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Key Highlights

High level advocacy on health sovereignty and Universal Health Coverage by WHO Director General and WHO Africa Regional Director



40+

national experts trained on data quality assurance, stratified analysis, and system configuration.



\$14,509

worth of medical supplies donated to restore essential health services for 1,000 people affected by inter-ethnic conflict in Savannah Region

1,649

health facilities nationwide supported to improve data quality and service monitoring through the HHFA Quality of Care module



417

Zonal facilitators trained in mid level management and immunization in practice modules

NCD E-Tracker introduced in DHIS-2 patient monitoring

6

scientific publications on antimicrobial research

130 +

Community Mental Health Staff trained across six regions

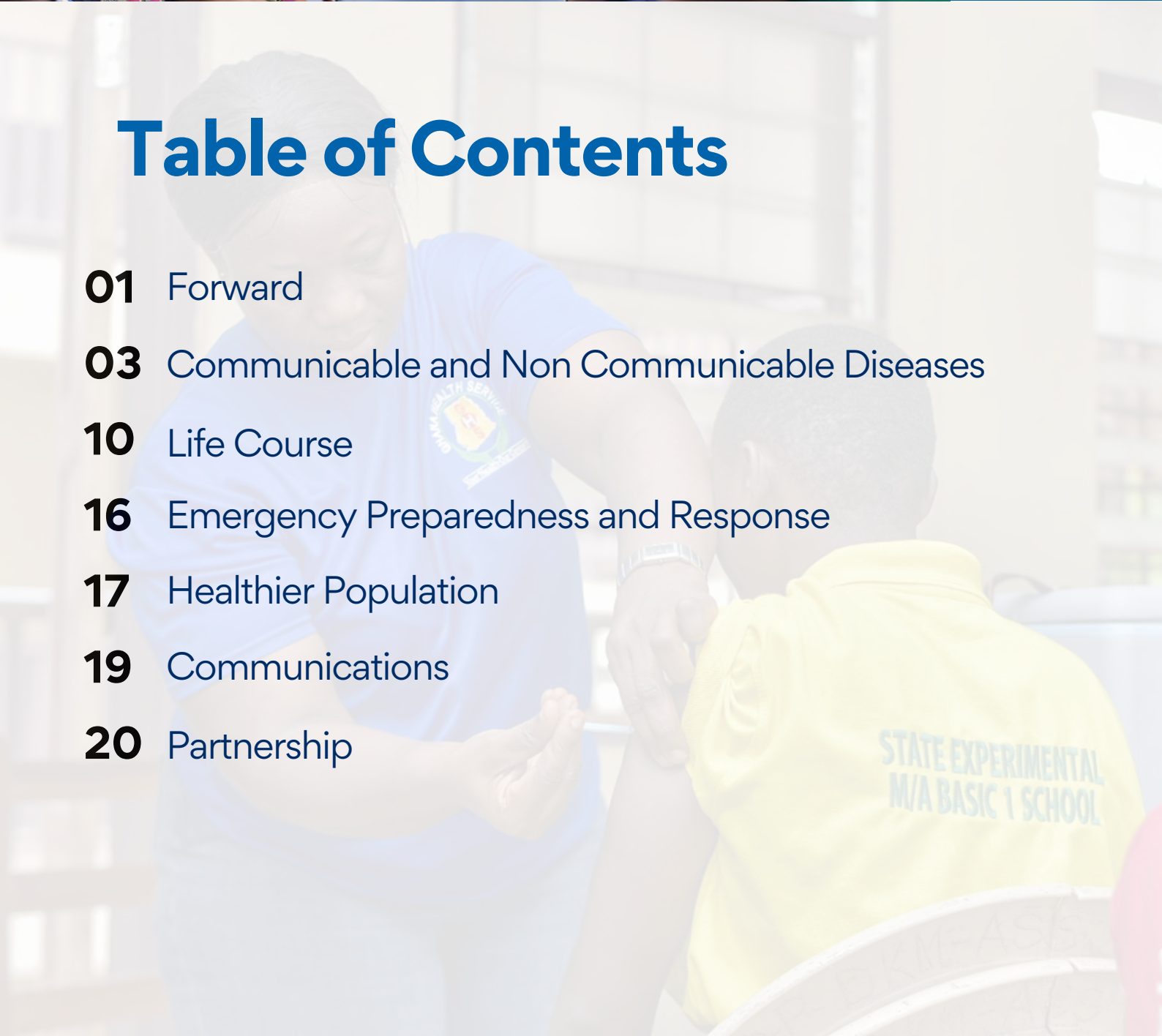


Completed post-Introduction Evaluation (PIE) of the R21 malaria vaccine



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Message from WHO Ghana Representative

