accessed the services of the facility.

One hundred and forty-seven (147) persons had their visions corrected with lenses after being diagnose of refractive errors. The table beneath shows the breakdown of the various lenses dispensed.

Type of lens	No. dispensed
Single Vision (SV)	65
Bifocals	56
Progressives	26
Total	147

The eye clinic also as a business suffered the shocks of the covid-19 waves, this led to dwindling of attendance at the OPD hence, income flow. However, clinic can be assessed to performed above average.

The staff strength at the close of the year is as listed below;

- Doctor of Optometry 1
- Manager (RM) with oversight responsibility 1
- Optician 1
- Stores and Logistics 1
- Customer Relation /Front Desk (NABCO staff) 1
- Dispensing Assistant (NABCO staff) 1
- General Office Assistant/ Accounts Officer 1

- Security 1
- Cleaner/orderly 1

Maternal and Neonatal Child Health

Maternal and Neonatal Child Health The GRCS successfully implemented the MNCH in the first and second phases. Following the impact made by the then MNCH project, there was an extension to go in to a third phase which saw a change from MNCH to RMNCAH. The RMNCAH started in November ,2021 with an inception meeting that brought together key stake holders, and other project implementation teams from both the Northern and Upper East Regions. During the project inception meeting, the implementers came up with action plans for the various Districts for the Month of November and December. This report will therefore cover the activities that were carried out during this period.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR UPPER EAST REGION- 2021

Formation of 20 new mothers' clubs- Meetings with community leaders for validation and confirmation of communities

Community Engagement activities (radio shows, cinema, and community Durbars

The RMNCAH project is the third project phase with expansion to two new districts in the upper east region namely Builsa North and Builsa south districts. The intervention shall be implemented with support from the Ghana Health Services. In this vein, the GHS was tasked to select 10 communities from each District making a total of twenty communities in the said Districts.

Following the successful selection and submission of the communities, The GRCS regional team made a visit to meet with the community opinion leaders to explain the project, to validate the selected communities and to confirm. Deliberations with the community opinion leaders were centered on who the GRCS is and what it stands for and what the RC does. The Criteria for selection of MCs was emphasized and the mandate given to the leaders to select the MCs using the criteria as a guide. The community leaders are expected to submit names of 15- member club who meet the criteria leading to the formation of the new MCs that shall be commissioned as GRCS community -based Mothers club structures through which the RMNCAH project will be implemented together with the GHS structures.

NAME OF DISTRICT	S.NO	NAME OF COMMUNITY	# MCS	SUB-MUNICIPAL	POPULATION
BUILSA NORTH	1	ACHANYERI GOYIE	1	CHUCHULIGA	323
	2	CHONDEMA	1	CHUCHULIGA	565
	3	BILINSOBSA	1	SANDEMA EAST	722
	4	FIISA/KALIBIISA	1	SANDEMA WEST	2133
	5	SANWAASA	1	SANDEMA WEST	576
	6	ZUNDEMA	1	SINIESI	1217
	7	CHIOK	1	WIAGA	1731
	8	KPANDEMA	1	WIAGA	967
	9	TANKAGSA	1	KADEMA	635
	10	KPIKPALUK	1	KADEMA	1091
	TOTAL		10		
NAME OF DISRICT					
BUILSA SOUTH	S.NO	NAME OF COMMUNITY	# MCs	SUB DISTRICT	POPULATION
	1	BUTERISA	1		702
	2	LOGVAGSA	1		721
	3	TUEDEMA	1		877
	4	YADEMA	1		739
	5	JININGA	1		809
	6	NYANDEMA	1		347
	7	WUPIENSA	1		981
	8	KUNKWA	1		905
	9	BALERISA	1		702
	10	BACHIESA	1		563
	TOTAL		10		

Below are the communities selected with vital health information that is of interest to the Project

**COMMUNITY HEALTH STATUS AND FUNCTIONAL HEALTH FACILITIES IN
THE TEN COMMUNITIESIN BUILSA NORTH DISTRICT**

A Goyie	Chondema	Bilinsobsa	Fiisa	Sanwaasa	Zundema	Chiok2	Kpadema	
323	565	722	2133	576	1217	1731	967	
15.47	13.27	6.92	2.34	13.02	6.16	2.88	7.75	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mal/dia pne	Mal/dia	Mal/dia pne	Mal/dia pne	Mal/dia	Mal/dia pne	Mal/dia	Mal/dia	
Yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
CHPS	0	0	CHPS	CHPS	CHPS	CHPS	CHPS	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2				3	2	3	0	
2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	
5km	4km	3km	4km	6km	7km	8km	6km	
CHU/HC	CHU/HC	BILSA HC	SAN HOP	SA HOP	SIN H/C	S.T L HOSP	S.T L HOSP	

