

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



Giving Equal Opportunities to Women and Children

**HFFG**

**Hope  
for  
Future  
Generations**

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

BaSIS	Basic Sanitation Information System
BDP	Business Development Partners
CLTS	Community Led-Total Sanitation
CRST	Children Rapid Survey Team
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CST	Community Sanitation Team
CTVS	Community Technical volunteers
DA	District Assembly
DCD	District Coordinating Director
DCE	District Chief Executive
DEHO	District Environmental Health Officer
DLIM	District Level Implementation and Monitoring
DICCS	District Inter-Agency Coordination Committee for Sanitation
DRP	District Resource Person
ED	Executive Director
EHSU	Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit
FACE	Funds Authorization and Certification of Expenditure
FF	Field Facilitator
GAC	Global Affairs Canada
GNAGM	Ghana National Association of Garment Manufacturers
GoG	Government of Ghana
HFFG	Hope for Future Generations
ICE	Itemized Cost Estimate/Budget
IPs	Implementing Partners
MTDP	Medium term development plan
MMDA	Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assembly
NVTI	National Vocational Training Institute
OD	Open Defecation
ODF	Open Defecation Free
PCA	Project Coordination Agreement
RCC	Regional Coordination Council
RICCS	Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Committee for Sanitation
SanMark	Sanitation Marketing
UNICEF	United Nations Children Education Fund
VSLA	Village Savings and Loans Association
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WinS	WASH in Schools

## Message from Board Chairman



In 2018 the Board of Directors focused on changing the strategic direction and vision of the organisation. We completed the development of our 5-year strategic plan. We intend to build on our strengths in providing sustainable development and improvement to our beneficiary communities and individuals. For the next five years, HFFG will focus on providing primary health care services, enhance economic opportunities for women and girls, build the capacity of community structures in social accountability and monitoring and lead advocacy efforts. We are very excited about the direction and efficient management of the organisation in the past years and particularly in the year under review. Major achievements were chalked and many lives were touched by our interventions.

On behalf the Board of Directors, I congratulate our hard working staff and management for their commitment to seeing

change in our project communities. We also thank all our donors and partners for believing in our dream and our team and supporting it in diverse ways.

Rev. Abraham Nyako Jr

## Message from the Executive Director



In 2018, the management of the HFFG led our teaming staff across Ghana and Togo through transformational approaches to community mobilisation, participatory decision-making processes, women and youth leadership. I'm happy to report that we have made a critical difference in developing government accountability, equality, respect and dignity for marginalised communities. With dwindling donor funds, we engaged with national and local government authorities to ensure accountability, transparency and a commitment to use funds towards critical issues facing women, youth and children. We also continued with our community engagement processes that has brought change in the lives of the over 1 million people we reached out to in 2018.

HFFG works with a number of partners through strategic advocacy, networking and outreach and made a lot of impact on the CSO front and in deprived communities. I am particularly excited about our achievements with the Village Savings and Loans Schemes that we set up which is helping several women to be economically independent to provide their basic needs and that of their children. In the year under review, HFFG made tremendous achievements but this is definitely not enough as we see many more women, children and adolescents in poverty and unable to take charge of their lives. With our new strategic plan in place, HFFG is pursuing a vision of delivering lasting and sustainable change to deprived communities. With your continued involvement and support, we will accomplish this. We are grateful to all our funders, donors, partners, community leaders, volunteers and staff for buying into our vision and helping us live it.

Thank you.

Mrs Cecilia Senoo

*Executive Director*



# Executive Summary –

## Our Performance at a Glance

In the year 2018, there was many setbacks within the NGO sector with respect to funding from Donor Agencies for projects. This affected many NGOs. Over the years, HFFG has formed partnerships to rollout empowerment, capacity building and advocacy programs for targeted beneficiaries in selected communities and has improved the health and socio-economic status of women, children and young people through innovative and acceptable participatory strategies in beneficiary communities across its regions of operations.

Despite all the challenges encountered in securing funding for our projects from the donor community in 2018, HFFG continued to create change in the lives of project beneficiaries. HFFG contributed to changing the lives of over 1,064,461 beneficiaries constituting 822,921 males and 241,540 females through our innovative and life changing Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, HIV/AIDS, Immunization, Social Accountability, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Economic opportunities interventions.

### **Vision**

Creating pathways  
for women and  
children to innovate  
new and inclusive  
realities within their  
communities

### **Mission**

To advocate for and  
mobilise women, children  
and communities towards  
advanced health, bodily  
integrity, equality, respect  
and dignity towards all  
persons regardless of  
difference

### **Values**

Team Work  
Honesty  
Accountability  
Non-Discrimination  
Professionalism  
Dedication and  
Openness

# National Reach 2018

**4490**

Total Number of FSWs reached with HIV Information

**112,937**

About 112,937 people now have access to household latrines

**196,570**

People have reached through sensitization, education, VSLA, Training, Advocacy.

**1,089**

Trained and supported 1089 Natural Leaders in the networks to support communities to end open defecation.

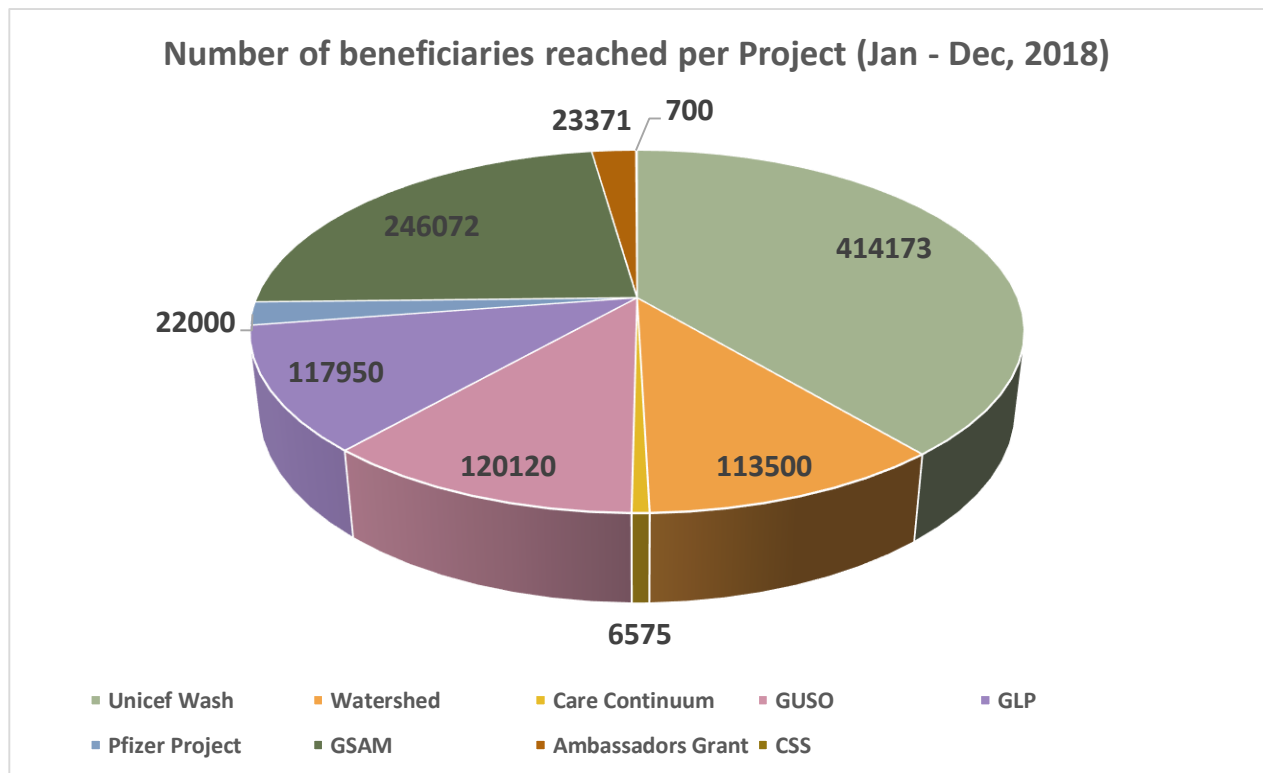
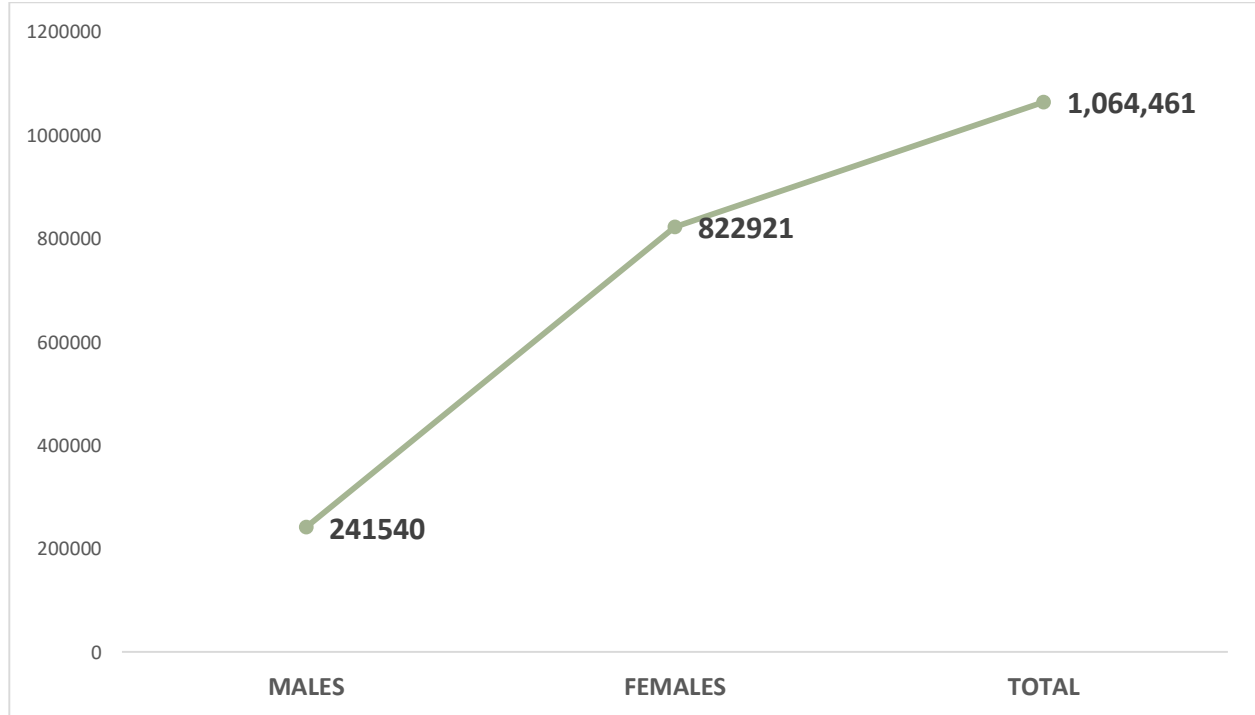
**1033**