The third quarter of 2025 was marked with progress and partnership towards health for all in Ghana. It was a privilege to welcome the WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and the Regional Director for Africa, Dr Mohammed Janabi to Ghana for the Africa Health Sovereignty Summit, a landmark moment that positioned Ghana at the center of Africa's vision for health self-reliance and stronger systems.

Throughout the past quarter, WHO continued to provide technical support for the ongoing health reforms, Free Public Health Care and Mahama Cares Initiatives, that will contribute to sustainable Universal Health Coverage.

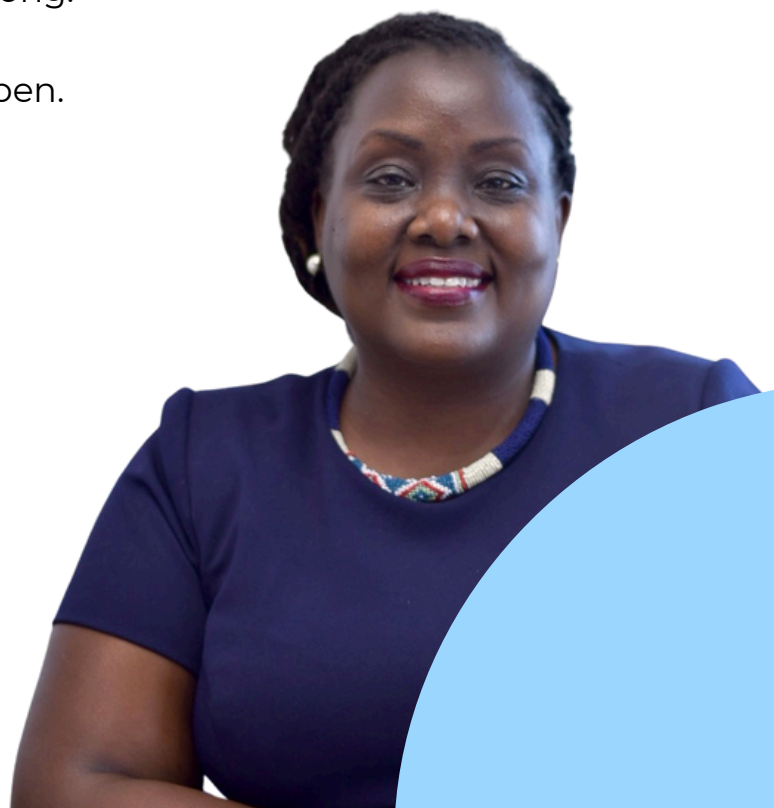
WHO worked alongside the Government of Ghana and partners to respond swiftly to public health emergencies, including the mpox and cholera outbreaks, while strengthening preparedness for future threats. Preparations for successful roll out of HPV vaccine introduction were finalised nationwide. bringing hope to families for protection of girls from cervical cancer.

WHO supported the introduction of the web e-tracker within DHIS 2 digital platform, under the Diabetes Cardiovascular Disease Initiative, aimed at improving patient monitoring, data achievements and evidence based decision making.

To every staff member and partner who continues to serve with dedication and collaboration, thank you. Your commitment keeps WHO's mission alive and Ghana's health systems strong.

Together, we make health happen.

Dr Fiona Braka
WHO Representative
Ghana



AFRICA CHARTS NEW PATH TO HEALTH SOVEREIGNTY: WHO LEADERSHIP JOINS GHANA AT LANDMARK SUMMIT



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Africa must invest in its own systems. The future of global health security depends on the strength of national systems.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director General
World Health Organization

From 4–6 August 2025, Ghana welcomed the highest leadership of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a series of strategic engagements aimed at strengthening health systems and advancing sustainable health financing in Africa.

