



UNDP COVID- 19 RESPONSE IN GHANA

UNDP supports local production of hand sanitizers for Ghana's COVID-19 response

UNDP has supported the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital to locally produce hand sanitizers to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection in health facilities in Ghana.

Through this intervention, UNDP has donated 11,150 litres of hand sanitizers (5,000 pieces of 230ml bottles and 2,000 pieces of 5 litres refill bottles, with 162 dispensers) to the Ministry of Health to support 21 key facilities playing leading roles in the testing and management of COVID-19 cases across the country.

The provision of the hand sanitizers falls in line with UNDP's multi-pronged approach in promoting efficient healthcare waste management especially during the COVID-19 response.

This ranges from monitoring and best practices enforcement support, training of frontline workers, provision of reference manuals and logistics (PPEs and consumables) for healthcare waste management, to reduce risks and infections. [\[Read more\]](#)



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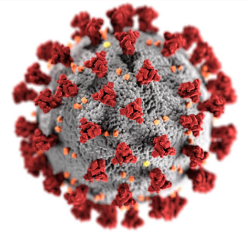
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Ghana Health Service and UNDP partner to sensitize vulnerable groups on COVID-19 in hard-to-reach communities



UNDP in partnership with the Ghana Health Service (GHS), is extending health promotion, public outreach and awareness on coronavirus to vulnerable populations including persons with disability and people living with HIV in hard-to reach communities.

The goal is to ensure that 500,000 vulnerable women and 250,000 vulnerable men with disabilities are equipped with relevant information on COVID-19, to empower them to make better decisions and change their behaviors to protect themselves and others. [[Read more](#)]



Supporting and protecting waste management actors amidst COVID-19



Stakeholders are being urged to support and protect waste management actors to minimize their risk of COVID-19 infection and to assist with the important role they are playing in the response to the pandemic.

This call was made during a virtual meeting, organized by the ‘Waste’ Recovery Platform being facilitated by UNDP, to discuss how members are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, how they are adapting and innovating in this context, and how the Platform could be mobilized to support the national response.

82 participants representing 60 institutions in the waste management ecosystem, emphasized the importance of promoting waste segregation at source to reduce the risks of infection among waste collectors. [[Read more](#)]

UNDP and Statistical Service are conducting a survey on the impact of COVID-19 on businesses

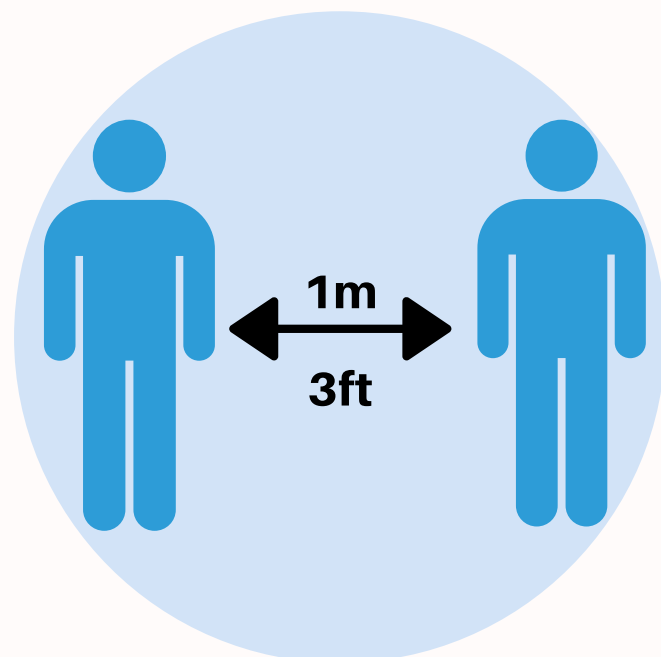


The outbreak of COVID-19 has forced businesses to either halt or downsize their operations globally. The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS), in collaboration with UNDP and the World Bank (WB), started a survey to track the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on businesses and households across the country.

The survey, dubbed: “Local economy tracker”, will research into the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on individuals, households, localities and the national economy.

The results from the survey would inform policy directions on supporting businesses, extreme poor and vulnerable households to safeguard the progress of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [\[Read more\]](#)

Protect yourself from COVID-19



Maritime Crime Control Officers to benefit from new capacity development project



According to the 2019 report of the International Maritime Bureau, the West African region accounts for 86% of crew taken hostage and nearly 82% of crew kidnappings globally despite drop in overall global numbers.

With funding from the Government of Japan, UNDP in partnership with Kofi Annan International Peace Keeping Training Center (KAIPTC), commenced a new one-year project dubbed “Maritime Security Capacity Development for Safety and Security in The Gulf of Guinea”, to develop the technical capacity of maritime crime control officials in Cote d’Ivoire, Benin, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Togo.