Built the capacity of NGOs, CBOs, Community advocates, Media, Community leadership and structures.

**GHS 250,325**

Total contributions of 51 VSLA in 4 districts

## At a Glance – Total Number of People Reached





# International Engagements, Conferences and Visits



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*The Executive Director joined other delegates on a panel to discuss antimicrobial resistance.*

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*IRC organized a 3-day innovative writeshop for the watershed programme partners across the globe on Water Access Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)*

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## Building the Capacity of Our Staff



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*3-Day Training for Ghana Watershed Work Package (WP4) on Policy Advocacy Strategy in Accra. HFFG, Ghana Water and Sanitation Journalists Network, Conservation Foundation and IRC Ghana representatives participated*

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*Watershed partners being trained to be abreast with Akvo online reporting tools for data collection and analysis for reporting and regular updates of field activities on Akvo.*




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*HFFG staff engaged in Responsible mining training workshops organized by Solidaridad, a partner in the implementation of the Golden Line Project.*

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## “Leaving No One Behind”

HFFG promotes inclusiveness and also invests in building the capacity of Person's with disability (PWD). HFFG trained 5 peer educators from Savelugu School for the deaf and 5 at Yumba Special School. These peer educators were tasked with providing SRHR information and education to their peers and as well refer them for other services. Three (3) young persons including, a YPLWD and her teacher participated in the maiden African Youth SDGs Dialogue summit organized by Youth Advocates Ghana - the Conveners of the African Youth Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, NYA and the African Monitor (South Africa), with support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

The goal of the summit was to provide an open and inclusive platform for 400 young people in Africa, SDG Achievers, African Governments, development partners and the private sector to dialogue and address issues through innovative ways, pertinent issues affecting the youth, such as poverty, unemployment, conflict and climate change in the African sub-region.





"I will make sure my school mates benefit from the knowledge I gained here",

Genevieve explained Hadijatu's excitement in sign language.

*Genevieve, a teacher interpreting her student Hadijatu who is a YPLWD during the summit*



The three (3) young people from the Northern Region who are peer educators participated actively in the discussions and were excited that their voices were part of the final outcome document of the Summit which will be a major tool for advocacy for African youth. Hadijatu, who was accompanied by her teacher and interpreter, Genevieve Karaah, was excited to gain knowledge on the Sustainable Development Goals.

*From left, Genevieve (Interpreter), Sham-Una, Hadijatu and Melody*

Supporting YPLWD and creating both regional and national awareness on their sexual needs, HFFG celebrated the International Day of Persons Living with Disability with the Yumba Special School in the Tamale Metropolis. A press release was issued and published on:

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/820338/hffg-calls-on-government-to-take-good-care-of-disabled->



**Scenes during the celebration with the students**


# Our Life Changing Stories

## SAVED FROM CHILD MARRIAGE

"I am a 15 year old girl who hails from a small community in Gushegu. I woke up one day and was told I have been married off to a 52 year old man by my father. I refused to accept that and as a result was bound and sent to my husband's house. I spent a couple of days in that house and while at the house I was quietly planning my escape. I had the contact number of a peer educator who came to my community to sensitize us about child marriage and I managed to call her.

This peer educator told me if I could run out of my hide out to Gushegu she will get me help. And so I managed to escape and met up with the peer educator who linked me to CHRAJ, the Police and Social welfare. They made efforts to arrest my father but failed. I stayed with the peer educator and her family until one afternoon the man I was married to showed up at the peer educators' house and threatened to kill the peer educator and her entire family if they did not release me for him to go with. He again forcefully took me away before the peer educator could call the police.

During my stay at the peer educator's house, I told her where the man I was married too lives and so it became easier for the peer educator to direct the police there and so the police came and rescued me. They threaten to arrest my father if he does not comply and my father told them he actually cared less about that and since I refused to marry the man he had disowned me. I was sad about what my father said but I'll rather go to school and become a great person in future than marry that man. The MP of Gushegu heard my story and decided to allow me stay with him and his family and has promised to see me through school"



Peer educators provide information on daily bases to their peers on sexual and reproductive health. This activity of providing information improve the knowledge bases of their peers and also address some challenges they face in relation to sexual and reproductive health. HFFG was able to provide information to 1200 young people including PWDs which was above the target we set of 1140 specifically on the project. HFFG was able to reach above the target through the use and creation of social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, etc.



### **THE GUSO PROJECT EMPOWERED ME**

"HFFG, through the *GUSO* project, has influenced many lives and mine is not an exception. The following are the ways the *GUSO* project has impacted my life. I have been trained as a peer educator for young people but particularly for Young Persons Living with HIV in Tamale. This has made working with different people so easy since my confidence and capacity has been built to enable me share my SRHR knowledge with my peers. Again, through training, conference and other activities organized on the *GUSO* project I have learnt about the myths and misconception about HIV/AIDS as well as STI and am now in a better position to educate others on the mode and medium of transmission, and its prevention. The *GUSO* project with the help of the staffs have encouraged me to live a positive and healthy life by consistently taking my ARV as prescribed. Lastly, because of my knowledge on HIV through the *GUSO* project am no longer bothered about my HIV status."

### **DEPRIVED COMMUNITY NOW HAS SELF INITIATED POTABLE WATER AND LATRINE**

"The people of Kofikrom, in the Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipality of the Western Region of Ghana constructed a latrine and a hand dug well to provide easy access to water for residence, reduce issues of open defecation and water pollution by resident. Engagements between HFFG and the entire community members and opinion leaders/WASH structures in the community increased the level of citizen's participation and involvement in the discussion, decision making and management of Water Access, Sanitation & Hygiene and Water Resources in the community; leading to community self-initiative to construct pit latrine and a well to supplement a Spring which serves as the only water for the community after their Hand-dug well broke down years ago. HFFG under the Watershed Programme, begun empowering citizens to participate in decision making processes and hold WASH duty bearers accountable for improved service delivery. This was done through training of community members on the use of community scorecard to measure their own attitude with respect to open defecation, refuse disposal and protection of water sources as well as lobbying appreciate authorities for improved WASH services"



## **I NOW HAVE FINANCIAL FREEDOM THROUGH VSLA**

"I first got to know about the Golden Line programme at my home, when staff from HFFG conducted a house -to house sensitization on Village Savings and loans Association (VSLA) to women at Adamanso. I was convinced to join the Golden line and be part of the EASE group because the savings will help me to expand my business and I can easily access loan with an interest rate agreed upon by the group members. I did not have the habit and culture of savings. I always depended on my husband for money to buy petty things I needed. I also had a misconception about some of these financial institutions since most of them have run away with huge sums of people's money. As I joined the Nhyiramma VSLA which was formed by HFFG in November, 2017 at Adamanso, it became evident that, the group will manage its own savings of which the money box will be kept in the community. I have currently become independent as I do not have to depend on my husband for money because I have some savings with the VSLA and can access loan when I have a financial difficulty.



