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## ABOUT GHANA (SRHR) ALLIANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Ghana Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Alliance for Young People, known as GH Alliance, is the leader and reference point in SRHR for Young People in Ghana. It is an Alliance of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working together to promote the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of all young people. The Ghana SRHR Alliance is registered as a Non-Profit operating in Ghana with its secretariat located in Accra. The membership of the Ghana SRHR Alliance is currently constituted by six (6) organizations, and they are: Savana Signatures, Curious Mind, NORSAAC, TfSC (Theatre for Social Change), Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG) and Presbyterian Health Innovation Project (PHIP). They are coordinated by a Secretariat and overseen by a National Governing Board (NGB)

The Ghana SRHR Alliance aims at CONVENING, COORDINATING AND CATALYZING the work of actors focused on improving the sexual reproductive health of young people. Over the years, the alliance through the effort of its implementing organization has successfully contributed to the growth of individuals and communities by implementing interventions targeted towards the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Adolescent and Young People with the Alliance's core services such as national level advocacy, technical support, research centre, capacity building and resource mobilization.

As a youth and women-led organization, meaningful youth inclusion and participation have been a key driving force behind the success of the Alliance coupled with the effort of its secretariat staff, member organizations and donor.

**Build a thriving, vibrant and self-sustaining alliance, and secretariat.**

**OUR GOALS**

**Become the National convener of SRHR for young people.**

**Become Anglophone West Africa Regional center of excellence on young people's SRH issues.**

## WELCOME MESSAGE



Message from the Executive Director  
Dorcas Manortey

The COVID-19 pandemic began in late 2019 and peaked in 2020, providing many reasons for countries and organizations around the world to adapt social systems to contain and be resilient to the public health scourge's adverse effects. In building up break from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ghana SRHR Alliance for Young People

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thrived and continued to prioritize the interests of women and girls as well as young people through coordinating, convening, and catalyzing the works of actors focused on improving the sexual reproductive health of young people. The COVID-19 pandemic showed us the importance of using digital technology to reach more of our partners, stakeholders, and most importantly the people who will benefit from our interventions. In this report, we will give you information about our work for the year 2021 and offer you a view of the results achieved as we aim to:

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To conclude, the Secretariat would like to use this medium to express our sincere appreciation to all young people and stakeholders who contributed to making the year a memorable one. The Secretariat is most grateful to the NGB Board Chair, the entire National Governing Board (NGB), the Youth Advisory Body (YAB) of the Alliance, Implementing Partners, and partner Civil Society Organizations. We also appreciate other CSO's that have contributed in various ways to make the 2021 working year a success.

## KEY RESULTS



### Editors and reporters of media houses

Twenty-four (24) journalists (editors and reporters of media houses) were trained on the relevance of the passage of the Bill and provided them with information to write the articles needed to win public support for the passage of the Affirmative Action Bill into Law.

## KEY LESSONS LEARNT

2

Engaging the financial institutions from the planning through to the implementation of the livelihood and entrepreneurial skills training contributed to the smooth linkage of the women groups to the financial institutions.

3

The Project may have been a bit over-ambitious in the plans made for the Economic and Financial Empowerment of Women.

1

Men and boys' engagement is key in promoting the right of women and girls.



5

Frequent engagements between the Community members and the representatives of the Social Justice Institutions made it easier for community members to report cases of SGBV.

4

Advocacy is a process and setting of milestones is key to ensuring an advocacy agenda is obtained.

## PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

### EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (EROP)

#### PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Girls Project dubbed the EROP Project was implemented as a response to numerous human rights challenges women and girls continue to face and as a result do not realize their rights and take opportunities for the advancement of their ambitions and to live fulfilled lives. The goal of the project was to contribute to the realization of gender equality and opportunities for women and girls to live successful lives in Ghana. The project was implemented in five (5) communities each of the selected eleven (11) districts namely: Tamale Metropolis, Sagnerigu Municipal and Gushegu Municipal in the Northern Region, East Mamprusi in the North-East Region, Bolgatanga Municipal, Talensi District, Kasena Nankana West District in the Upper East Region, Nandowli-Kaleo District and Jirapa District in the Upper West and Gomoa West District and Ajumako-Enyan-Essiam District in the Central Region.

#### KEY RESULTS



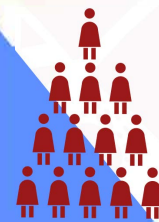
#### Violence Free Against Women

11,134 females and 6,276 males reached on information on women's right 131 teachers trained and educated 537 school pupils on the identification of SGBV within the school and the necessity of reporting cases of SGBV. 33 byelaws enacted and reinforced within the implementing territories. 217 school teachers, school authorities and key workers signed on to an oath to aid in the prevention of SGBV in schools.



#### Livelihood & Entrepreneurial skills

1,950 women and girls were trained on liquid soap making, shower gel making, cake soap making, parazone making, pastry-making (bread, cake, meat pie, rock buns, buff loaf, flour chips and spring rolls) hand sanitizers, hair shampoo and conditioner making, and innovative shea-butter processing and weaving.



## POWER TO YOU(TH) PROJECT (PTY)

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

Power to You(th) is a five-year (2021-2025) programme implemented in seven countries by local consortium partners in Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Senegal, Uganda, with technical support from a global consortium comprising of Amref Flying Doctors, Rutgers, and Sonke Gender Justice (Sonke) and financial backing from Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The overall strategic programme objective of the Power to You(th) is to contribute to more adolescent girls and young women from underserved communities being meaningfully included in all decision-making regarding PtY's three key issues (harmful practices, SGBV and unintended pregnancies). The Consortium fosters the principle of southern-led leadership in the implementation of the programme. Consequently, Power to You(th) is implemented in Ghana by consortium led by Norsaac, Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG), Ghana SRHR Alliance for Young People (GH-Alliance), and Songtaba.

### KEY RESULT

- ❖ 17 (CSOs) witnessed an increased knowledge on sustaining advocacy interventions and strengthening the CSOs civic space and advocacy.
- ❖ Four (4) advocacy initiatives (Street activism, Training, traditional and online media advocacy) were carried out.

### KEY LESSON LEARNED

- There is the need to involve the Community Development and Social Welfare units of the district assemblies as well as the Assembly persons of the target communities to lead in the entry process, especially for rural communities.

**CONSTRAINS & CHALLENGES**



Restrictions on movement and public gatherings led to a halt or delayed implementation of some activities,



Project Officers had to negotiate with the women to settle on selected skills that the whole group could learn together.



Women had a fear of losing their funds if or when a financial institution collapsed. Several women groups trained by Presbyterian Health Innovative Projects



Women empowerment programmes are designed to make women and girls revolt against men and boys. This perception made many members of the community have initial resistance to visits of the EROP support teams



## CONCLUSION

We continue to be optimistic despite the extraordinary circumstances in which we are fighting to eradicate Covid 19 because we know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Despite obstacles, the Ghana SRHR Alliance for Young People was excited to keep carrying out programs that encourage youth, particularly adolescent and young women, to assert their rights and participate in decisions affecting their health. Ghana SRHR Alliance for Young People continues to offer its core service while utilizing leadership, effective gender transformative approaches, and meaningful youth inclusion and participation. a

We are extremely appreciative to all of the organizations that supported the initiatives that were carried out in 2021, including our donors, partners, member organizations, and other institutions.