Pre/cur	Prev/cur	Prev/cur	Prev/cur	Prev/cur	Prev/cur	Prev/cur	Prev/cur	
Buterisa	logvagsa	Tuedema	Yadema	Jiningsa	Nyandema	Wupiensa	Kunkwa	

**COMMUNITY HEALTH STATUS AND FUNCTIONAL HEALTH FACILITI IN THE
TEN COM'TIES IN B/S.**

Public

		# sensitive feedback		#non sensitive feedback		No. of Complains		No. of Rumours		No. of suggestions		No. Of Appreciations		No. Of Questions	
174		0		0											
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
98	76	0	0	0	0	21	9	0	2	23	16	28	15	32	1

SELECTED FEEDBACK RECEIVED

I did not know that men have role to play when they go to the facility with their pregnant wives
Some men do not provide good meals to their wives and this leads to the anaemia
We know the good meals and want our wives to eat it but we are poor and can't afford
Women with fistula conditions shy from the public
Birth preparedness plan is really difficult for us to follow because the things are very costly
Can a pregnant woman do enema?

That obstetric fistula cannot be repaired
The Fistula is a curse for being involved in the act of infidelity

Husbands should take note that the pregnancy is for all the two and should therefore make effort to give maximum support to their wives
The Nurses should always find ways to talk to our husbands to support us during pregnancy because they will believe and rely more on the nurses than their wives

GRCS is doing great things in our communities and I want to urge all beneficiaries to also hold them well so that they will continue to do more for us.

Is it possible that stress and problems can cause anaemia?
Is it the refusal of some pregnant women to take their routine drugs that make them anaemic?
These days I hear of shortage of blood in pregnant women everywhere what is the problem at all?
Must one do the Covid test to know your status before vaccination?
Is cowmilk good for a baby in the first 6 months?

TOPICS DISCUSSED Early ANC attendance, Fistula cases and search, exclusive breastfeeding, family planning, male involvement, Anaemia in pregnancy, facility/skilled delivery

community durbars held	9 Durbars		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F
ance/ people reached	902	1,606	902	1,606
questions by participants	96	39	96	39
ussed	Early ANC, Male involved in RMANCAH activities, Fistula & case search, sust tricycle ambulances, Benefits of Family Planning.			

RECOMMENDATIONS

The few days I spent in the Builsa Districts, and the made visits to the selected communities, I wish to suggest that the Mothers Club Facilitator for Builsa North should find a replacement or better still an assistant who is more active and energetic enough to support the Red Cross work with her motherly guidance.

All the newly formed Mothers clubs should be registered properly as permanent dues-paying volunteers as well as the GHS staff that has form part of the RMNCAH project and the red cross as a whole.

Eye care/medical outreach programmes in Brong Ahafo

The eye clinic undertook a few outreaches to some communities such as Nsoatre and Chiraa all in the Sunyani West district. This was done as part of the Red Cross' fundamental principles of alleviating the suffering of vulnerable community people with eye ailments. Thus, the service was taken to them at their door steps so that the issue of escort and transport fares are eliminated. Over 200 persons benefited from the outreach programmes.

Water and Sanitation projects

As part of the Ghana Red Cross covid-19 response, three boreholes were constructed for three community markets to facilitate hand washing while in the markets. These community markets

are Nana Bossoma market in Sunyani, the Atronie market and the Abessim market. The project was sponsored by the World Bank.



A covid-19 borehole In Abessim

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE PROJECT IN UPPER EAST

The WASH Project implemented by the Ghana Red Cross Society and supported by Swiss Red Cross is to address some selected Health Care facilities and educational institutions sanitation and hygiene needs aimed at addressing the total wellbeing of the people in Upper East Region. Some selected communities also benefitted. The Districts are Pusiga, Binduri, Nabdam, Kassena Nankana Municipal and Talensi all in the Upper East Region.

The Ghana Red Cross Society has done the eligible payment of a signed contract covered the Drilling and Construction of 17No. hand pump and 4No. mechanized boreholes at Binduri, Pusiga, Nabdam, Kassena Nankana Municipal and Talensi Districts in the Upper East Region contained in the Bill of Quantities of the contract Document.

The purpose of this report is to inform you that the above mentioned project is fully completed and the project was executed according to the schedules and descriptions of the contract document and the project is currently fully performing the purpose it was meant for.

Moreover, we trained WATSAN committee members in the communities to take good care of the boreholes and to maintain Sanitation and Hygiene, the contractors also trained caretakers in each community where boreholes were drilled to keep good maintenance and repair of the boreholes.

The final inspection of the project was carried out by the Ghana Red Cross Society and Community Water and Sanitation Agency monitoring team on 12th August, 2021, the monitoring team confirmed that the works were satisfactorily completed and the boreholes are in used.

