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2019 was yet another good year, where we continued to deliver on our mandate to support Ghana's efforts to eradicate poverty, reduce inequalities and build resilience to crisis and shocks. Within the framework of our Country Programme for Ghana (2018-2022), we focused our work on various interventions to contribute to inclusive governance; and to promote green, equitable, and resilient development. At the heart of our programme interventions are key cross cutting themes including policy integration, economic empowerment, gender equality, and HIV/Health.

Together with our partners, we achieved great results that will take us further towards the achievement of the SDGs. For instance, in the area of democratic, accountable and inclusive governance, we are grateful to our partners for working with us to promote the rights of many; supporting poor and vulnerable people to have access to legal aid services.

Through these partnerships, advocacy has increased on equal rights for both men and women. Laying the ground for a peaceful and fair elections in 2020, we co-created a multi-stakeholder consultative platform on peace and governance to promote dialogue and build consensus in addressing political vigilantism and electoral violence.

In the area of environment, climate change continues to be one of the greatest challenges facing humanity and addressing this remains critical. The results achieved on climate actions are encouraging, particularly in areas such as water resource management, climate change learning and financing, sustainable energy and land use and notably on climate adaptation options, that continue to improve livelihoods for many people including women.

In addition, our work on chemical and waste management is contributing to collective efforts to protect the environment.

On the policy front, we are proud that, together with all partners, Ghana was able to successfully present its Voluntary National Review (VNR) on SDGs progress at the 74th UN General Assembly. We also supported data production on human development indices to inform policy decisions.

Moreover, the youth remain at the centre of our work and with the National Youth Authority (NYA), we launched the Ghana YouthConnekt Platform. Through this platform, we are supporting young people, to empower them to contribute meaningfully to SDGs achievement.

Ghana is benefiting from the UNDP global Accelerator Labs networks and our Accelerator Lab team is fully on board. We are looking forward to leveraging grassroots solutions, technology and innovations to address the many development challenges confronting us to recover and build back better.

We were very proud to have hosted the High-Level Dialogue and Cluster Meeting of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA) on the theme “Africa’s Money for African Development: A Future Beyond Aid”, which explored how Africa can optimize the use of its resources, creativity and innovation to finance the continent’s development agenda. These two separate events were attended by various dignitaries including the President of Ghana, H.E Nana Akufo-Addo, other high-level representatives from across Africa, the UNDP Administrator, Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Regional Director for Africa, Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Resident Representatives from UNDP Offices in 45 African countries with their Deputies and UNDP Economists from the continent.

As the UN development agency, UNDP continues to work with sister agencies within the UN system in Ghana to support the country to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs. Despite all challenges, 2019 laid a strong foundation to usher us into a decade of action for the SDGs.
Facilitated research in 5 communities which identified grassroots engagement as key to preventing vigilantism and electoral violence.

Co-created a multi-stakeholder peace and governance platform to promote dialogue and build consensus in addressing political vigilantism and electoral violence.

Engaged nearly 300 youth (67% men & 33% women) to prevent vigilantism and promote peace in communities.

Provided support for the marking of about 8000 police weapons to enhance weapons stockpile and inventory management.

Improved knowledge of 100 journalists including editors on conflict sensitive reportage, to promote peaceful elections.

Enhanced capacity of over 160 newly appointed electoral officers for free and fair elections.

Assisted with the reviving of Inter-Party Dialogue Committees (IPDCs) in 10 regions and established IPDC’s in 6 new regions to promote a peaceful environment before, during and after elections.
Assisted the drafting and validation of Ghana’s 2nd National Action Plan (GHANAP II) on UNSCR 1325 by 32 women and 11 men, to prioritize the needs and role of women in conflict.
Advocacy on Health Issues

Equipped 38 representatives of Ghana AIDS Commission’s Regional Advocacy and Dissemination Team with requisite knowledge to increase advocacy on HIV.

HIV Stigma and Discrimination Platform

Facilitated the development of Online Training Manual on HIV Stigma and Discrimination, and improved knowledge of 35 officers of the Commission of Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) to reduce HIV stigma and discrimination.

HIV Training for Health Reporters

Improved knowledge of over 60 health reporters to increase HIV sensitization.

Stakeholders Engaged on HIV and AIDS

Improved knowledge of 69 participants including 47 queen mothers on HIV and AIDS to encourage uptake of HIV services within communities.

Med safety Mobile App

Supported launch of Med safety mobile app for reporting side effects of health products including medicines and vaccines.
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**Water Resource Management**
- **4** basin water management plans developed to mainstream climate change into local water resource management planning.
- **8** dams/dugouts provided to increase communities’ access to water in Northern Ghana.

**Sustainable Energy**
- Supported construction of first mini-hydro power plant, benefiting about **250** households.
- Ghana’s Renewable Energy Master Plan developed to promote renewable energy uptake.

**Sustainable Land Use**
- **24,000** cocoa farmers improved their knowledge on environmentally sustainable cocoa production practices.
- **1000** trees registered with a mobile app to encourage afforestation.
- **24** water bodies protected with tree buffers.