I am now confident that no money of mine will be taken away by any financial body because Nhyiramma VSLA manages their own financial transactions with supervision from HFFG. As a member of the Nhyiramma VSLA, I have been able to access a loan which I used to buy a fridge to expand my iced water and iced block business. As a result of this I am now able to assist my family financially by supporting to pay the fees of my children and sometimes adding on to the housekeeping money my husband gives me. This has also helped me fulfil my other financial obligations at the community and my business has been extended to other nearby communities. Apart from being able to save and access loan from my VSLA, I have also learnt a lot from the trainings Golden Line has brought to the community and the women of Adamanso. This includes the Gender Discussion Series where I was asked to attend with my husband. As a matter of fact, after attending all the eight (8) sessions, I have learnt to take joint decisions with my husband in planning and budgeting for the family and also involve the children when necessary."

# Golden Line Programme

## **Brief Description of the Project**

The Golden Line Programme has a consortium of three International Non –Governmental Organization (NGO) namely Simavi, Healthy Entrepreneurs and Solidaridad and two local NGOs, Hope for Future Generations and Presbyterian Relief Services & Development are partners for Simavi.

The GLP which has a 5-year (April 2016 – April 2021) life span seeks to work towards economic empowerment of women living in and around Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mines (ASGM) in Ghana and Tanzania. Women working in mines have limited opportunities for economic and social development. They also have limited access to health care services and the prevailing socio-cultural norms prevent them from benefitting from mining and other economic activities. Beyond the mines women’s opportunities to engage in economic activities and improve their status are affected by their limited access to healthcare, contraception and education on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights.

The Goal for the Golden Line Programme is to create an enabling or supportive environment to empower women in, and around artisanal, and small scale gold mining communities in Ghana to improve the opportunities to engage in economic activity, decision making, and sexual reproductive health and rights.

**Project Donor:** SIMAVI

## **Project Objectives:**

The GLP has a long term objective which is formulated as ‘women in, and around artisanal, and small scale gold mining communities in Ghana, and Tanzania are more economically empowered. The programme has the following as its specific objectives:

- To improve their opportunities to engage in economic activities.
- To involve in decision making processes.
- To be informed of their Sexual Reproductive Health Rights.

## **Key Achievements/Results:**

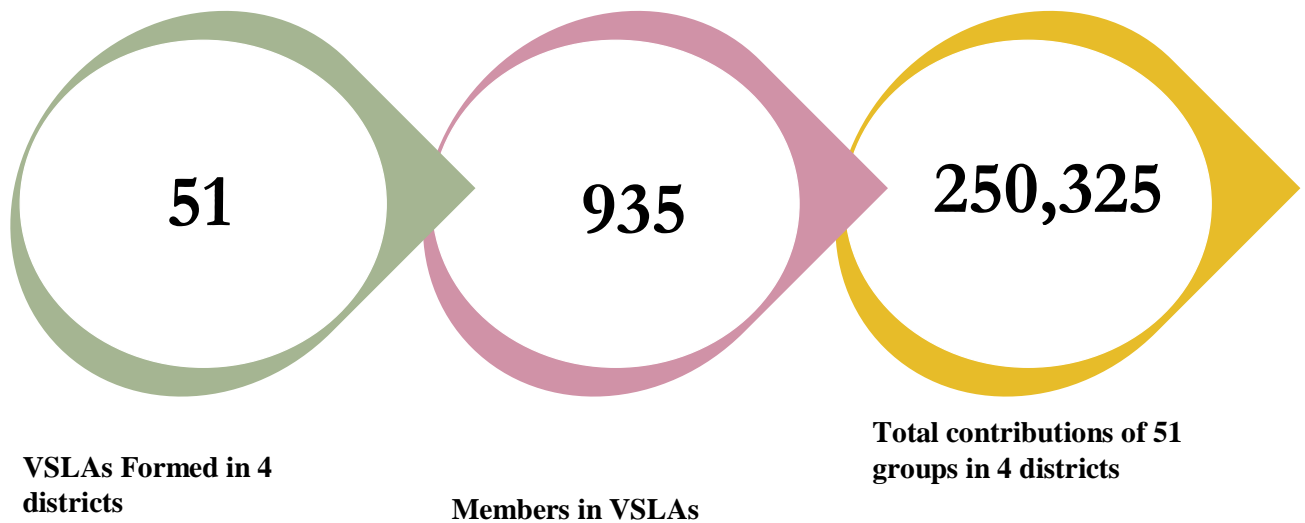
- Mobilized and sensitized **931** community members on ANC, CWC, skill delivery, Family Planning, STIs including HIV, contraceptives use, safe sex and right and consistent use of condoms in communities. This has increased their knowledge level and they are now conscious about their health in relation to services they receive and they have been able to impact this in their homes.



- Twenty **(20)** Mother-Support Groups formed and **5** Daddy's Clubs in some selected communities to support in education against VAW. This group has provided support to community members in relation to Gender Based violence and they serve as support system for victims of Gender Based Violence
- Trained **50** VSLAs in Leadership and financial management and **40** VSLAs also trained in soap making. Through this training, most of the women have started smaller businesses to support their households and husbands.
- HFFG supported and participated in Adamanso and Abreshia VSLAs Launch programme. This launch gained publicity in the community and as a result more groups were started due to this awareness that was created.
- **33** people (**27** health workers & **6** Municipal Assembly staff) from the 4 beneficiary Municipals and Districts participated in a training workshop for Women's Friendly Services and ongoing engagement for CHWs. This training built their capacity and are able to facilitate
- Conducted VSLA Share out for **12** VSLAs in **6** communities amounted to **GHC104,010.00**. Most of the women moved into another cycle and used the money gained to start up individual business. They also used their social fund for clean-up of the communities and others reinvested into the new cycle.
- The VSLA members have been empowered economically as a result of their participation in the Savings groups. This has improved their family lives and the women have acquired funds to engage in additional and or alternative livelihoods.
- The capacity of the women has already been built in engaging in additional and or alternative sources of income. The women now understand the importance and benefits of engaging in alternative and or additional sources of income to generate more income to support family life.
- The business skills training received by the VSLA members has enabled some women to prepare bar/liquid soap, detergents, beads etc. for sale to generate an additional income to support family life. Other women have also expanded their businesses by investing the money gained back into the business.



- The negative perception around taking loans had been cleared as a result of sensitization programme organized for VSLA women about running businesses and challenge their perception around taking loans. According to the women they are now prepared to take loans to engage in additional or alternative livelihoods.



#### Key Learnings

- Some of the women have engaged in alternative sources of livelihood such as soap making, beads making and this is generating more income for alternative expenses they incur at home.
- Good stakeholder engagement and involvement has resulted in efficient and effective programme implementation and delivery. Also, effective collaboration and partnership with community leadership has enhanced programme implementation and delivery in all the four beneficiary Municipals and Districts.
- Community Facilitators and Ambassadors have proven to be good strategies in achieving and meeting set targets in programme implementation.
- The beneficiaries have acquired receptive power and internalized the learning, the ideas and knowledge, their lives have been changed positively.
- The team has prepared the beneficiaries in such a way that they will reach a level where they will be able to champion their own cause and monitor the VSLA activities with little external supervision and support to ensure sustainability of the Programme. Thus ensuring the sustainability of the Programme.
- The beneficiaries on the project have become change agents perpetuating the ideas of Savings groups in other communities. As a result of the commitment of the women in their savings and loans, most of the men in these communities also want to have separate VSLAs for themselves. They testified that a lot of the women are now economically empowered and are supporting them in their household bills and other expenses.

# Watershed: Empowering Citizen Project

## **Brief Description of the Project:**

The Watershed programme is a 5-year (2016 – 2020) strategic partnership between IRC, SIMAVI, Wetlands, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and AKVO. The Watershed Ghana partners analysed the context of the Ghanaian WASH & IWRM sector, consulted with key stakeholders, developed a Theory of Change and identified priorities for the implementation phase. The programme was launched at the national level in June 2016 by the Director of the Water Resources Commission (WRC) in Ghana. It was again launched at the Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly in July 2017.

## **Project Donor:**

Different international organisations are funding different aspect of the Ghana Work Package of the Watershed Programme. Hope for Future Generations is receiving funding from Simavi to implement the programme at the district and community level.