BENEFICIARY COMMUNITIES

N o.	DISTRI CT	COMMUNI TY	POPULATI ON	FREQUE NT	No. OF BOREHOL ES
A	Pusiga			5	
1		Kunjam	545		1
2		Yariga	2093		1
3		Latega	948		1
4		Sangabuli	1149		1
5		Nware	874		1
B	Binduri			3	
1		Gumyoko	967		1
2		Yargungu	2140		1
3		Atubamognori	591		1
C	Nabdam				
1		Loagre-Zoogi	276		1
2		Kugre	590		1
3		Zogabre	475		1
D	Kassena-Nankana Municipal			7	
1		Manyoro	5227		1
2		Natugnia/Sarbise	496		1
3		Kologo Tuo	629		1
4		Awe SHS			1
5		Natugnia CHPS			1
6		Nayagnia CHPS			1
7		Manyoro CHPS			1
E	Talensi			3	
1		Kpatia	1673		1
2		Duusi	1000		1
3		Gaare	1878		1

	TOTAL=		21,551		21
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SUPERVISION ATTANDANCE OF CWSA HYDROGEOLOGIST

ACTIVITY	HYDROGEOLOGIST	DAYS	DISTRICT/COMMUNITY
Taking of boreholes co-ordinates.	Bright	5	Pusiga Binduri Nabdam Talensi KNM
Supervision of siting of boreholes.	Bright	1	Awe SHS
	Denis	3	Pusiga Binduri Nabdam
Supervision of drilling of boreholes.	Bright	2	Manyoro Nabdam
	Denis	5	Pusiga Binduri Nabdam
Supervision of pumping test.	Bright	4	Talensi KNM Binduri
Supervision of platforms construction.	Bright	5	KNM Pusiga Nbdam Talensi
Installation of pumps	Bright	4	Pusiga Binduri Nabdam Talensi KNM

SCOPE OF WORKS

- Borehole Drilling and construction
- Borehole Development
- Water quality test
- Six hours pumping test
- Platform construction
- Hand Pump installation

HANDING OVER SITE DATE: 10th June, 2021

DURATION: Two (2) months

COMPLETION DATE: 31st August, 2021

DATE OF FINAL INSPECTION: 12th August, 2021

CURRENT STATUS: Completed and end in used

WORKS COMPLETED: Whole work 100%

GENERAL REMARKS: Satisfactory

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BOREHOLE DRILLING AND CONSTRUCTION AT KOLOGO-TUO



BOREHOLE DEVELOPMENT AT NATUGNIA CHPS



PUMPING TEST AT YARIGA No. 2



PUMPING TEST AT AWE SHTS



PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION AT KPATIA



COMPLETE PLATFORM AT LATEGA



INSTALLATION OF PUMP AT MANYORO



COMPLETE BOREHOLE AT LATEGA



GENERAL COMMISSIONING OF BOREHOLES AT LATEGA



DISTRICTS LEVEL COM

Any other health activity in the region

The DDRTs responded to the loud cry of the St. Elisabeth hospital in Hwidiem in the Asutifi South district about the total dry up of their blood bank. The regional secretariat joined hands with DDRTs with sponsorship from Newmont Gold Ghana, Ahafo Mines to organise a blood donation campaign in Hwidiem township and Kenyasi no. 2. The campaign yielded 128 pints of blood. The laboratory staff of the St. Elisabeth hospital were at the two communities to collect the blood.

The administrator of the hospital thanked the Red Cross for coming to the aid of the hospital at such a critical and challenging time when the hospital's anticipation to receiving accident victims as the only referral hospital was quite high as a result of the coming Christmas and New year festivities. She said the blood would also save the lives of anaemic pregnant women and children.

A community member donating Blood at Hwidiem



Any Other Activities in Western Region

The Region and the health department also organized a step down program for about forty(40) volunteers on the importance of the COVID-19 vaccination at Boiboison Hotel for them to also educate the public.

The Facilitators for the vaccination workshop were the Benjamin Acquah (Regional manager), Frank Ofori Asante (Regional chairman), Dr. Edward Donkor (National Health Advisor), Ernest Nyame (Public health and Emergency Coordinator, GRCS) and Mr Bonful (Regional Health Promoter, G.H.S).

The Regional Manager together with the focal person went to some of the selected districts for monitoring on how volunteers were educating the public.



Health Walk

The department was invited for a health walk by the National Health Insurance and as such volunteers were present and rendered first aid services during the walk.

