

GHANA RED CROSS SOCIETY AND IRAN CLINIC MEDICAL SCREENING AND DONATION.



The day marked the celebration of the world Red Cross and Red Crescent day on the 8th of May 2021 on the theme "Unstoppable" was appropriately named in view of the covid -19 Pandemic and how volunteers and frontline workers around the world are sharing strength with those in need relentlessly during this time. While most of us are asked to stay at home, a few brave ones are out there on the streets aiding those affected by the virus selflessly. These unstoppable heroes are celebrated today and rightfully should be every day.

The Secretary General Samuel Kofi Addo during the presentation of the items said these items are donated to these children in commemoration of the celebration of the World Red Cross and Crescent day and at the time that these children are going through their reformatory lives to become responsible adult in future is happy to be here today to touch the lives of these young once.

The Medical Director of Iran clinic, Dr. Seyed Mohammad Ali Salahatpour, said Iran Clinic is committed to support with such service in the country and assured the Prison Service that should there be any need for a medical service, they could come to the Iran clinic anytime any day with a hospital note from the Ghana Red Cross Society and the inmates will be given treatment free of charge.

Madam. Milicent Owusu, the officer- in Charge of the James Camp Prison, Senior correctional center thanked the Iran clinic and the Ghana Red Cross Society leadership for these kind donations. she said the center has about 248 juveniles in their custody with ages ranging from 18-21 years. They have an infirmary and in cases where the juveniles need extra care, they are taken to 37 Military Hospital or the Police Hospital. She was thankful for the gesture shown them and appealed that the red cross and red crescent aid by refurbishing their infirmary.



The Ghana Red Cross Society in Collaboration with the Iran Clinic have given a free medical Screening and food items to 248 Inmates at the James Camp prison, senior Correctional Center at the Prison headquarters at Accra.

Their vitals and blood glucose were checked as well as malaria profile. They are then asked to see the doctor for a consultation and if there is the need for an in-depth check a hospital referral note stamped by the Ghana Red Cross Society was given to the patient to take to Iran clinic for further treatment. The treatment focused on the following sickness. Malaria, Gastritis, Body pain Hypertension, Diabetes, Chest infections, Skin infections, Hematinic, other items such as rice, sugar, milo milk, cooking oil, veronica Bucket, hand sanitizers and Toiletries were the items donated. These items worth about 18,000 Ghana Cedis.

MATERNAL, NEONATAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MNCH)



Ghana Red Cross Society in partnership with Ghana Health Service with funding support from Swiss Red Cross is implementing MNCH project in Northern and Upper East Regions of the country has contributed significantly to the Ministry of Health strategy which has maternal and child health as a key priority.

This partnership further supports the government of Ghana towards its efforts in achieving the SDGs goal 3 which seeks to achieve good health and well-being for the people of Ghana. The project achieved several milestones with the period under consideration. Included the following outcomes.

The target of 80% of infants < 6 months of age received only breast milk was planned for the project in 2018 was not achieved per the end line survey results (65%). At baseline in 2018, 63% of the respondent practiced exclusive breast feeding. At end line, there was a marginal increase to 65%. Additionally. The target set for the project with regard to number of women who knew at least 3 danger signs in related to pregnancy, postnatal period and in new-borns was 80% each. The baseline results were however very low.

The percentage of women who knew at least 3 danger signs in pregnancy, postnatal mothers and new-borns were 31%, 26.9% and 26.9% respectively. The end line survey conducted in 2020 showed significant increase in percentage compared to the baseline survey. Thus 73.3%, 65.5% and 70.3 % in pregnancy, postnatal period and new-borns respectively.

Though none of the targets were achieved per the end line survey, the increase in the practice of exclusive breastfeeding and knowledge in danger signs was remarkable. This was an indication of positive impact of project interventions over the years; community durbars, interactive radio shows and house to house activities by the Mother Club members.