The Director-General of WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and the WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Mohammed Yakubu Janabi, were in Accra to participate in the Africa Health Sovereignty Summit, hosted by the Government of Ghana. [Read More](#)

A photograph of two women, one in a nurse's uniform and one in a lab coat, examining a biohazard sample. The image is overlaid with a blue tint. The text "COMMUNICABLE AND NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES" is centered in white, bold, uppercase letters.

COMMUNICABLE AND NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

WHO Donates Computers to Strengthen Non Communicable Diseases Monitoring in Ghana



The World Health Organization (WHO) has donated desktop computers and accessories, valued at GHS 401,051.00 to the Ghana Health Service (GHS) and the Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG) to boost the monitoring and management of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes and hypertension.



The donation is part of ongoing efforts to support Ghana's Ministry of Health in advancing its digital health agenda. With technical support from WHO, Ghana's Ministry of Health is rolling out the WHO NCD eTracker, a DHIS2-based digital tool designed to capture individual-level and aggregate facility data for more effective patient monitoring. [Read more](#)

Health Workers at the Forefront of Ghana's HPV Vaccination Campaign

As Ghana prepares to introduce the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine into its routine immunization programme, health workers remain at the center of efforts to ensure that every eligible child is reached and protected.

To prepare frontline staff for this crucial role, the World Health Organization (WHO) Ghana, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Ghana Health Service, convened an engagement session in Accra with professional health associations including the Ghana Medical Association, the Paediatric Society of Ghana, and the Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association. [Read more](#)



Determined to Protect Every Girl, No Matter How Far, from Cervical Cancer



In the farming community of Aframso in the Ashanti Region of Ghana, the sound of rain beating against the earth is a constant rhythm of life. But this October, as torrential rains swelled the Afram River and washed away the only bridge connecting the health center and some communities, two nurses — Patrick and Abigail — found themselves confronting more than just bad weather.

Armed with vaccine carriers, associated logistics and a sense of duty, they trekked through muddy paths, crossed flooded rivers, and braved broken bridges to ensure no girl was left behind in the first-ever nationwide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign.

This campaign did not happen overnight. Between 2013 to 2015, Ghana conducted pilot HPV vaccination in selected districts to assess feasibility of delivery the vaccine to a non-traditional target population (adolescent), community acceptance, and impact. The lessons from that pilot laid the groundwork for this year's nationwide rollout. It was ambitious effort to protect millions of girls from cervical cancer, a disease that remains the second most common cancer among women in Ghana. [Read more](#)

Ghana Rallies Education Sector Ahead of National HPV Vaccine Rollout



In line with WHO's global strategy to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem, Ghana is preparing to introduce the HPV vaccine in September 2025, targeting girls aged 9 to 14 years through a nationwide campaign, and thereafter into the routine immunization schedule for girls aged 9 years.

As part of preparations for the rollout, the Ghana Health Service, with support from WHO and with funding from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, convened a National Education Stakeholder Engagement in Kumasi, aimed at galvanizing support from the education sector, a key partner in reaching eligible girls and influencing community perception. [Read more](#)





Ghana Sets Stage for National Mid-Level Management (MLM) and Immunization in Practice (IIP) Training



For the first time since 2007, Ghana is rolling out a nationwide training to strengthen the leadership and technical skills of mid-level and operational level immunization officers. With funding from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and technical support from the World Health Organization (WHO) and partners, the Ghana Health Service (GHS) has developed and adopted updated training materials for the Mid-Level Management (MLM) and Immunization in Practice (IIP) modules, two globally recognized modules for building capacity of immunization officers. [Read more](#)

Accra Hosts Successful Regional Training to Strengthen Rotavirus Surveillance in West Africa

Rotavirus, the leading cause of severe acute diarrhoea in infants and young children worldwide, remains a major public health challenge in West Africa. In settings where vaccines are not yet available, rotavirus accounts for up to 60% of severe acute diarrhoeal disease in children under five, often leading to preventable hospitalizations and deaths. Tackling this silent killer requires not only vaccines but also strong surveillance systems, quality laboratory testing and cross-country collaboration. [Read more](#)





Ghana Advances Adolescent Health with New Regional and Global Guidance



Adolescents and young people make up a quarter of Ghana's population and represent the country's greatest potential for growth and transformation. Yet many face barriers that undermine their health, education, and future opportunities, including early pregnancy, limited access to family planning, mental health challenges, and high exposure to violence and HIV. Recognizing these challenges, Ghana joined countries across Western and Central Africa in committing to invest in adolescents' well-being to ensure they are educated, healthy, and thriving.