Sustainable Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project (GH-WASH) in the Eastern Region





Augmenting SDGs 6 Initiatives at the Community level

Project Goal	Access safe water, sanitation infrastructure and hygiene promotion, Increase community awareness and response to epidemics in project Communities
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Stakeholders	Community Water & Sanitation Agency (CWSA) Municipal & District Assemblies (MDAs) Community Leaders Ghana Health Service (GHS) Ghana Education Service Environmental Health Department of Community Development GRCS Trained Volunteers
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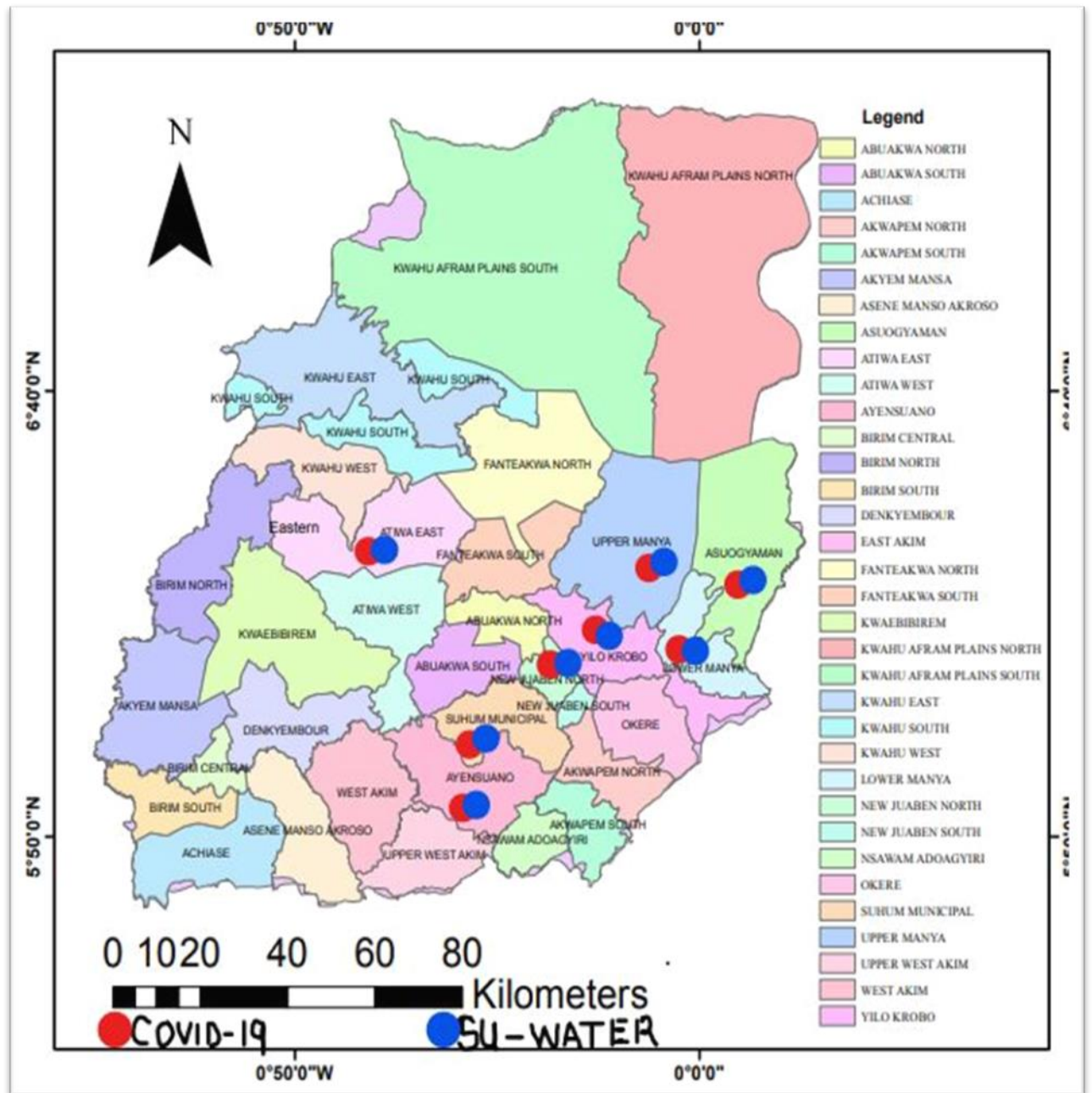
Summary

The Ghana sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene (GH-WASH) project is a partnership between the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Nestle with Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) as the Implementing partner. The project aims to improve health status and resilience of vulnerable or marginalized communities in rural and semi-urban areas of the Eastern region, through the provision of safe water, sanitation, hygiene services (WASH), epidemics preparedness and response.

The project sought to reach most local communities with health and hygiene services, sanitation facilities, safe potable water facilities, improve capacity of staff and community volunteers to manage and maintain WASH services and augment Government's epidemics control and response initiatives in targeted communities while utilizing and enhancing local actions, technical expertise and best practices geared towards improving livelihoods, sustaining change and developing our communities.