The project procured 10 functional tricycles in 2017 and still in use by communities under the beneficiary Community Health Program Services (CHPs) catchment zones. Access to health services by the pregnant women during ante natal care, labour and other general emergencies health conditions were enhanced by the tricycles. An additional 22 additional tricycles earmarked for both the NR and Upper East Region were procured and handed over to the Ghana health service in 2020 an MoU was signed by the parties: GHS, GRCS and SRC. Besides, 110 Haemocue devices and cuvettes were procured and donated to Ghana Health Service in the Upper East Region in 2020 to meet the basic requirement of HB test for pregnant women during their routine ANC visits.

The aim was to promote resilient health systems for quality of life at the local level which could facilitates the achievement of SDG 3. Over 37 HB devices were also donated to the Ghana Health Service in the Northern Region for allocation to the CHPs in the MNCH project operating districts. In the picture is the Ghana Red Cross Pretendent handing over keys of tricycle to the Director of public health in the Region.



Ghana Red Cross **BUILD HOUSES** *For* **DISASTER VICTIMS** *in the* **UPPER EAST REGION**



Ghana experienced torrential rains in Upper East (UER) Region of the country. The worrying trend of report indicated that most roads cut off, houses collapsed, and many acres of farmlands destroyed due to increased volume of water in the rivers which as a result had led to the breakage of banks and overflowing of the neighbouring areas.

The reports also in some cases recorded deaths, injuries, and many people rendered homeless in UER and camped in area councils. The Ghana Meteorological Agency reported that the torrential rains were to continue until the end of October 2019.

The rapid assessment carried by National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) and had indicated that over 26,000 people from 116 communities had been affected in UER, with 15 fatalities reported. Major impacts included people displacements, farmland wastage, injuries, and death.

Swiss Red Cross (SRC) Country Office in Ghana worked with Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) to respond to the flood



impacts, to mitigate the impact of the same to the populations in UER especially in the area with the greatest impact from the rains and floods.

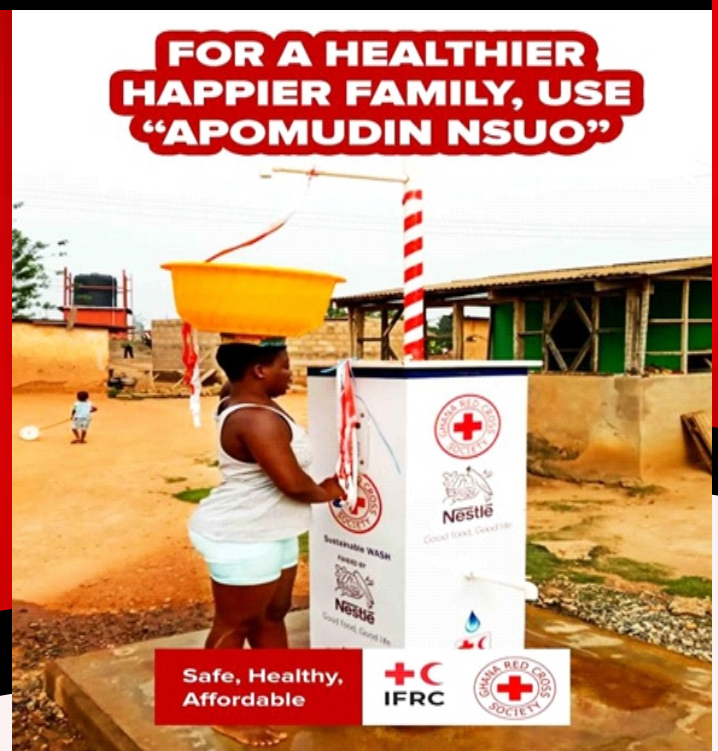
SRC had in the past supported GRCS to respond to disasters, and such proposed and provided immediate humanitarian assistance to the flood affected people and provided shelter to these communities. The proposed project fell within the DRR project implemented in the UER and was in line with both SRC and GRCS country programme strategic objectives.