**Climate Learning/ Finance**
- Climate change and green economy integrated into primary schools educational curricula and trained **50** teachers.
- **250** officers improved their knowledge on tracking climate finance expenditure at the sub-national level.
- Co-hosted African Climate Week and engaged over **300** stakeholders to mobilize investment for climate action.

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Disaggregated and refined Ghana’s Economy-wide NDC mitigation targets into sector targets with achievable actions and developed two sectoral (energy and waste) mitigation plans to achieve the sectoral targets.

Developed training manual on Low Carbon Development and Private Investment Mobilization Strategies and improved knowledge of over 30 participants from the private sector on low carbon project development to mobilize resources to support the implementation of Ghana’s NDCs.

Developed Monitoring, Reporting and Verification System for the Energy and Transport Sectors for the implementation of Ghana’s Nationally Determined Contributions.

Revised Ghana’s Nationally Determined Contributions implementation plan to take into consideration gender dimensions.

Supported government’s participation in COP 25.

Improving Livelihoods for Climate Adaptation

12,600 people directly benefiting from shea, groundnut and baobab processing in 22 communities.

640 people (60% women) benefiting from dry season gardening.

200 people (60% women), benefiting from fish farming in 9 communities, with 1000 fish stock per cage per community.

13,480 people in 35 communities, directly benefiting from beekeeping.

Implementation of Ghana’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
 Provided a convening mechanism for dialogue on waste recovery in Ghana. This created a space for stakeholder engagement on topical national issues on circular economy and facilitated new partnerships.

Policy and Guidelines on healthcare waste management revised. This was endorsed by Ministry of Health and Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation.

National strategy for mercury phaseout in the health sector drafted.

Technical and financial support provided to 10 innovative business, research and advocacy projects to promote waste recovery and circular economy.

300 health-workers improved their knowledge in healthcare waste management.

800 students sensitized on ozone layer protection.

1400 technicians equipped to use efficient ozone-friendly refrigerants in refrigeration and air-conditioning.

A significant reduction in the consumption of the ozone depleting refrigerant (R22 hydrochlorofluorocarbons [HCFCs]) in Ghana’s refrigeration sector, with nearly 38,000 kg of R22 HCFCs recovered through retrofitting of 10,202 ACs.
POLICY INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Building Resilience of Local Economies and SDGs Financing

1,500 rural women farmers and processors being empowered to leverage digital technology for improved livelihoods.

30 key national partners improved their knowledge and understanding to implement innovative financing tools such as Green Bonds.

Youth Entrepreneurship

Launched Ghana YouthConnekt platform, engaging over 800 youth to unleash young people’s potential for SDGs achievement.

Awarded a cohort of 16 youth innovators grants of USD 5000 each to grow their businesses, and providing business development support, mentorship and coaching to accelerate SDGs actions.

Policy and Human Development

Supported preparation and reporting of Ghana’s Voluntary National Review (VRR) on SDGs progress at the 74th UN General Assembly.

Supported multidimensional poverty index for Ghana – looking at poverty beyond incomes.
We used to suffer to get water, especially during the dry season as we had to travel a long distance. With this borehole, water supply is close-by, we can only be grateful.

Fatima Mahama in Bihinaayilli, Northern Region and a Community Member benefiting from our boreholes.

I have made good income from my first harvest, more than Ghc1000 from the sale from 3 beds of green pepper, 4 beds of lettuce and cabbage. I also have onions, cucumber and pumpkin leaves ready for the market.

Godfred Datuah, a Farmer in Goli, Upper West Region and a Beneficiary of our Climate Adaptation Project.

I am now more careful and try to sieve through every information I receive on politics and pick out what will benefit the public in order not to promote any agenda. The media training was very useful.

Kwesi Parker-Wilson, Senior Multimedia Journalist and Beneficiary of the Conflict Sensitive Reportage Training.

Winning this award is a dream come true. I feel fulfilled and ready to prove my worth. I am really grateful to UNDP and NYA for this opportunity.

Enoch Keitu, one of the SDGs Innovation Award Winners.

Programme Communications

Leveraged traditional, digital and online media to showcase partnerships and programme interventions, resulting in an average monthly audience reach of 40 million on UNDP’s interventions in Ghana.

Voices from the Field

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In 2019, UNDP Ghana delivered an amount of 6,854,384.17 US dollars on its programmes and activities. The following charts present break-downs on delivery per programme cluster and on funding partners.
Government/National Partners

- Forestry Commission
- Water Resources Commission
- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of Food & Agriculture
- Ghana Investment Promotion Centre
- Waste Recovery Platform Partners
- National Development Planning Commission
- Northern Development Authority
- NCCE (National Commission for Civic Education)
- Ghana Journalists Association
- Ghana Statistical Service
- National Youth Authority
- YES (Youth Empowerment Synergy)
- Ashesi
Multilateral/ Bilateral Partners

British High Commission

The Federal Government

From the People of Japan

Canada

GOBIERNO DE ESPANA

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

GLOBAL PLASTIC ACTION PARTNERSHIP

ORAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

GREEN CLIMATE FUND

30 MONTREAL PROTOCOL

caring for all life under the sun

THE WORLD BANK

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP

Private Sector Partners

Mondelez International

Vodafone Ghana Foundation

PEF

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