The regional secretariat with an oversight consultation from headquarters facilitated and monitored the implementation of all WASH related activities including COVID-19 in the region through its resilient and dynamic community-based volunteer fronts, community stakeholders, Government partners and other Non-Government actors thereby; promoting participation of all actors at every required level of the project implementation, while appreciating community diversities and accepted operations or best practices in the region.

Sustainable Water and Covid 19 Intervention Districts Map Eastern Region – 2021



Activities, Progress, and Results

The regional secretariat as per the year under review, executed six (6) main activities throughout the year 2021:

- Monitoring and Supervision.

- Community engagement and sensitization on COVID 19.
- Covid 19 Vaccination Sensitization Training
- Mapping of community water supply networks.
- Water Systems maintenance.
- World Water Day celebration and inauguration of Amanhya water station.
- COVID WASH
- Training of Vendors and Caretakers
- Sustainable Water recipients' feedback data collection.

Monitoring and Supervision

The regional secretariat conducted several internal and external monitoring in the year under review regarding COVID 19 and sustainable water interventions. Our relentless COVID-19 and sustainable water operations and coordination is still ongoing in all eight (10) beneficiary districts within the region.

The region embarked on a joint monitoring team visit to the Amanhya and Asikasu community in the month of February with Nestle our key donor.

Images 1: Joint sustainable WASH monitoring visit to Amanhya and Asikasu with Nestle



The regional team also conducted a two day joint monitoring visit with the sustainability unit from headquarters to assess the operations of the recruited operators and vendors at Amanhyia and Asikasu in the month of March 2021. The team also took the opportunity to collect feedback from some households to better its WASH sustainability strategy designed for the community. In addition to monitoring conducted by Nestle, the regional team also joined the international delegate, Noor Tauny, the programs coordinator for the international Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Other dignitaries that performed joint monitoring included Lilian Adeogba CEA delegate, Abuja West Coast and Elizabeth Ganter Restrepo, CEA delegate, Kenya – Africa Region.

Mapping of community water supply networks

The regional team together with the WASH team from headquarters in Accra, performed a three (3) day water distribution and accessibility mapping in Obretema and Densuso communities both in the Suhum municipality and Kadewaso community in the Atiwa East district. These activities took place in the month of February. This was done together with the company of contractors that had been awarded the contract for the construction of these water supply networks for the communities. The team used the opportunity of these visits, as part of our Community

Engagement and Accountability (CEA) processes, to introduce the contractors to the respective community leaderships.

Images 3: Water supply network contractors being introduced to Leadership of Densuso & Kadewaso



Images 4: Water Supply network mapping at Obretema



Images 5: Water Supply network mapping at Kadewaso



Water Systems maintenance

With support of our sustainable water systems installers - Project Maji, 3 successful maintenance works were completed on the water stations currently operational in the Amanhyia, Nkurakan, Anum Apapam and Asikasu communities upon receipt of system breakdown complaints from users of these systems in the communities. The regular and timely repair works ensure that community members have uninterrupted water supply daily.

World Water Day celebration and inauguration of Amanhyia water station

The GRCS as part of its' community-led sustainable WASH development initiative joined the global community to observe the annual World Water Day (WWD 2021) Celebration at Amanhyia in the Suhum municipality. The regional secretariat was privileged to host participating donor Nestle Managing Director and team, IFRC Country representative, GRSC Secretary General and Headquarters team, stakeholder representatives from the Municipal Assembly, GHS, GES-SHEP, Environmental Health Division, the media, community leadership and members of Amanhyia.

The World Water Day celebration for the year 2021 fell on Monday, March 22nd 2021. The day was also used to outdoor the operationalization of the community water supply system installed for the people of Amanhyia.

Water is essential for the survival and productivity of all lives and the ecosystem. It has enormous value for our households, food, health, culture, education, economy and the integrity of our natural environment. That is why the United Nation set aside March 22nd every year to celebrate world water day.

The 2021 World Water Day theme “**valuing water**” raised awareness of the vital role water plays in strengthening human security and maintaining the health of the planet’s ecosystems.

We therefore need an immediate and coordinated effort to improve the attainment of the United Nations’ sustainable development goal (SDGs) 6 “to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030” particularly with the emergence of the global pandemic COVID-19.

Images 7: World Water Day 2021 Celebration at Amanhyia





Images 8: Inauguration of water station and dispensing points





Challenge(s)

The following human, material and financial resource challenges were encountered during the year;

The region did not receive any funding and logistics to support GhWASH project implementation and monitoring in 2021. In many instances, the regional manager personally funded trips to communities to address challenges that would have otherwise affected the project. It is next to impossible for these expenditures to be reimbursed.