Due to the destruction of infrastructure as a result of the torrential rains in the Upper East region, several houses were destroyed and consequently displaced families who temporarily took refuge in community centres. The most affected communities in respect of shelter were Manyoro, Nuntagnia, Chuchuliga, Bilinsa, Sienise and Kaasa. However, the impact of the floods in the region was greater, hence the justification for the implementation of the reconstruction project in the Upper East region to provide flood resistant shelter for the affected households.

A total of 102 two bedrooms were constructed for 102 affected peoples in the said region with funding support Swiss Red Cross. The Ghana Red Cross Society implemented the project with technical assistance from Department of Rural Housing in the Upper East Region. The NADMO and the District Assemblies of the affected districts also provided monitoring support.

The houses were handed over the beneficiaries by the President of Ghana Red Cross Society through a handing over ceremony at Manyoro. The occasion was graced by the Upper East Regional Minister, Country Director of Swiss Red Cross and Regional Chairman of Upper East. The chiefs and people of the beneficiaries expressed their appreciation to Red Cross for the support.

GHANA SUSTAINABLE WASH PROJECT



This project is a partnership between Nestle and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, (IFRC) dating back since, 2014, continue to serve most vulnerable cocoa growing farmers in Ghana. The partnership continues to raise the profile of both institutions clearly demonstrating *shared values* and collectively contributing to the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) particularly SDG 6, focused on the provision of sustainable access to water and sanitation.

The progress made on the NESTLE/IFRC partnership includes additional funding of CHF 1 million as per contract amendments made in May 2019 ending in December 2021. The additional funding is specifically earmarked to Ghana Sustainable WASH project aimed at serving additional 50,000 people in 14 cocoa producing communities with sustainable WASH services by December 2021. The new phase II of the SU-WASH is one of the IFRC flagship and innovative development project angled on three strategic approaches namely: **Strategic partnership:** Established strategic partnership with key stakeholders including, government agencies at all levels ,academia, research consultants and other movement partners and agreed on a common approach and complementarities in providing WASH services.



Training and Establishment of Regional Emergency Response Team

In order to strengthen the capacity of the Emergency Response Teams at the regional level and be better equipped in a wake of any emergencies in the country such as internal conflict, humanitarian crisis and terrorism. The Emergency Response Team Western and Volta regions were retrained in their respective regions to further enhance the response capacity of these teams in the event of any emergency or crisis. A total of 20 volunteers from the Central region were trained and the training was facilitated by Disaster Manager and Regional Managers of the respective regions.

The purpose of this retraining was to review and update participants on the overview of emergency response, fundamental principles, first aid in emergencies and others. This activity was supported by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)



Team members going through CPR hands-on

DISTRIBUTION OF DISASTER RELIEF ITEMS IN THE UPPER EAST REGION



Last year between July and September 2020, heavy rains in the Upper East, Northern, Savannah and North East Regions of Ghana accompanied with spilling of excess water from the Bagre Dam at Burkina Faso and severe rainstorms caused flooding and extensive damage to many homes in ten (10) districts. The districts were: Savelugu, Kumbungu, Zabzugu, Tatale/Sanguli, Tolon, Gushegu, Karaga and Saboba in the Northern Region, In the Savannah Region the affected districts are North Gonja and Central Gonja. For the North East Region, the districts were West Mamprusi and Moagduri. The districts affected were Tanlensi, Kasena Nankana Municipal and Bawku East in Upper East Region.

The situation led to displacement of many peoples from their houses. Affected people were as follows: 2,103 people in the Northern Region. A total of 3209 males and 3,680 females were reported to be affected directly. Again, 4,186 male children, and 4,123 female children were reported to be affected indirectly. There was no death recorded during the period. Majority of the displaced people have moved to join the friends and other family members during COVID 19 pandemic. A total of 102 communities from 9 districts were negatively affected by the flood's disaster. Some displaced victims are keeping up in many public buildings such as Schools.