## **Project Objectives:**

It is expected that within five (5) years (2016 – 2020), the Watershed programme will:

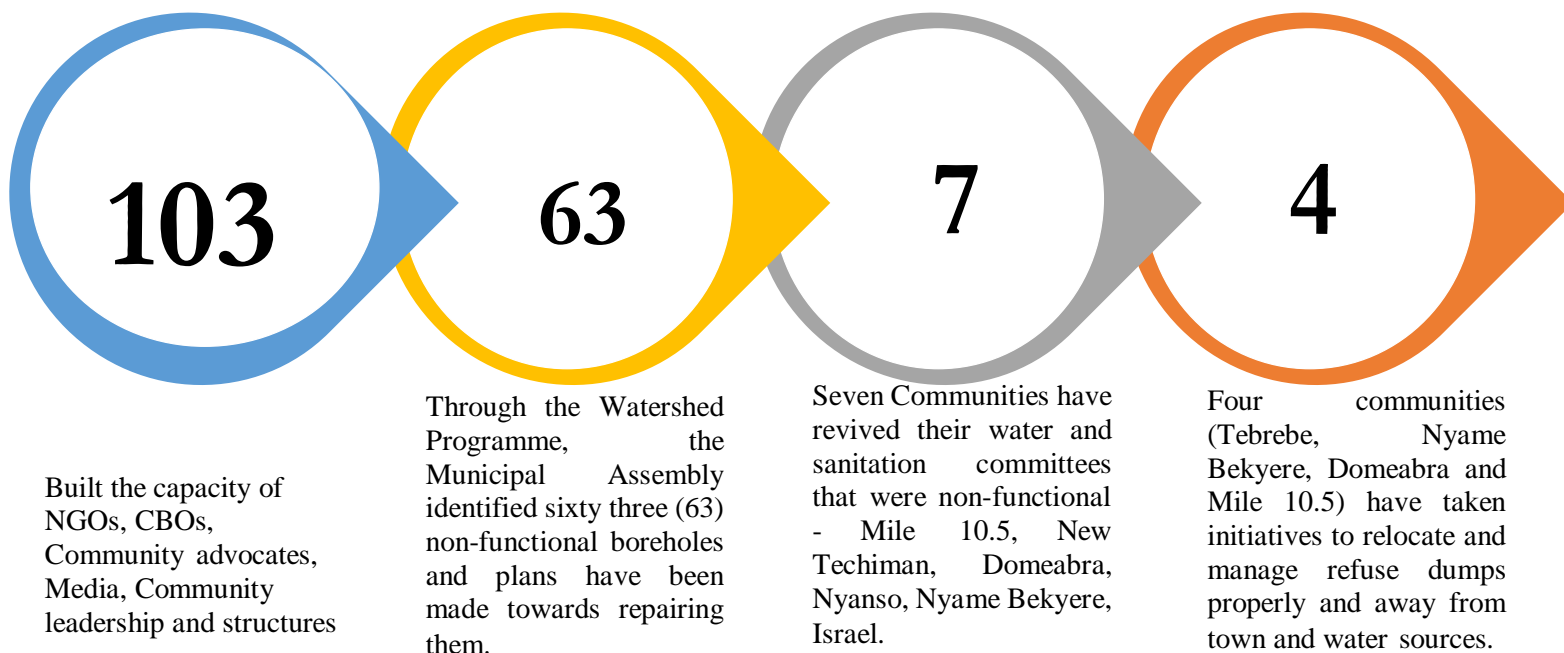
- Empower citizens to deliver improvements in the governance and management of Water Access, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) as well as Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) services and
- Strengthen the capacity of CSOs to lobby and advocate (L&A) government and other WASH duty-bearers - towards measurable improvements in the quality and sustainability of WASH services.

## **Key Achievements/Results**

- Organised a 1-day meeting with identified key people and influencers on key areas identified for advocacy activities. These key people and influencers are to facilitate the advocacy process and ensure WASH/IWRM is improved in the communities.
- Conducted and engaged in periodic community interface meetings and town hall meetings to disseminate scorecards generated.
- Built the capacity of other partners (CSOs/CBOs etc.) in the use of community scorecards to increase citizen's voice and participation around WASH and IWRM.
- Conducted Review Meetings with community members, partners and other key stakeholders on performance of the project.(Quarterly)
- HFFG Successfully conducted a WASH Budget Tracking of income and expenditure of Tarkwa Municipal Assembly
- Through the Watershed Programme, the Municipal Assembly identified sixty three **(63)** non-functional boreholes and plans have been made towards repairing them.



- Seven (7) Communities have revived their water and sanitation committees that were non-functional - Mile 10.5, New Techiman, Domeabra, Nyanso, Nyame Bekyere, Israel
- Community self-assessment provided better picture for communities to take necessary action towards maintenance of WASH facilities - through community levy.
- Kofikrom, one of the beneficiary communities that relied solely on ground water and sachet water has constructed local hand dug well and communal toilet.
- Another beneficiary community called Nsuaem Mile 5 has been added to Ghana Water Company Distribution list. The community which used to rely on a stream now have access to treated water.
- Through the community engagement and review meetings, the Municipal Assembly has identified sixty three (63) non-functional boreholes to be repaired.
- Four communities (Tebrebe, Nyame Bekyere, Domeabra and Mile 10.5) have taken initiatives to relocate and manage refuse dumps properly and away from town and water sources.
- Community leaders advocating for WASH facilities such as Refuse Bay, Borehole and toilets. Community opinion leaders are lobbying Municipal Chief Executive and advocating for water quality testing for their communities.



### **Key Learnings**

- Community advocates happy with advocacy skills acquired on the Watershed programme – according to them, WASH issues are now everybody's business in the communities.
- CSOs and Advocacy groups are happy for a common platform to discuss WASH issues in the municipality.
- Meeting at the community level afforded most people the opportunity to participate and partake in WASH discussions.

## **Get Up Speak Out Project**

### **Brief Description of the Project**

The GUSO project seeks to ensure that all young people fully enjoy their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in a productive, equal and healthy society. To achieve this goal, the program adopts the following outcome areas:

- Empowered young people increasingly voice their rights.
- Increased utilization of comprehensive SRHR information and education by all young people
- Increased utilization of quality and youth-friendly SRHR services that respond to the needs and rights of all young people
- Improved socio-cultural, political and legal environment for gender-sensitive, youth-friendly SRHR

**Project Donor:** SIMAVI

**Project Objectives:** 2016 - 2020

### **Key Achievements/Results**

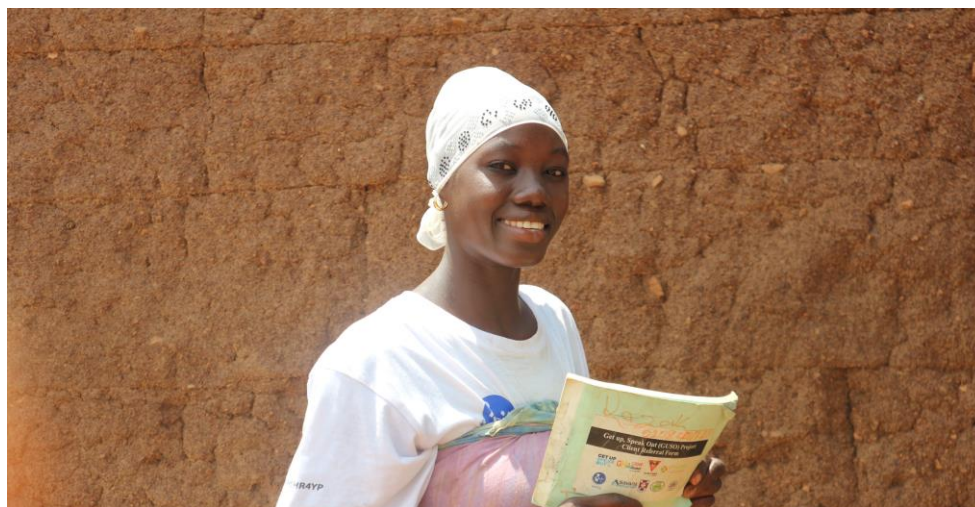
- HFFG has successfully formed 9 school clubs in Tamale and Gushegu and these clubs meet monthly. And for each club there are 15 members who meet periodically to discuss SRHR issues.
- Conducted training of Youth Leaders/Peer Educators and Teachers of the School Clubs. The leaders of the clubs and their teachers received training to ensure the clubs are functional.
- Role models trained in previous years within the period visited the school clubs to support their activities. These role models serve as mentors to the club members.
- Supported young people (3 per district) to participate in district and regional level health review meetings (twice a year). It was during such meeting that the MCE in Gushegu gave a directive to the information service and NCCE to announce that no young person should be seen outside their homes after 9 pm. He also tasked the municipal CHRAJ director to come up with a budget for complaint tracing especially related to young people.
- Supported in bi-annual network meetings of youth advocates including PWDs in both Gushegu and Tamale. This activity gave young people the opportunity to plan their activities for the period

and identify some key SRHR issues that need redress as well as key stakeholders to provide solution.