Office accommodation and space - the regional secretariat is still operating in the small single room allocated by the Ghana Health Service which does not help in this era of social distancing.

Office furniture – Most office furniture are broken and not ergonomically friendly.
Logistics (vehicle) to commute to and monitor volunteers and project is not available.

Lesson(s) learnt

The seven (7) fundamental principles are effective guiding principles to achieve a coordinated development result in project implementation and community development.

There is the need to continuously collaborate with partners and stakeholders.

The need to utilize local technologies and expertise.

Community led approaches are a sure way to achieve project target and success.

Available community radio platforms are efficient channels to disseminate WASH and COVID 19 messages.

Recommendation(s)

Project activity funds and logistics should be approved and disbursed early enough so as to achieve deliverables in time.

Periodic capacity building programs should be organized for staff and volunteers to effectively and efficiently deliver on the mandate of the society.

Include, identify and assist especially vulnerable groups, including disaggregated beneficiaries such as the visually impaired, hearing impaired, physically handicapped, persons living with HIV/AIDS, teenage parent and adolescent victims of rape/violence.

Need to sustain progress made in focal region, scale up and expand project coverage to others regions.

Next Step(s)

- Engage in community communication participatory and project sustainability outcomes.
- Strengthen community engagement and accountability targets
- Sustain and improve on culturally effective standards and best practices.
- Utilize monitoring and learning mechanism outlined to achieve targeted results.
- Any other health activities in the region.

With support from headquarters the Regional office trained 28 volunteers for the Covid-19 vaccination campaign. The volunteers are to assist health personnel in public sensitization and awareness creation on the need for all to get vaccinated against Covid-19 disease.



Covid-19 Vaccination training in Ho



Participants at the training

Disaster department

Brong Ahafo regional Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

Activities of District Disaster Response Teams

The region has eight DDRTs and one Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT). All teams undertook various DRR activities within the reviewed year. Much of the year was devoted to Covid-19 activities. Mass education, radio talk shows, vaccine uptake campaigns were among other activities, clean up exercises were also done in most of the districts.

Emergency response in the region (if any)

DDRTs in the Kintampo North municipality in collaboration with the National Ambulance Service responded to a road crash along the Kintampo- Tamale high way.

Disaster and relief emergencies

No disaster relief operation was done in the region within the reviewed period.

Restoration of Family Links (RFL)

There were also no family links restored (RFL) within the year reviewed.

Community Engagement and Public Education

The region has undertaken educational and sensitization programmes to remind the general public at both community and district levels on COVID -19 and measures to minimize its spreading. The focus was on hand washing, wearing of nose mask and social distancing at work places, markets, funerals, weddings among others. The district teams also carried out Disaster

Risk Reduction education. The discussions were mainly on measures to prevent rainstorm and windstorm disasters including flooding.

Activities of District Disaster Response Teams

The DDRTs created awareness on environmental sanitation through clean-up exercises.

Public awareness creation by the Emergency Response Teams.

There are 8 active Emergency Response Teams who engage in public awareness creation activities on the various hazards that are in their communities.

Emergency response in the region

Agavedzi, Adina, Blekusu and Sarakope Coastal Flooding

On the 6th and 7th of November, 2021, there was coastal flooding incident at Adina, Amutinu, Sarakope and Agavedzi communities in the Ketu South Municipality.

The incident has affected various homes at Adina, Amutinu, Sarakope and Agavedzi. Initial assessment carried out by a joint team from NADMO and Ghana Red Cross Society revealed that at Adina 35 households were affected with total number of 244 individuals. Amutinu and Sarakope, 43 households were affected with 304 individuals. At Agavedzi, 72 households were affected with a total of 479 individuals.

Cause of Disaster

The coastal flooding incident occurred as a result of high sea tides.

Extend of Damage

During assessment, it is realized the sea hit the coast, entered into various homes, washing away some personal belongings.

Number of People Affected

One hundred and fifty (150) households comprising one thousand and twenty seven (10270) individuals were severely affected. Two hundred and ten (210) were adult male, two hundred and sixty nine (209) adult female, two hundred and sixty four (264) were boys below 18 years and two hundred and eighty four (284) were girls 18 years of age.

Casualties

No casualties were recorded.

It is realized that most of the affected people who were rendered homeless had to seek refuge with families and friends in other communities, thereby putting more economic stress on the host families/friends. At the time of the visit by the team, three (3) of the fifteen (15) affected people who were using a church (Life In The Lord Ministries) as a shelter were still there while 12 moved out to live with friends and families. The two elderly women aged between 65 and 58 years together with a 13-year-old boy.

As at the time of writing this report the society could not respond to the affected people in the above-mentioned communities.

Disaster and relief emergencies
Restoration of family links.