In the savannah region, the situation has led to displacement of many peoples from their houses and NADMO reported that a total of 15,282 people in the Region has been affected, out of which 2,403 are males and 4,821 are females. Also, among the affected are 8,058 Children (4,169 males, 3,889 females). NADMO reported one death case of a four-year-old girl. A total of 45 communities from 2 districts were negatively affected by the Floods.

Some displaced victims are keeping up with relatives and friends as many public buildings such as Schools which would have served as safe havens were not left out in this flood disaster.

The situation was because of heavy rains which affected many communities and later 2 community dams broke their banks and washed away 3 communities that led to displacement of many peoples from their houses. NADMO reported that a total of affected people are as follows: 4,731 people. A total of 1,099 males and 1,425 females were reported to be affected directly. Children affected were 2,207 (1,003 males and 1,204 females) were reported to be affected. There was one death reported case. A total of 28 communities from 2 districts were negatively affected by the rainstorm disaster.

Over 413 houses were partially destroyed in the rapid assessment conducted by GRCS Community Preparedness and Response Teams (CDPRTs) and NADMO in Northern Region. In the Savannah Region 79 houses were destroyed in the assessment

District Assemblies of the affected areas and NADMO were able to support these displaced people with food, Mosquito nets and clothing. Multimedia Group supported Red Cross with relief items which include food and non-food items for the jointly selected communities in North East, Northern, Savannah and Upper East. The relief operation was done in collaborations with Multimedia regional correspondents at various regions.



5.1.0. ELECTION DAY DEPLOYMENT



The National Society with support from ICRC deployed five hundred and sixty-five (565) personnel to response to emergencies and other humanitarian services during General Election 2020 IN Ghana. The personnel included: volunteer first aiders, regional and headquarters staff, drivers, and Management committee members. The team were provided with First Aid Kit, face mask, Sanitizers, aprons, overcoats.

The Regions supported some of their operational Districts to set up hand washing points. The Regional committee members monitored the election response. There was tension in many parts of the country and fighting at some constituencies which resulted killing

of individuals at those constituencies in the country. The team at some polling stations responded to some casualties with first aid services, temperature monitoring and assisted hand washing stations.

The National Society election response taskforce was led by the Secretary General and coordinated by the Disaster Manager at the National level. The Regional Managers coordinated and supervised their



With the support of Swiss Red Cross, materials and equipment to enhance the operation of the established District Disaster Response Teams (DDRTs) were distributed various teams in their respective regions. The presentation ceremony was done by the Disaster Management Coordinator and Regional Managers. The Materials that were presented to the (32) thirty-two DDRTs were as follows: Megaphones, Jacket (Vest), wheel barrows, shovels, pick axes and First Aid Kits



In the framework for community-led disaster management, 85 communities were selected in Upper East and Northern region for the establishment of Community Disaster Preparedness and Response Teams and Community Disaster Oversight Committees in each of the 85 communities.

In consultation with the leadership of the communities 15 people from each of the communities were selected and trained on overview of disaster management, emergency first aid, management of fires and swimming drills (boat accident prone communities).

The teams' members were selected by members of the community who want to be better prepared for the

hazards that threaten their communities. The roles of the teams are to promote community awareness of potential hazards and preparedness measures, conduct search and rescue, among others. The Oversight Committees are to ensure that the teams carry out their prescribed roles in the community.

Materials and equipment to enhance the operation of the established were distributed to the 25 Communities Disaster Preparedness and Response Teams (CDPRTs) in the five zones of the Northern Region. The presentation ceremony was done by the Disaster Management Coordinator, Swiss Red Cross Logistics/DRR Coordinator, Regional Manager and District Organizers. The Materials that were presented to the (51) fifty-one CDPRTs were as follows:

Bicycles, Life Jackets (Vest), Life Buoys, Nylon Ropes, Cutlasses, Wellington Boots, First Aid Kits, Red Cross T-shirts, Red Cross Jackets, Fire Extinguishers, and Fire beaters.



Presentation of materials for the CDPRTs in Bolgatanga.

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