The project will promote effective implementation of relevant regional and international maritime protocols through research and capacity development, in order to control maritime crime including piracy in the Gulf of Guinea. [\[Read more\]](#)

Collaborating more on achieving gender parity in Ghana



Gender equality and the realization of women's rights, including in conflicts and their empowerment are essential and cross-cutting issues that impact all the SDGs. UNDP supported the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection and other partners to launch the second Ghana National Action Plan (GHANAP II) on the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325.

This plan calls for the protection of the rights of women and girls in conflict situations and advocate for their participation in peace processes to enhance gender parity. [\[Read more\]](#)

Advancing plastic waste recovery in Ghana



UNDP and the Coca-Cola Foundation (TCCF), out doored a new project in support of Ghana's efforts to promote a circular economy in the plastic waste management sector. The implementation of the "Plastic Waste Recovery for a Circular Green Economy" project is linked to the UNDP facilitated 'Waste Recovery Platform', which is connecting key stakeholders in the waste management value chain to promote waste recovery in Ghana.

The new project is expected to provide support to Micro, Medium and Small-Scale Enterprises and Businesses (MSMEs), to take advantage of green business opportunities in the waste management sector, by increasing awareness among households in urban and peri-urban areas on circular economy opportunities. It will also support policy frameworks. [\[Read more\]](#)

Plastic waste collection community buyback centre launched in Accra



With financial support from UNDP and the Netherlands Embassy in Ghana, Coliba, a waste management organization and its partners, Voltic and the Mohinani Group, inaugurated the first permanent community buyback centre for plastic waste recovery in Glefe, Dansoman in Accra.

The centre is offering incentives to local communities to collect plastic bottles, aluminium cans and other forms of plastics such as flexible plastics for sale to Coliba . [\[Read more\]](#)

Exploring the potential of Green Bonds for SDGs financing in Ghana



Financing the SDGs remains a major challenge for many countries especially those in the developing world. Exploring different innovative ways of SDGs financing within integrated national financing frameworks for which Ghana is a pioneer country, bring to the fore the option of green bonds.

As a step towards the potential issuance of green bonds in Ghana, UNDP and the Ministry of Finance trained about 30 key national stakeholders to improve their knowledge on green and SDG related bonds to facilitate Ghana's active participation in the green bond markets.

The Green Bond Bootcamp was delivered by Climate Bonds Initiative, an international, investor-focused not-for-profit organization working on mobilizing the \$100 trillion bond market for climate change solutions. [[Read more](#)]

Young people express commitment towards environmental protection



Young people have resolved to be more zealous and committed towards the protection of the environment to avert the current climate crisis, especially in this decade of action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

They made this known at a virtual dialogue organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ghana on Twitter to mark this year's World Environment Day on the theme: "Time with Nature-Role of Young People in Protecting the Environment." [[Read more](#)]

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTIONS

Switzerland and Ghana sign MoU to take action on climate commitments



An MoU was signed between the Government of Ghana and the Swiss Federal Council in Bern to strengthen the mode of cooperation between the two countries under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. The bilateral agreement will facilitate Ghana's National Clean Energy Access Programme (NCEP), to enable the country to receive international financial support to implement projects to fulfill its climate commitments.

Through a close partnership with the Government of Ghana and institutional expertise on carbon market mechanisms, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was able to support and facilitate the dialogue between Switzerland and Ghana and will continue offering this support as the cooperation progresses. [\[Read more\]](#)

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

16 innovators of Ghana's YouthConnekt kick-start business incubation and mentorship



The 16 winners of the Youth Innovation for Sustainable Development (YISD) challenge organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the National Youth Authority (NYA), under the Ghana YouthConnekt platform, kick-started their 9 weeks business development incubation programme.

This forms part of a winning package from UNDP and NYA to support young innovators to pilot and scale up their innovations towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Facilitated by Ashesi Design Lab, the incubation programme involves a combination of mentorship and in-class training. [\[Read more\]](#)



The SDGs call for actions to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The integrated 17 SDGs recognize that action in one area affects other outcomes and development must balance social, economic, and environmental sustainability. If our social infrastructure - Housing, Health, Education, and Water supply systems were so efficient, effective, and present in every community, as requires by SDG 11, 3, 4, and 6 respectively, we would not be so worried about COVID-19 induced economic growth rate.

In the same vein, if our environment was protected and with little pollution, I think a less than 2% predicted economic growth rate would not have pre-occupied our minds and the minds of African Finance Ministers because of the economic impact of COVID-19. The social consequences of COVID-19 are equally as important as economic growth when many are being left behind, especially in our rural communities.

We have a chance to change our narrative in Ghana and Africa as a whole post COVID-19, if we focus on breaking all forms of inequities such as gender inequality, and inequalities in opportunities and access to social services. Our COVID-19 recovery efforts must deal with these inequality issues and appropriate health sector response to climate change to prepare us better for future pandemics. [[Read more](#)]



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