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**alliance**  
for young people



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# Forward Executive Secretary



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2023 was an exciting and learning moment for us and I am honored at the opportunity to lead an organization of diverse potentials and zeal for the development of young people. I am pleased to present you the 2023 edition of our Impact Report of the Ghana SRHR Alliance for Young People - [GH Alliance]

This report highlights efforts the Alliance put in place to advance issues of adolescents and young people's SRHR, with priority on gender transformation, equality, and social inclusions. As a right based organization, the Alliance has been at the forefront of diverse SRHR advocacy feats: a major highlight is the period poverty campaign in Ghana which yielded government decision to zero taxes on all locally manufactured sanitary product. A great feat for our generation!!!

In pursuing our goal of having healthy and empowered young people, we remain committed to serving as a reference point and a convener for young people's SRHR. This has inspired our innovative interventions over the years', and further facilitated inclusive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and improved livelihood & economic empowerment for adolescent girls and young women. We've been able to advance our advocacy work and engage at different levels with the support of our National Governing Board, Member Organizations, staff, youth advocates and partners like you.

*Finally, I doff my hat to all the young people that have remained resilient and dedicated toward the agenda: most especially our volunteers, staff, the civil society platforms in Ghana and our committed donors. We can only achieve better results when we work together and that is what the GH Alliance stands to achieve. With your sustained partnership, we look forward to continuing our commitment to SRHR advocacy and ensuring 2024 is another year for young people and women of reproductive age- because we know that this will help expand choices for all.*

*Ayekoo!*



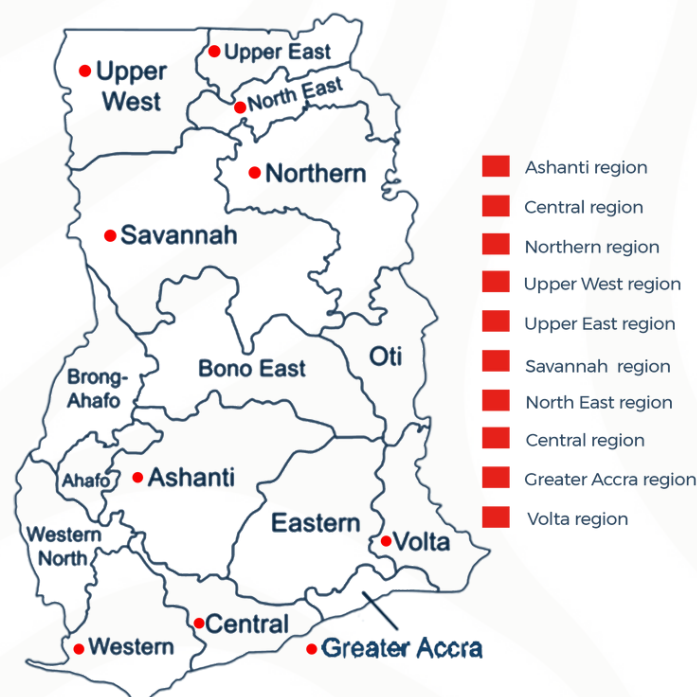
## Who are we ?

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The Ghana Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Alliance for young people has a unique character of a social action coalition on sexual reproductive health. A partnership of independent Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) leveraging on each other's roles and competences in prosecuting a common sexual reproductive health agenda. The Alliances' strength lies in the collective, yet diverse experiences, rich and varied expertise that complement one another's efforts to contribute to meeting the SRHR needs of young people in Ghana. Also, the opportunity to effectively collaborate with other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Government agencies and development partners to improve young people's SRHR. Over the past decade, the Ghana SRHR Alliance has committed to achieving a healthy and empowered young people in Ghana and Africa. This commitment has seen the alliance applied well-tailored interventions using evidence-based advocacy, policy dialogue, capacity building, knowledge enhancement and livelihood empowerment to drive development and growth among adolescent and young people.