Stakeholder Meeting: Migration and Restoration Family Link At Border Posts

Introduction

Restoring Family Links (RFL) is a program of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, more specifically the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies involving activities that aim to prevent separation and disappearance, look for missing persons, restore and maintain contact between family members and clarify the fate of persons reported missing. The activities are carried out by the components of the RFL is sometimes also referred to as family tracing.

The ICRC and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies form together a global network, the Family Links Network. This network works across international borders, present with staff and volunteers at grass-roots level worldwide, to locate people and put them back into contact with their relatives, observing of the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The most common situations where the Family Links Network takes action are when loss of contact is due to armed conflict or other situations of violence; natural or man-made disaster; migration and in other situations of humanitarian need, such as allowing detainees to keep in touch with their families while in prison. RFL services are free of charge

Objectives

The mission aim is to engage stakeholders' consultation and meetings on migration and restoration family link at border post and set up administration processes with the regions on information kiosk at the border post.

MEETING WITH GIS AND CEPS AT HO AND AFLAO

It is against this background that the National and Regional Secretariats of the Ghana Red Cross Society, made up of the Secretary General, Mr. Kofi Addo; the Finance and Admin Mnanager, Mr. Alex Lanbon; the DM, Mr. Jonathan Hope, and the Regional Manager of Volta Region, Mr. Gershon Koffi Dzokoto met with the Regional Commander of Ghana Immigration Service and his team at his office in Ho on 11th February, 2021, to provide participants with knowledge and information to develop requisite experience for the setup of the information kiosk on migration and RFL at the Aflao border.

Present at the meeting with the GIS in Ho were Supt. Evans Kuedzi, head of ENF; Mr. Nii Ofoli Wilson; Act.2IC Jennifer Avedzidah. Regional Commander of the Immigration Service in the Volta Region Mr. Peter Claver Nantuo stated that the Immigration Service works together with other security services so even though the RFL is a harmless mission, He advised that the GRCS

should inform the other security services for a smooth operation and called for a meeting with other stakeholders as soon as possible for smooth take-off.

MEETING AT AFLAO BORDER

The GRCS Officials paid a visit to the Aflao border on the 12th of February, 2021, to meet the Immigration Sector Commander Doudou and his second in command Noble Djokoto, who also gave a positive feedback and pledged their maximum supports. The team also had a brief meeting with the sector commander of CEPS, Majeed Amandi, who also was happy for GRCS efforts in ensuring that missing or separated people are restored to their families.

He also suggested to GRCS to officially write a formal letter requesting for an office space at the border for the intended purpose as soon as possible.

The Disaster Management Coordinator Mr. Hope Jonathan assured both GIS and CEPS commanders that a stakeholder's meeting would be held with all the stakeholders for further discussion on smooth take-off.

Below are some pictures of the meetings:



Meeting with GIS at Ho.



The Regional Commander of GIS



Meeting with GIS at Ho.



At Aflao border with the CEPS sector command

DISASTER RESPONSE IN THE WESTERN REGION

Activities of District Disaster Response Team

The Region also organized a step down program for about forty(40) volunteers on disaster risk reduction and preparedness at Ghana Health Service training center for them to also educate the

Chapter members in case of any eventuality. The facilitators for the workshop were Jonathan Hope (GRCS Disaster Manager), Personnel from Nadmo as well as Ghana National Fire Service.



Disaster and relief emergencies

The district response teams went to the stadiums to render services during the football league period. They also assisted in rendering first aid at accident scenes. The teams also organized cleanup exercises in various districts in the region.

Upper East Region Disaster Risk Reduction

The Disaster Risk Reduction Project funded by the Swiss Red Society and being implemented in the four Project Districts by the Ghana Red Cross Society in the Upper East Region ended as a project in December ,2020. An end line survey was conducted.

However, the structures created by the DRR Project did not end with the Project life cycle. The structures continued to work in the communities and for the beneficiaries.

Activities of the District Organizers and Community Preparedness and Response Teams.

Activities such as:

- Tree growing ,
- Establishment of FMNR fields ,
- Covid 19 Activities carried out ,
- Clean- up campaigns etc.

Other activities carried out included

DRR Radio engagements with our partners.

Community verification of New Districts in the new Phase,

Activities of the School Links

Functionality of the CICs.

Item received from the DRR Project

The Community preparedness and Response Teams continued to sensitize communities on the various risks and hazards they face and the measures to adopt to safe the situation. This is normally done together by key stakeholders at the government institutional and community levels.