- Organized a 4 day STAR camping for in and out of school youth (A camp where young people learn about CSE, skill development and mentorship). Sixty (60) young people provided with skills in bead making, barbering, and making of pastry. These young people have also gone through the CSE manual.
- Organized Youth outreach on SRHR to rural communities in Gushegu and Tamale. This was conducted to address issues related to FP, drug and substance abuse, early marriage etc.
- HFFG conducts follow up visits to social justice offices, and health facilities within these regions to ensure that young people referred visit the facilities quarterly.
- Sensitization of faith-based organizations on SRHR needs of PWDs for effective referrals (Half-yearly). This platform has been used to sensitize FBOs on the SRHR needs of PWDs in 4 communities in Tamale and Gushegu.
- Community Durbars were organised to create awareness on SRHR in Gushegu and Tamale (Singing competition, Football gala, Drama) to create awareness of young people SRHR
- Trained and equipped 60 young people with skills through the STAR CAMP Activity.
- Trained and engaged PWDs on SRHR Education and Information
- Formed support group for YPLHIV.
- Through the open day trip to the Social Justice Institution a Peer Educator assisted in the rescue of a 15 year old girl from early marriage.
- Through our empowerment program, a 20 year old girl who was assaulted by 3 men was able to report the case and the culprits were punished.
- Through HFFG's interaction with the Gushegu Municipal Assembly, the MCE gave a directive that no young person below age 18 should be seen outside after the hours of 9:00pm in attempt to curb teenage pregnancy in the municipality.

### Key Learnings

- The use of existing community structures not only help to minimise cost but, also serve as a means of sustaining the programme. Again, best practices from other programmes were of importance and well applied.
- The Programme Team was able to achieve the functionality of the Gushegu Adolescent Youth Corner through the Project Coordinator's experience from the Ghana Adolescent Reproductive Health project which created and made good use of Adolescent Corners.
- In addition, the use of fun games have proven to be means of bringing the larger community together to implement activities. As shown through fun games, HFFG was able to organize community durbars in all the 10 communities reaching 3,478 people.



# Strengthening the Care Continuum Project

## **Brief Description of the Project**

HFFG under this continuum of care project works in Accra Metro and Ga West Districts of the Greater Accra Region. These districts are characterized as business centres which attract FSWs who render services for cash or material items. The overall goal of this program is to reduce by 50% new HIV infections among FSWs and their Non-Paying Partners by end of 2020.

In 2018, HFFG continued to work actively with key stakeholders to sustain and intensify the M-Friends and M-Watchers social protection network which included the law enforcement agencies such as the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU) of the Ghana Police Service, District Magistrate and Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Ghana Health Service, community traditional leaders and the Peer Educators (PEs) themselves..

HFFG uses clear strategies to achieve targets and also improve performance. The core strategies utilized include a) promoting leadership, b) strengthening capacity of local stakeholders, promoting and developing partnerships, c) emphasizing quality improvement (QI) and the effective use of data, d) Lobbying and advocacy to address structural factors related to FSW access and use, e) addressing Sexual and gender based Violence and inequity, f) integrating HIV services and emphasizing the importance of referrals to maintain an HIV treatment cascade to achieve 90/90/90 targets in line with the new National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (2016-2020),

**Project Donor:** USAID through John Snow Incorporation

**Project Duration:** It is a five years project which started in October 2016 and is expected to end in 2020

## **Project Objectives**

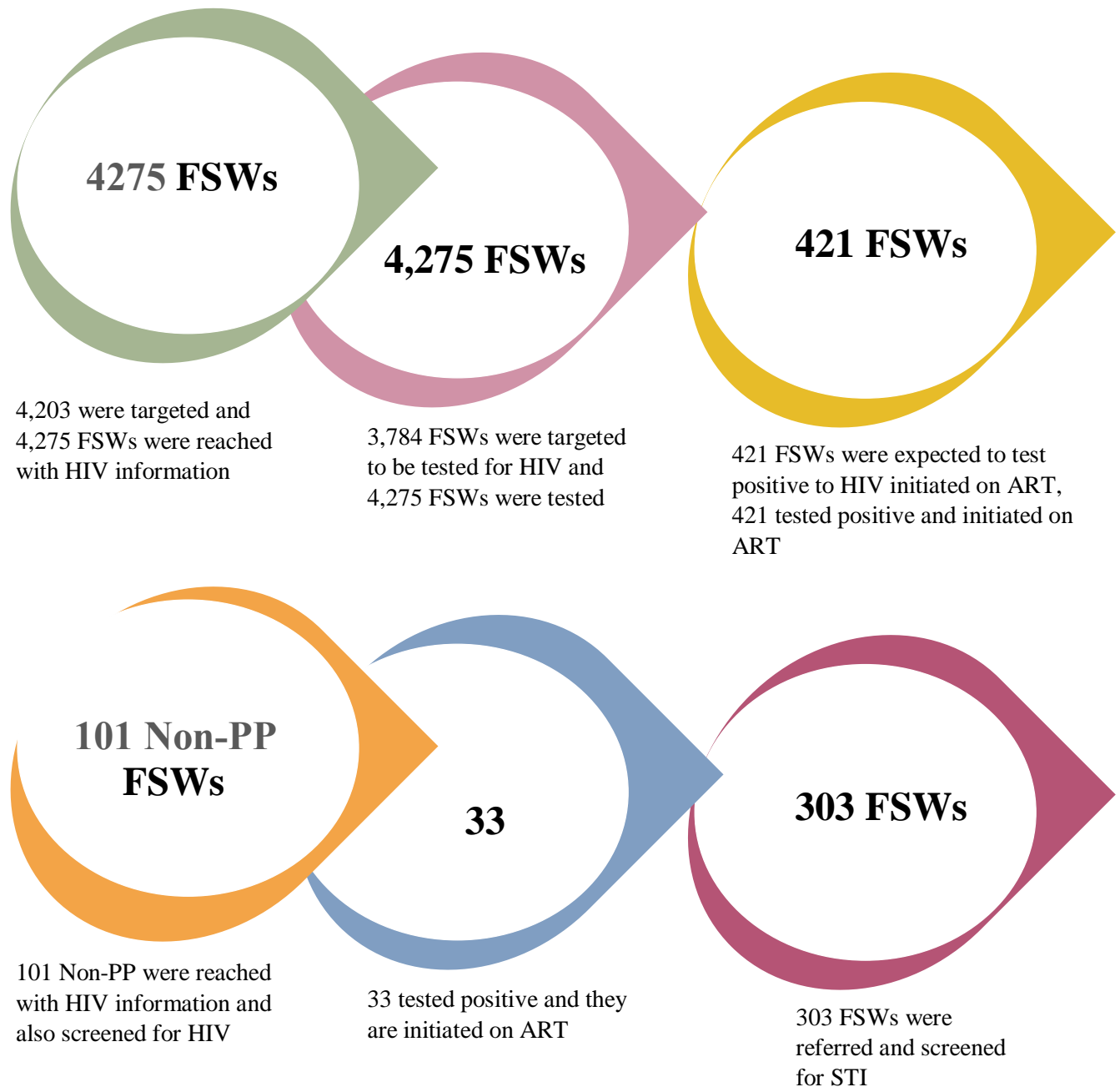
- Increased availability and access to comprehensive prevention, care and treatment services, including reliable coverage across the continuum of care for FSWs and PLHIV
- Enhanced and sustained demand for comprehensive prevention, care and treatment services among FSW and PLHIV
- Strengthened linkage and retention in care of FSW who test positive for HIV
- Strengthened institutional capacity of HFFG for project implementation, planning, monitoring, data management, grant and project management, ensuring quality assurance and documentation.

## **Key Activities**

- Daily Peer-to-peer education
- Weekly HTS outreaches in FSWs Communities within project districts
- Quarterly Review Meetings with Project Management Committee
- Quarter Review Meetings with M – Friends, M-Watchers and ART Nurses
- Monthly Meetings with PEs and Case Managers
- Peer led referrals

- Initiation of FSW PLHIV on ART

### Key Achievements/Results



# UNICEF Wash Project

## Brief Description of the Project

The UNICEF water and sanitation project is a CSO-DA/GoG partnership project aimed at scaling-up Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) activities to achieve Open Defecation Free (ODF) status for communities in the Northern Region. UNICEF engaged Hope for Future Generations (HFFG) in 2016 to coordinate part of the GoG-UNICEF Water and Sanitation (WASH) programme (2017-2022), specifically to support the implementation of sanitation and hygiene interventions in four (4) districts of the Northern Region (Yendi, Mion, West Mamprusi and East Gonja).