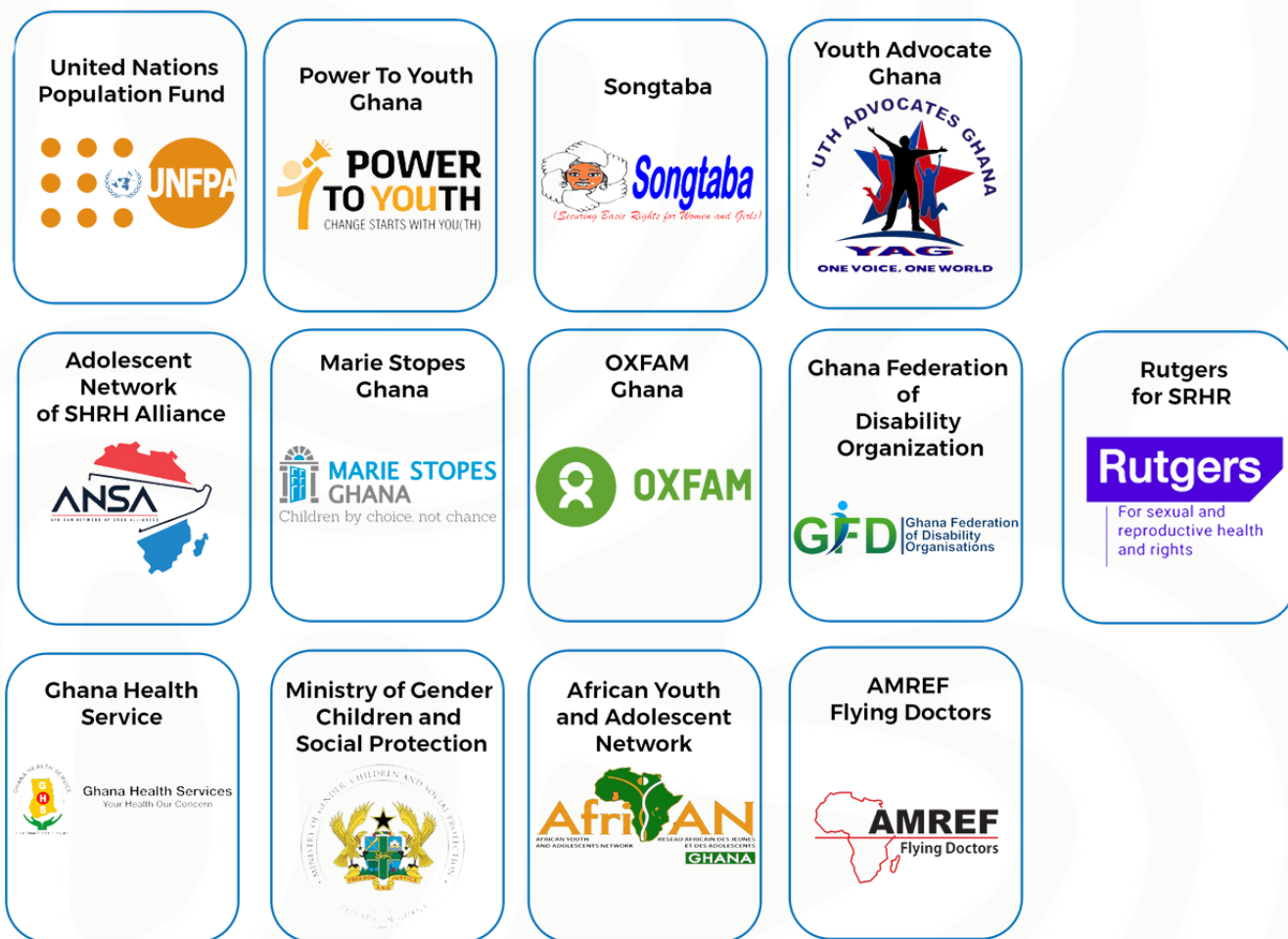
These great strides are attributed to the application of human centered design (HCD) approach, collaborative efforts of our member organizations staff, secretariat's staff and volunteers, and continuous support of our partners and donors.

The Alliance is represented through the presence of its member organizations across the country.



Recognized under the NPO Secretariat as a registered Alliance of non-profit organizations in Ghana, our influence is felt in over 90% districts across the country with our functional secretariat being in Accra.

# WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARTNERS



## AND DONORS

We would also like to thank our donors who have supported us over the decade : KGL Foundation and The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands;



# 2023 Exciting Moments

## Period Poverty Campaign

The Ghana SRHR Alliance for young people was in the co-driving force behind the national advocacy agenda on the removal of luxury taxes on sanitary product. This momentous advocacy wins the scrapping of taxes on locally manufactured sanitary pad, zero percent (0%) taxes on imported materials that would be used to produce local products and sets the tone for advocacy for the total removal of luxury taxes. Hence providing enabling environment for the growth and development of young people and women of reproductive age.



## Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign

The Alliance's Youth Advisory Body in collaboration with the Rotary Club Northern Chapter carried out an extensive campaign using social media (twitter) and traditional media (radio) for sensitization and awareness creation, and education and screening program to secondary schools (Tamale Girls SHS, and Wamale E/A JHS). With this campaign, a total of 480 adolescent girls and young women were screened for breast cancer and 1,263 young people were educated and sensitized directly with over 8,025 impressions and engagement via social media.



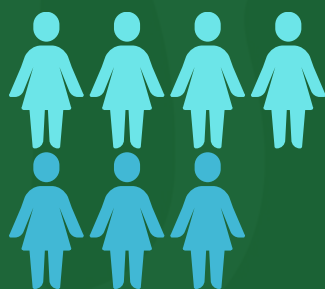
# Our Impact Stories

## Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Significantly, the Alliance increased its SRHR impact through its major programs and projects: Power to Youth Programme, The I Choose Project and a national media campaign were led to end Child Marriage in Ghana.

The Power to Youth (PtY) program's third-year country program was implemented by the GH Alliance with the support of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The program has played a significant role in enhancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) from underprivileged communities.

### Results



**Over 5000 adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) were directly reached with informed SRHR choices and services.**





## Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Access to rights-based, safe, effective, quality, affordable and acceptable contraceptive information, and services, encourages people to decide when to have children, the number of children they would like, and their preferred timing and spacing. Thus, with support from the KGL Foundation the Alliance, implemented the I Choose Project to address the prevailing cases of unintended teenage pregnancies and increasing rate of HIV within the North Tongu Municipality in the Volta Region of Ghana. The unavailability, unaffordability, and inaccessibility of essential Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information and services for adolescents and young people in Togorme, Fodzoku, Mepe and Aveyime keeps endangering the lives of young people. Several approaches were employed including the use of empowerment and livelihood support for teenage mothers, integrating SRHR with entertainments activities (SRHR Edutainment), and the provision of free SRHR services, including family planning for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), with special emphasis on teenage mothers.

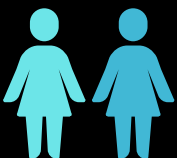
### Results



**1,118 adolescents and 78 teenage mothers were reached with SRH service.**



**(25) clients (HIV positive) were registered and linked to ART services with the facilities.**



**(10) service providers were trained in dealing with young people living with HIV (YPLWHIV) and eight (8) existing groups or associations were strengthened.**





**2,659 adolescents and young people were reached with information on reproductive health issues**



**702 information, education, and communication (IEC) materials were developed to ensure access to SRHR information**



**(4) Adolescent friendly learning hubs were strengthened, and seventy (70) adolescents and young people were provided with culturally sensitive, and age appropriate SRHR information and education.**

## Civil Society and Coalitions Strengthening

The core existence of the Ghana SRHR Alliance for young people is hinged on the aim of convening, coordinating, and catalyzing the work of actors (primarily CSOs) focused on improving the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people. The SRHR Alliance primary beneficiaries are the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and Youth Led Organizations (YLOs) with interest in the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people. The Alliance desires to be the leading authoritative voice, speaking up through social media, online and traditional media on SRHR issues. This is achieved using the unique opportunity the Alliance has in coordinating the work of its members and other stakeholders to drive policy changes, advocates for changes in institutions/systems.

In 2023, the Alliance amplifies its coordination role, With support from the Power to You(th) programme, the Alliance institute a CSO learning hub to strengthen CSOs capacity in amplifying young people’s voice to claim, protect and expand the civic space. This strategy brings various CSOs, youth networks, youth led organizations and movement of youth together and facilitates capacity building sessions with and by the CSOs within the hub.



of 48 CSOs/YLOs and 60 youth networks, associations and movement were collated and categorized into four (4) regional hubs (Northern, North East, Savanna, and Upper East regions) across the country.



