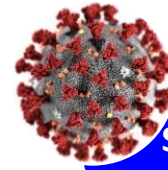


Hope for Future Generations Supports National COVID-19 Fight



Special Edition



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Ending COVID-19 is a shared responsibility.

The COVID-19 outbreak is having a significant impact on the entire population globally. In the words of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, the “pandemic has highlighted weaknesses in health systems, social protections and public services.”

As part of strategies to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially on women, children and other the vulnerable groups, Hope for Future Generations (HFFG) is partnering a number of organizations, District and Municipal Assemblies and Ghana Health Service and the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) across all the sixteen regions of Ghana to implement a number of interventions to complement the government’s efforts in the fight against the Novel Corona Virus Pandemic.

These strategies seek to address stigma, misinformation on COVID-19 and provide support to community members, especially marginalized and vulnerable groups.

In this edition of our newsletter, we share with you some stories from activities we have undertaken in partnership with institutions like:

UNAIDS-Ghana, Non-state Actors For Health Ghana, SIMAVI, Goldenline Programme, Watershed Programme, Association of Women in Media, Ghana Police Service, Tarkwa-Nsuem Municipal Assembly, the Ellembelle District Assembly and the NCCE.



VIRUSES DON'T DISCRIMINATE, NEITHER SHOULD WE



We should not judge anyone wearing mask to be sick - whether old, young, male, female or baby



Working as a frontline health professional does not make a person more vulnerable to Covid-19



Having different ethnic origin does not one susceptible contracting the disease



It doesn't matter your social status, we are all at risk

Cover your mouth and nose while sneezing or coughing.



HFFG partners Women in Media to educate market women on COVID-19

HFFG believes that when people are equipped and empowered with the right information, they would be able make the right decisions and protect themselves even in times of emergencies and pandemics.

HFFG in partnership with the Association of Women in the Media on Thursday 9, 2020 embarked on a COVID-19 sensitization exercise at the Agbogbloshie Market in the Greater Accra Region.

With the use of an information van, over 1000 market women were sensitized on washing hands with soap under running water and the practicing of social distancing both at home and at the market place.

HFFG also donated some alcohol-based hand sanitizers which were distributed to the market women through their leaders.

Madam Hannah Naa Borkai Addy, Market Queen of Agbogboloshie Market commended HFFG and ASWIM for educating them on the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are grateful to HFFG for the hand-sanitizers. We will ensure that all safety protocols initiated to fight the spread of COVID-19 would strictly be adhered to,” Said by Auntie Esi, a market woman.





HFFG & NSA Donate Hand Sanitizers to Gender Ministry

Hope for Future Generations has at as April 15, 2020 distributed over 3000 bottles of alcohol-based hand sanitizers to identified groups including head porters, market women and security personnel at various checkpoints across the country.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the new coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) can spread from person to person contact, both through direct contact with an infected person or through contact with surfaces contaminated with infected viral droplets.

WHO therefore recommends regular handwashing with soap under running water or rubbing hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizers as some of the effective ways to prevent infections.

Hope for Future Generations in collaboration with Non-State Actors in Health Ghana have donated 700 bottles of alcohol-based hand sanitizers to the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection for onward distribution to marginalized groups who are most affected by COVID-19.

The Executive Director of Hope for Future Generations, Mrs Cecilia Senoo noted the donation is to complement government's efforts to support vulnerable women and girls, persons living with disabilities, and young people living with HIV and other underlining health conditions.

Receiving the items, the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Cynthia Mamle Morrison thanked the two organizations for their support. She said the donation of the sanitizers is timely and will go a long way to support the vulnerable groups the Government of Ghana is supporting.

The Director for the Department of Gender, Dr. Comfort Asare also thanked HFFG for thinking about the plight of marginalized groups at this period.



HFFG and partners provide COVID-19 Community sensitization at Elelebelle.

In Elelebelle in the Western Region of Ghana, HFFG, the Ghana Health Service and the Elelebelle District Assembly continue to provide education on COVID-19 at the community level.

The sensitisations are done through information vans and one on one interactions.

HFFG and its partners have also provided Flash discs loaded with jingles in the various local languages to community information centres for broadcasting.

So far, about 5000 community members from twenty (20) communities have been reached with education on signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and preventive measures including hand washing with soap under running water.



3 SACRED FACTS ABOUT COVID-19



Regular hand washing with soap under running water reduces your chances of contracting COVID-19

There is no vaccine for COVID-19 yet



People who have the virus and have not yet shown signs and symptoms can still spread the disease

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Assistance to COVID-19 front-line security officers.