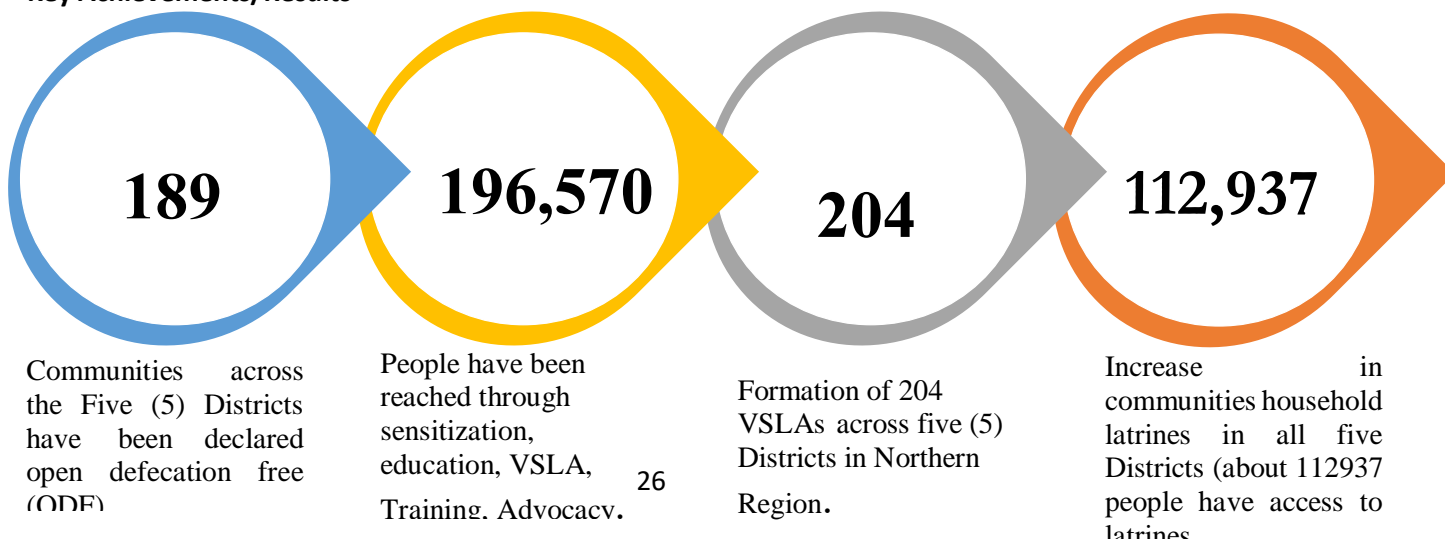
The support is required to focus on implementing sanitation and hygiene interventions aimed at reducing open defecation in the targeted districts and selected communities. UNICEF is using this initiative to support the placement of District Resource Persons (DRP) in each of five (5) UNICEF targeted districts to provide technical assistance and facilitate CLTS activities undertaken by the District Environmental and Community Development teams. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) have been identified to complement Government's efforts and an effective catalyst for local level engagement as they are able to provide local understanding and a potential model for sustainable support to Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs).

## Project Objectives

The objective of the project includes:

- Support respective DA to achieve ODF in communities
- Support an Effective System of Planning, Coordinating, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting of the RSMS established at District Level.
- To lead the establishment and nurturing of Networks of Natural Leaders and Community Consultants in the Intervention Districts.
- Support Capacity aimed at ensuring effective coordination of WASH activities in the District.
- Support the Sanmark Team to review the budget and plans for the formation of VSLA groups in Communities.

## Key Achievements/Results





### **Community-Level WASH/CLTS Implementation Support**

- Instrumental in improving the work culture, results mentality and enthusiasm of our field Officers through exemplary team spirit in terms of their effective and sincere engagement with implementing communities in respect of their visitations and facilitating the right tools, techniques and strategies for results. This has resulted in increase and quick conversion of OD communities to ODF.
- 104 communities across the five Districts have been declared open defecation free (ODF).
- A total of 196,570 people have been reached through sensitization, education, VSLA, Training, Advocacy.
- Have also supported in enhancing the capacity of our MMDA government team colleagues and partners in trainings on ODF protocols, facilitation skills, appreciation and use of all relevant tools, techniques and strategies especially the incremental and small Towns tools.
- Have supported in effective Planning of Field operations such as the identification and targeting of new communities for implementation.
- Been able to whip up interest among Traditional Leaders and the Clergy in all implementing communities.

### **Natural Leaders Programme**

- Critical deliverables under the GOG/UNICEF/CSO Partnership is the establishment and management of an effective Natural Leaders Scheme. We have encouraged community volunteerism through the establishment of a functional and vibrant Natural leader's scheme.
- Training of 750 CTVs across five Districts in Northern Region.
- In line with our Natural Leaders commitment to our employer UNICEF and the Assembly, we have strongly made a case for the success of the Incremental strategy and Outreach programme and how Natural Leaders can on their own convert communities to ODF
- Support of District Colleagues established and maintained 72 Natural Leaders Networks. Through these Networks, we have enhanced the capacities of 1089 Natural leaders in WASH TECH and related relevant CLTS tools, ODF protocols and community mobilization.
- Also through our commitment to the Natural Leaders scheme implementation, we have identified our very active and hardworking Natural Leaders across our NLs Networks and trained 85 COMMUNITY CO-FACILITATORS/CONSULTANTS to support our District ODF incremental and ODF scale out agenda.

### **SanMark Activities Support**

- Under the SanMark component of the WASH Programme, we have supported in training 90 Latrine Artisans and 750 CTVs in various latrine Technologies and Entrepreneurship. These Artisans have cumulatively increased our District latrine coverage.
- Supported and continue to support regular meetings for knowledge and experience sharing including the provision of technical guidance on reporting in respect of their work
- Support of active and functioning 204 VSLA.

**Gender Mainstreaming Activities Support**

- Committed to the welfare of women and Children and the promotion of social inclusion, we have supported efforts at our Partner District-level in implementing GENDER MAINTREAMING activities.

**Social Norms Campaigns Activities Support**

- Supported Behavior Change Communication Campaigns such as launch of Social Norms Campaigns led by the Department of Community Development and Social Welfare. Support in the planning, coordination and launch of Social Norms campaign programme from the orientation and inauguration of the Social Norms Committee, and the subsequent commencement of Implementation of SNC activities in the four Districts.

**Wash-In-Schools (WiNS) Activities Support**

- Bridged the gap between CLTS and WiNS but have also succeeded in strengthening the hitherto dormant and ineffective coordination between this two major facets of the Programme (CLTS activities and School-level Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion activities) under the GOG/UNICEF Programme.
- Worked closely with MSHEP and Girl-Child Officers in practically integrating and coordinating WiNS activities such as school-Child Ambassadors activities, CLTS inter-school Quiz competitions, Menstrual Cycle training Management, Inspection of School institutional latrines and HWWS Facilities, school community Relationships for WASH etc.
- School Child Ambassadors have also been linked up with Natural leaders in supporting household and community volunteerism for results towards ODF.

**Wash Planning and Coordination Activities Support Strengthening Of MICCS**

- Succeeded in rejuvenating a very dysfunctional and poor coordination of Implementation in the Districts prior to the introduction of HFFG/DRP. Between, 2016-2018, we ensured that implementation is planned and well-coordinated with all programme stakeholders actively participating and performing assigned roles.

**Effective MICCS/DICCS Monitoring:**

- Supported MICCS/DICCS monitoring. This has ensured that MICCS members don't just share Monitoring resources and financials among themselves but to actually monitor all approved communities and this has actually facilitated the ability to achieve more results.

**Programme Financial Management, Compliance and Reporting: (DCT Funds Disbursement and Liquidation):**

- Improved financial integrity and as such have been involved at the forefront in the preparations of District Programme Budget (DCT) and its liquidation thereof. We have also improve the commitment of Field Facilitators by ensuring a transparent financial practice of programme budget for all activities through a joint MICCS/FACILITATORS DCT reviews so that every colleague understand their entitlement and funds disbursement.

**Strengthen M&E And Programme Reporting:**

- We have supported in ensuring that data on all activities is reported as a means of learning and reporting. We have succeeded in implementing BaSIS such that all Field facilitators were trained in the use of the ODK APP and complying with the NO BASIS NO VERIFICATION RICCS.

**Key Learnings**

- Quarterly meetings of Natural leaders/CTVs should be encouraged. It gives natural leaders the opportunity to share ideas.
- Regular natural leaders/CTVs networking meetings have been very helpful in supporting natural leaders.
- The involvement of traditional authorities in the implementation process is encouraging and increasing the interest of community members.
- Training of latrine in the District has supported most community members to be able to build improve latrines.
- Engaging CTVs and latrines artisans increase the desire for improve latrines in communities.



*Helping communities to end Open defecation*

# Pfizer Immunization Project

## **Brief Description of the Project:**

The health of every child remains a priority to parents and the nation as a whole. In the past years, several measures have been put in place to ensure that every child under five years of age gets immunized against the childhood killer diseases.

Due to the fact that low immunization still remains a public health issue, the Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health with financial support from Pfizer, a pharmaceutical company in the United States is implementing the Pfizer Immunization Support (PIS) project in six selected districts in the Volta region (a total of sixty communities) in order to get children immunized. The project aims at increasing immunization coverage in hard to reach and low immunization coverage communities by 90% by 2020 in the selected districts where the project is being implemented.

HFFG is implementing this project in five hard to reach and low immunization coverage communities each in the Kpando municipality and North Dayi district making a total of ten (10).