The National Disaster Management Organization ,which is the main body in coordinating emergencies both at the District, Regional and community levels amongst other governmental bodies such as Forestry ,Ghana National Fire Service are always available for Radio and community sensitization activities

A) RADIO TALK SHOWS

Topics treated by District Organizers and stakeholders included but not limited to;

☐ Bush fire Education **RADIO TALK SHOWS**

Topics treated by District Organizers and stakeholders included but not limited to;

☐ Bush fire Education

☐ Tree growing

☐ FMNR

☐ Disaster Response(NADMO &Red Cross collaboration)

- ☐ Deforestation
- ☐ Culture of maintenance
- ☐ Principles of the Red Cross

Over **7,500** listenership across the Project Districts and beyond were projected to benefit from the Radio talk shows.

(B)COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TEAMS ACTIVITIES

Our CDPRTs in the Project Communities carried out sensitization and education programmes in the various project beneficiary communities .Most of the issues discussed included but not limited to retrofitting of houses ,protection of the environment and Climate Change Adaptation Measures ,Prevention of Bushfires and the need to grow trees ,Clean- up campaigns etc

In all four Project Districts, a total number of **4500** directly benefited from the out-reach programmes by the CDPRTs representing **2,155** male and 2345 female.

The CDPRTs are active and busy mobilizing and disseminating DRR messages to the beneficiary communities, The CDPRTs have organized a total of 240 meetings from across all the Project Districts to discuss issues pertaining to their operations.

(C)TREE GROWING

The region with the CDPRTs joined the 3rd June,2021 National campaign launched by the Government of through the Ministry of Land, Science and Environment to grow 4000 seedlings of various species. A significant portion have survived.

Closely associated with the tree growing Concept is the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) which the Districts together with the Chiefs and Assemblymembers has adopted and earmarked two(2) hectares each in two communities per District in the four Project Districts just for starters .

In all, a total number of eight (8) Communities , bringing the total numbers of hectares to sixteen (16) have been earmarked for pruning of shrubs, protection from bushfires and deforestation. The CDPRTs together with the communities shall carry out this activity in the year 2022. I gathered that though the communities were committed to protecting the natural ecology community members needed support in the area of “fire beaters” for the putting off of community wild fires.

(D) Functionality of CICs

In all four project Districts community members were glad about the establishment of the Community

Information Centres (CICs) which they said helped them to hear and learn so much about Disaster

Risk Reduction messages. They said the system was so useful in disseminating information especially

with the approaching. Most of the CICs are still functioning with few having challenges either due to electricity or some falling down. Eg. in Nabdam it is reported by the District Organizer that one of the Poles fell due to a heavy windstorm and plans are afoot to rehabilitate it for continuous use

Community members were equally happy with the mounting of the sign board.

(E) CLEAN -UP CAMPAIGNS

Most clean up exercises were carried out at the school setting and market places by our CDPRTs. A total number of 25 clean -up campaigns were conducted by our CDPRTs in our market places and chief palaces. In some instances, the Sanitation Units of the various Districts and Municipal Assemblies joined in the clean -up exercise.

(G) SCHOOL LINKS ACTIVITIES

The school links continued to work at the school level and organized clean up campaigns and tree growing activities.

School Links in Bongo organized inter -schools quizzes on DRR topics such as, **causes of minor accidents at home and on our roads ,causes of bushfires, Climate Change issues and the Principles of the Red Cross. The Schools that took part in the quiz competition were ;**

- Feo JHS B
- Sapooro JHS
- Atampiisi JHS
- .Apatanga JHS
- AKunduo JHS

At the end of the competition, Feo JHS “B” came up tops with 81 points to beat the first runner up with 72 points . The competition was amongst the non-project Schools in which the Project School won.

(H) DRR ITEMS RECEIVED

During the year under review the Regional Office of the Ghana Red Cross Society received DRR materials from the Swiss Red Cross to help in disaster Management. The items included Tents, 30 pcs and Shelter Repair Kits 200pcs all in good condition

COMMUNITY VERIFICATION OF NEW DISTRICTS IN THE NEW DRR PHASE

In December, a team led by the Regional Manager in the company of the DRR /CCA/IP Advisor for DRR conducted a verification exercise of thirty (30) communities in the Talensi and Builsa North Districts and the old DRR districts. The exercise was to meet with chiefs and opinion leaders to discuss with them the Disaster vulnerability challenges as identified by NADMO and the District Team of the Red Cross and to observe ourselves whether an intervention is plausible. The District Directors of NADMO together with their DRR Focal persons, the Regional Manager and the District Organizers of the various districts carried out the verification exercise. The chiefs and Elders were enthusiastic about our visit and looked forward to working with us.

The districts are feverishly preparing the report on the following thematic areas

Communities verified and certified by all stakeholders for an intervention

Names of the CDPRTS in the various communities

Data of riverine communities from amongst the DRR implementing communities

Data of NADMO Zonal Directors working for the DRR implementing communities

The next activity will be the training of the identified CDPRTs in the New communities.