Each hub has a minimum of 20 members (CSOs, YLOs, youth networks, associations, and movement) and holds at least 4 sessions (16 sessions in all) throughout the year.

## Impact

Owing to the capacity received via the CSOs Learning Hub, Kenyitiwale, a youth network in Buipe Savanna Region, networked with other youth groups/networks (Youth for Peace, Neutral Parliament, and Young Starlet) to demand their space at the traditional decision-making platform. This act of networking and coalition building resulted in having unity and hence prompted Chief Jinapor II to create and allocate a slot for young people at the decision making.

The Alliance maximize the I Choose; My Choice, My Right project with support from the KGL Foundation to catalyze the efforts and work of Savana Signatures (SavSign), Theatre for Social Change (TfSC) and Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG) as implementers of the project within the North Tongu District

# Advocacy and Policy Influence

The Alliance serve as a policy influencer agent to represent members', public and community interests in policy, promote pro-adolescent policies, negotiate public SRHR standards and approaches, build policy consensus, disseminate policy positions, and enhance public support for SRHR and human rights policies.

In the year under review, the Alliance through the Power to You(th) programme, conducted several initiatives to advocate for the advancement and development of young people SRHR. These initiatives include.

## Media Advocacy



21 radio discussions were conducted,



3 TV appearances were held.



15 social media engagements (Twitter space, chat, and post) were carried out throughout the year.



## Stakeholders Engagement

The Alliance convened and coordinated engagements with stakeholders to end child marriage, sexual and gender-based violence, reduce teenage pregnancy, and promote menstrual health management, involving various actors.

## Policy Dialogue

During the year under review, the Cyber Security Act, Domestic Violence Act, and the Adolescent Reproductive Health Policy were dialogued among relevant stakeholders to secure their continuous support and commitment to the growth and development of adolescent and young people.





# Target reached through media campaigns

## Media Channels

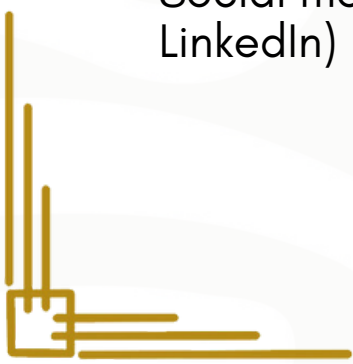
Radio discussion (21)



TV Appearances (3)



Social media (X, Facebook and LinkedIn)





## Livelihood and Economic Empowerment

Research has it that, livelihood initiatives contribute significantly to the reduction in economic burden and underlining SRHR and other instruments of abuse and violence that women in Low- and Middle-Income Countries are subjected to. Thus, linking economic empowerment as a tool and channels to increase SRHR knowledge and uptake of related service for adolescent girls and young women would heighten development.

Under the KGL funded project 'I Choose', Sixty (60) teenage mothers of ages 12 to 19 years were selected and trained with economic empowerment and entrepreneurial skills. These trainings were to facilitate financial independence and further reduce the poverty cycle among parents and children. Entrepreneur skills trained included soap making and bead making. They were further provided with financial literacy and basic business management etiquette to make them economically viable and stable.

GH Alliance leveraged these sessions to further provide key behavioral change trainings on assertiveness, negotiating safe sex and condom use to avoid STI's and unwanted pregnancies. Teenage mothers were provided with free family planning packages and further referred to appropriate health facilities (GHS & PPAG).



## IWOBI'S STORY

Iwobi grew up as the only female amongst three (3) males, her mother trades at the community's market square whiles her father operates as transport worker (commercial driver). For the past 18 years, she has lived her life solely on the words and doings of her colleagues and friends around her neighbourhood in Togorme community. Togorme, a hard-to-reach community, lacks access to basic healthcare services and information. Iwobi got herself in a myriad of risky sexual behaviour that led to endangering circumstances (teenage pregnancy and STIs) for her.

Through the I CHOOSE intervention, Iwobi got roped into the programme as a teen mother to partake in a livelihood skills acquisition as a form of economic empowerment.

Click here [Iwobi's Story](#).

## Our Member Organizations





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