**Project Donor/Duration:** PFIZER/1 year (January 2018 to December 2018)

## **Project Objectives:**

- Increase demand and access to comprehensive and quality immunization in the project communities by 90% by 2020.
- Strengthen community participation to addressing barriers that inhibit access to childhood immunization services delivery to promote and increase demand for immunization at the community level through collaboration among community stakeholders.
- Promote the generation of an evidence base through the introduction of the use of community childhood immunization registers to improve data quality.
- To assess immunization coverage impact to advocate for communities involvement and support.
- Impact assessment, documentation and dissemination of learning outcomes for quality service delivery in the future

## **Key Activities**

- Child welfare clinics
- Community Durbars
- Training of nurses, volunteers and opinion leaders
- Formation of Community health committees
- House sensitization
- Camp Out outreaches
- Committee Meetings
- Registration of children under five years
- Quarterly joint monitoring visits
- During the period under review, we were able to reach out to ten (10) island communities in the Kpando municipality to immunize and register children in the selected communities even though five of them are not part of the selected communities.

- Myths and misconceptions about vaccines have been cleared by health professionals
- Due to the intervention, parents and care givers now take their wards to CWC to be vaccinated any time they are due

### **Key Learnings**

- Through constant education by staff, nurses, volunteers and opinion leaders, myths and misconceptions about vaccines have now been cleared so parents and caregivers who held back earlier now allow their children to be immunized

## **Ambassador's Small Grant Project**

### **Brief Description of the Project**

The project focuses on advocacy on strengthening HIV commodities security in the Ashanti Region, tracking of counterpart funding for HIV activities in the Ashanti Region as well as domestic resource mobilization. The project works with key stakeholders at the Ministry of Health, GHS, Ashanti Regional Health Directorate (RHD), Regional Medical Stores( RMS) and ART sites to provide quality of service to PLHIVs. It is being carried out in three districts in the Ashanti Region with the full support of GHS. The project duration spans from September 2018 to August 2019.

**Project Donor:** USAID Ambassadors small grant

### **Project Objectives**

- To increase availability and access to comprehensive prevention, care, and treatment services, including reliable coverage across the continuum of care for MSM, FSW, and PLHIV
- To strengthen systems for planning, monitoring, evaluating, and ensuring the quality of programs.
- To mobilize domestic resources for HIV activities in the region.

### **Key Achievements/Results**

- HFFG was able to bring key actors in the distribution end of the supply chain together, namely; Pharmacist from the RMSs and facilities, Administrators, laboratory technicians, ART Clinic in-Charge to discuss and find solutions to the prevailing drug/commodity insecurity.
- Fifty Hospital staff re-oriented on RRIVS in 5 selected facilities
- HFFG partnered with Luv FM(A local radio station) to conduct a documentary to bring to the attention of stakeholders the impact of drug shortage vis-a-vis usage of herbal drugs.
- HFFG responded to an appeal for support and facilitated transport of ARVs to Obuasi Munnicipal hospital after shortage for 3 months.

# Ghana Strengthening Accountability Mechanism Project

## **Brief Description of the Project:**

The Ghana's Strengthening Accountability Mechanisms (GSAM) Project is a five year USAID funded project which started in 2015 and ends in 2019. It seeks to strengthen citizens' oversight of capital projects to improve local government transparency, accountability and performance in 100 districts in Ghana. The project is being implemented by a consortium of three organizations (CARE International, Oxfam in Ghana and ISODEC) with CARE International in Ghana as the lead organization with 27 other local NGOs among which Hope for Future Generations (HFFG) is included. HFFG is responsible for Awutu Senya East Municipal, Agona East District, Gomoa East and Ajumako Enyan Essiam District. The project is to ensure the participation of citizens in implementation of capital development projects by district assemblies and to demand accountability from duty bearers.

The government through MMDAs implement capital development projects that are needed by citizens. It is therefore imperative for citizens who are to benefit from these projects are engaged and involved in their implementation at the community level. The inability of the MMDAs to engage the citizens have led to serious corruption perception due to unavailability of information on these projects resulting in social accountability gap.

## **Project Objectives:**

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen citizens' oversight of capital development projects to improve local government transparency, accountability and performance. Its long term objective is to;

- Increase the availability of accessible information on MMDAs capital development project performance in 100 districts.
- Strengthen CSOs and citizens' capacity to monitor MMDAs development projects in 50 districts.
- Increase the use of citizen-generated information on MMDA capital projects in 50 districts.

## **Key Achievements/Results**

- Capital development projects selected for citizen monitoring
- Community entry visits organised to introduce selected projects to Communities
- Bi-weekly monitoring visits on capital projects selected from Annual Action Plans of MMDAS organised
- District Steering Committee Meetings organised to Reflect on Project Implementation
- Network of Community Development Monitors trained
- Community scorecards on DA performance on projects selected from the Annual Action Plans
- Community interface meetings between DAs and Citizens to facilitate dialogue on issues identified during capital projects monitoring and Scorecard generation on projects
- Town-hall meetings to disseminate scorecard findings on capital projects and facilitate dialogue on MMDA performance in capital project implementations organised

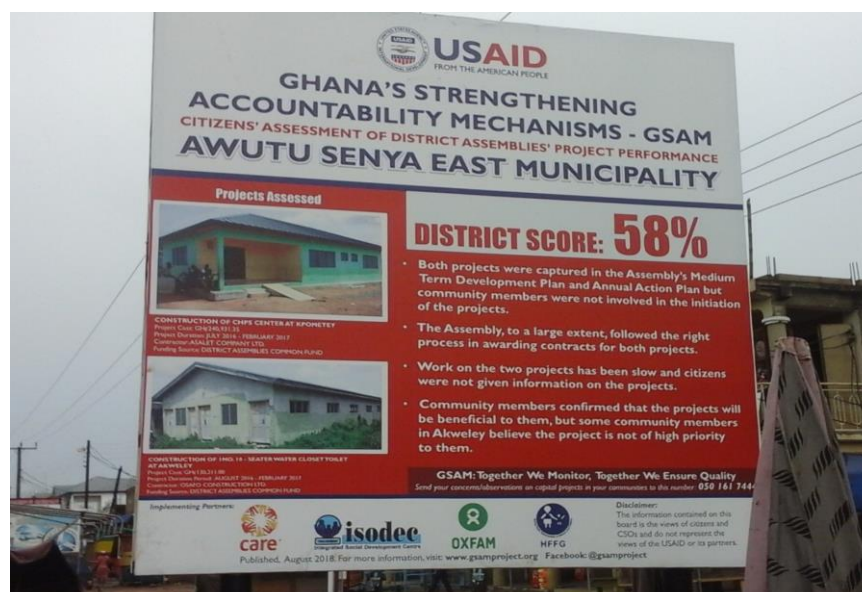


- Capital project performance updates (PPUs) organised in 15 communities in each of the Social Accountability districts
- 4 Community Development Committees in the two operational districts established. These are sustainability measures put in place to enable the community and the DAs to dialogue on capital development projects after the GSAM project is completed in the community.
- There is collaboration and frequent interactions with the Federation of Persons with Disabilities in the Awutu Senya East Municipal. This has led to increased participation of Persons with Disability in the activities of GSAM.

## Key Learnings

Some of our key lessons are itemized below.

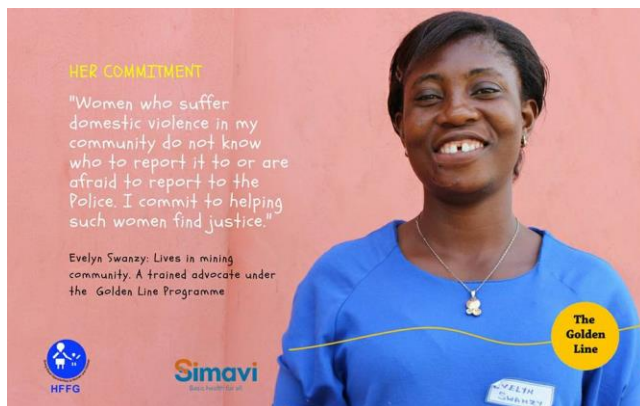
- The local government planning and budgeting process is not very effective and often do not involve community members or their assembly members. In fact even the approved annual action plans and budgets can be varied by the DCE and the assembly staff without recourse to the District Assembly members for approval.
- Contractual processes at the DA takes a great deal of time, which is a common phenomenon that delays the award and execution of capital project contracts. This is not always in conformity with the expectations of beneficiary communities and stakeholders. Moreover, the processes involved as stipulated by the procurement procedures are quite complicated. Overall, the complexity and resulting delays are seen as unhealthy by most beneficiary communities.
- Frequent change/transfers of key assembly staff who have knowledge on the capital projects seem to affect the progress of the project in the districts. It has also led to the delay in the completion of most of the projects or the projects being abandoned.
- Making information available is the greatest means of empowering citizens to demand accountability and performance from service providers. These notwithstanding, District Assemblies are very reluctant to make information available to citizens usually as a way of keeping them in the dark so that corruption and abuse of public resources can take place.
- Community members are enthused to demand accountability when information on capital projects are accessible and available.
- The results obtained from the community score card development revealed that women were still being excluded in taking key decisions concerning the development of their communities.