**#SafeHands
#StaySafe**



The role of security officers in the Global Covid-19 response cannot be underestimated.

They are on the frontline of the response, ensuring that lockdown directives aimed at limiting the community spread of the corona virus are followed.

In Ghana, security officers drawn from the Ghana Police Service, Ghana Armed Forces and Immigration Service have been deployed at various borders, checkpoints and vantage areas to monitor movement of non-essential workers and also to promote the practice of social distance in commercial vehicles and other public spaces.

HFFG and Non-State Actors in Health Ghana recognizing how these officers are likely to be exposed to the coronal virus through number of people they interact with distributed over 200 bottles of alcohol-based hand sanitizers at various security checkpoints in Accra.

Approximately 161 officers stationed at about eleven, checkpoints were commended for their role in efforts to control the pandemic.

They were reminded to regularly use alcohol-based sanitizers if the option of handwashing with soap and under running water is not available.



HFFG supports training of COVID-19 front-line Health workers in Tarkwa.

Hope for Future Generations as a member of the Tarkwa-Nsuaem Municipal COVID-19 Response Team has supported the training of 200 health workers on COVID-19 case management. The health workers will provide care for persons tested positive for COVID-19.

In partnership with the National Commission of Civic Education (NCCE), Ghana Health Service, and the Police Service, Golden Line Partners and Watershed Partners, over 30 communities within the Tarkwa-Nsuaem Municipal have also been reached with information on Covid-19 through dawn and dusk broadcasting.

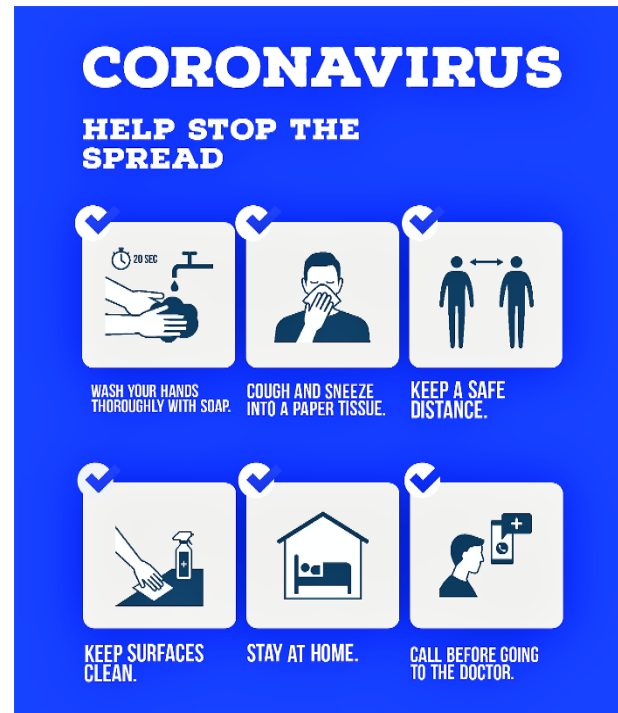
HFFG with partners have also assisted selected health facilities with Veronica buckets, tissue and hand sanitizers and IEC materials.

Community members were educated on the need to adhere to simple, but effective safety measures like washing hands with soap under running water and the practice of social distancing.

“HFFG, believes that when communities, especially marginalized populations are equipped and empowered with the right information, they would be able to make the right decisions and protect themselves even in times of emergencies such as what we have now,” said Rose Amoyaw Baalaboore, Programmes Coordinator of HFFG at Tarkwa.

“We were instrumental during the National Ebola Response in 2014 with financial support from DFID. So we have with the skills and experience in managing such emergencies. We believe this is the time to support the COVID-19 response, especially communities where we operate,” she added.

The initiative is supported by Dutch Foreign Ministry through Simavi on the Golden Line and Watershed Programmes.



HFFG partners UNAIDS to support young persons living with HIV.

Hope for Future Generations HFFG together with UNAIDS-Ghana have identified and provided support to over 100 young persons living with HIV in the wake of the Corona Virus Outbreak.

The adolescents are from the Greater Accra, Northern, Eastern and the Ashanti Regions of Ghana.

They were provided with financial support for food items and all necessary items to help boost their immune systems and stay healthy within this period where some areas in Ghana are under lockdown.

Both UNAIDS-Ghana and HFFG continue to actively engage the young people on various social media platforms by providing them with the right information and psychosocial support.



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