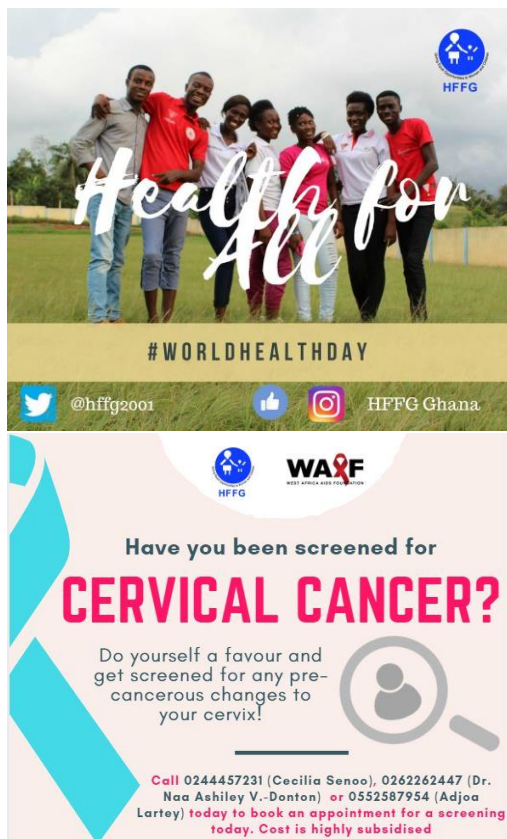


*Project performance updates on a billboard*

# Social Media Corner

Our **432** tweets reached over **120,000** people from our Twitter profile or in search results (Impressions). **3,992** people visited our profile (profile visits). We were mentioned **522** times by individuals and organisations on their twitter profile. We have **19** new followers.






Impressions	2,354
Total engagements	49
Retweets	14
Likes	14
Detail expands	8
Media engagements	6
Profile clicks	6





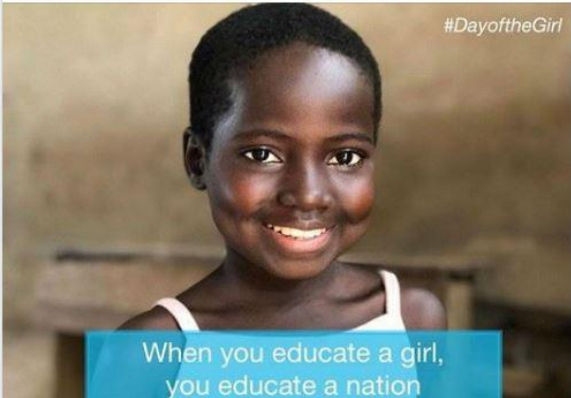
HFFG Ghana

*The total number of Facebook likes on the HFFG Ghana page is 2,240. 125 people viewed the page and our posts reached 1,410 people overall.*

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Happy International Day of the Girl! This year's theme is "WithHer: A Skilled GirlForce." Start a local initiative to help educate and keep girls in school today. Day of the Girl Michelle Obama Girls Not Brides

#DayoftheGirl



When you educate a girl,  
you educate a nation

### Performance for Your Post

**863** People Reached

**34** Reactions, Comments & Shares ⓘ

<b>23</b> Like	<b>12</b> On Post	<b>11</b> On Shares
<b>3</b> Love	<b>2</b> On Post	<b>1</b> On Shares
<b>0</b> Comments	<b>0</b> On Post	<b>0</b> On Shares
<b>8</b> Shares	<b>7</b> On Post	<b>1</b> On Shares

**35** Post Clicks

<b>28</b> Photo Views	<b>1</b> Link Clicks ⓘ	<b>6</b> Other Clicks ⓘ
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# Launch of Our Strategic Plan in Pictures



*Strategic Plan launched by Rev. Abraham (HFFG Board Chair) together with other dignitaries*



*Executive Director of HFFG giving a speech.*



*Staff of HFFG and invited guests*



## HFFG Leadership

### Board of Directors

Name	Designation
Rev. Abraham Nyako Jr.	Board Chair
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## Executive Management

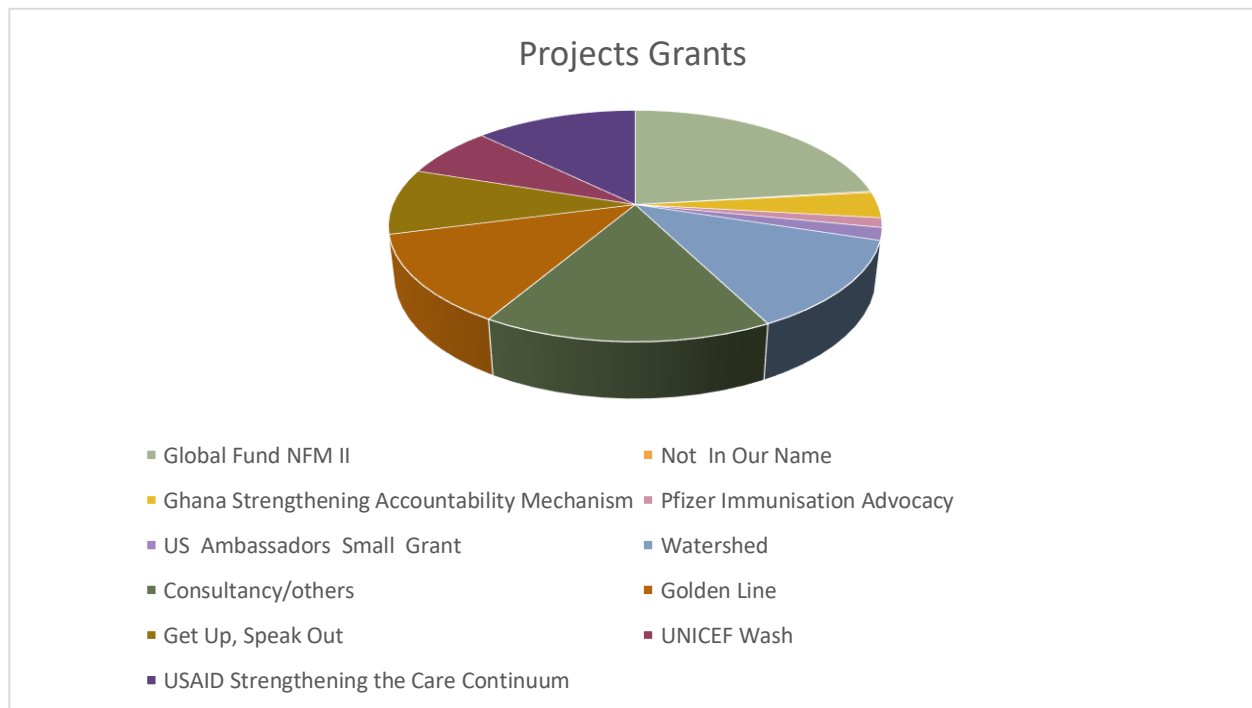
Name	Designation
Cecilia Lodonu-Senoo	Founder and Executive Director
Patricia Porekuu	Program Coordinator
Samuel Oboh-Sei	Finance and Administration Manager
Maame Serwaa-Gyamfi	Gender, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
Rose Amoyaw	Program Coordinator

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Anthony Nkrumah	Central Region
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Peter	
Roseline	Ashanti
Mercy	
Theresa Davis	
Linda	
Rita	

# 2018 Financial Overview

Project Grants	2018	Percentage
	GH¢	
Global Fund NFM II	893,515	23.1%
Not In Our Name	7,400	0.2%
Ghana Strengthening Accountability Mechanism	140,432	3.6%
Pfizer Immunisation Advocacy	50,873	1.3%
US Ambassadors Small Grant	60,085	1.6%
Watershed	486,779	12.6%
Consultancy/others	620,721	16.0%
Golden Line	482,242	12.5%
Get Up, Speak Out	357,486	9.2%
UNICEF Wash	278,151	7.2%
USAID Strengthening the Care Continuum	492,354	12.7%
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED</b>	<b>3,870,038</b>	



Project Expenses	2018	Percentage
	<b>GH¢</b>	
Global Fund NFM II	782,677	20.2%
Not In Our Name	7,685	0.2%
Pfizer Immunisation Advocacy	51,047	1.3%
Ghana Strengthening Accountability Mechanism	163,023	4.2%
USAID Strengthening the Care Continuum	509,878	13.2%
USAID Strengthening the Care Continuum	338,782	8.8%
Get Up Speak Out (GUSO)	349,238	9.0%
Golden Line	600,837	15.5%
Watershed	385,648	10.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,255,193</b>	



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