Building on this commitment, Ghana convened a two-day national meeting to disseminate the Western and Central Africa (WCA) Commitment for Educated, Healthy, and Thriving Adolescents and Young People, and to orient stakeholders on the updated the Global Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents (AA-HA!2.0) Guidance. [Read more](#)

World Mental Health Day 2025: Prioritizing Mental Health in Emergencies

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



As Ghana marks World Mental Health Day, one truth stands out: mental health is health and it must be a priority in every emergency response.



Dr. Leveana Gyimah
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Patrick Avevor
Infectious Hazard Management Officer
WHO Ghana

Mental health is an essential part of human well-being. It shapes how people think, feel, and act, how they handle stress, relate to others, and make decisions. Yet for many years, mental health has been under-recognized in health and development conversations, often overshadowed by physical health needs. World Mental Health Day, commemorated globally on 10 October since 1992, provides an opportunity to correct this imbalance—raising awareness, challenging stigma, and calling for action to improve access to mental health services.

This year's theme, "Access to Service: Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies", reminds us of a truth that is often overlooked: emergencies do not only destroy buildings, homes, and infrastructure—they also disrupt minds, emotions, and communities. In the aftermath of disasters, the visible losses are easy to count—collapsed structures, flooded homes, damaged roads—but the invisible wounds carried in people's hearts and minds often go unnoticed. Fear, grief, trauma, and uncertainty linger long after the physical clean-up is done. Families struggle to find stability, children may be haunted by the shock of sudden change, and entire communities can lose the sense of safety and connectedness that once held them together. [Read more](#)

A blue-tinted photograph of two women wearing yellow hard hats and high-visibility safety vests, engaged in a conversation on a construction site. The woman on the left is looking towards the woman on the right, who is gesturing with her hand. The background is slightly blurred, showing industrial structures.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE LIFE COURSE

When the Cost of Hope Is Too High: Ghana's Push to Improve Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death from non-communicable diseases (NCDs) among children worldwide. Each year, an estimated 400,000 children are diagnosed with cancer—but where a child lives too often determines whether they survive. While the survival of children with cancer in high-income countries (HIC) is more than 80%, in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), the chance of survival drops to just 20–30%.

Childhood cancers are often highly curable however, the cure rate is dependent on a range of factors such as late diagnosis, insufficient awareness, and lack of access to quality assured medicines. In LMICs, lifesaving cancer medicines are often unavailable, unaffordable, or of poor quality. For families, a cancer diagnosis can be catastrophic—not only emotionally, but also financially. Many are forced to choose between food and treatment, or worse, to abandon care altogether. Children die not because treatment does not exist, but because they simply cannot afford it.

The mission and vision of the Global Platform for Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines (the Global Platform) is to increase survival rates for children with cancer by improving access to lifesaving medicines. Launched by the World Health Organization (WHO) and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Global Platform is the first global initiative to secure a sustainable supply of quality-assured childhood cancer medicines for countries that need them most. It also works to strengthen national systems so these medicines can be sustainably delivered safely, efficiently, and equitably. [Read more](#)

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WHO supports researchers turn AMR evidence into action in Ghana

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the world's gravest health threats, undermining progress in treating infections, threatening lives, livelihoods, and economies. In Ghana, where AMR touches human health, agriculture, and the environment, translating research into action is critical. Yet too often, valuable scientific findings remain locked in journals, inaccessible to those who shape policies and practices.

To bridge this gap, Ghana hosted the fourth module of the Structured Operational Research and Training Initiative (SORT IT) from 15–19 September 2025, focusing on effective communication of research findings. The training, supported by the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), WHO, and national partners, brought together mentors and researchers who had previously completed SORT IT cycles from across the country. [Read more](#)

Ghana Completes First Nationwide Quality of Care Record Review to Drive Better Health Services

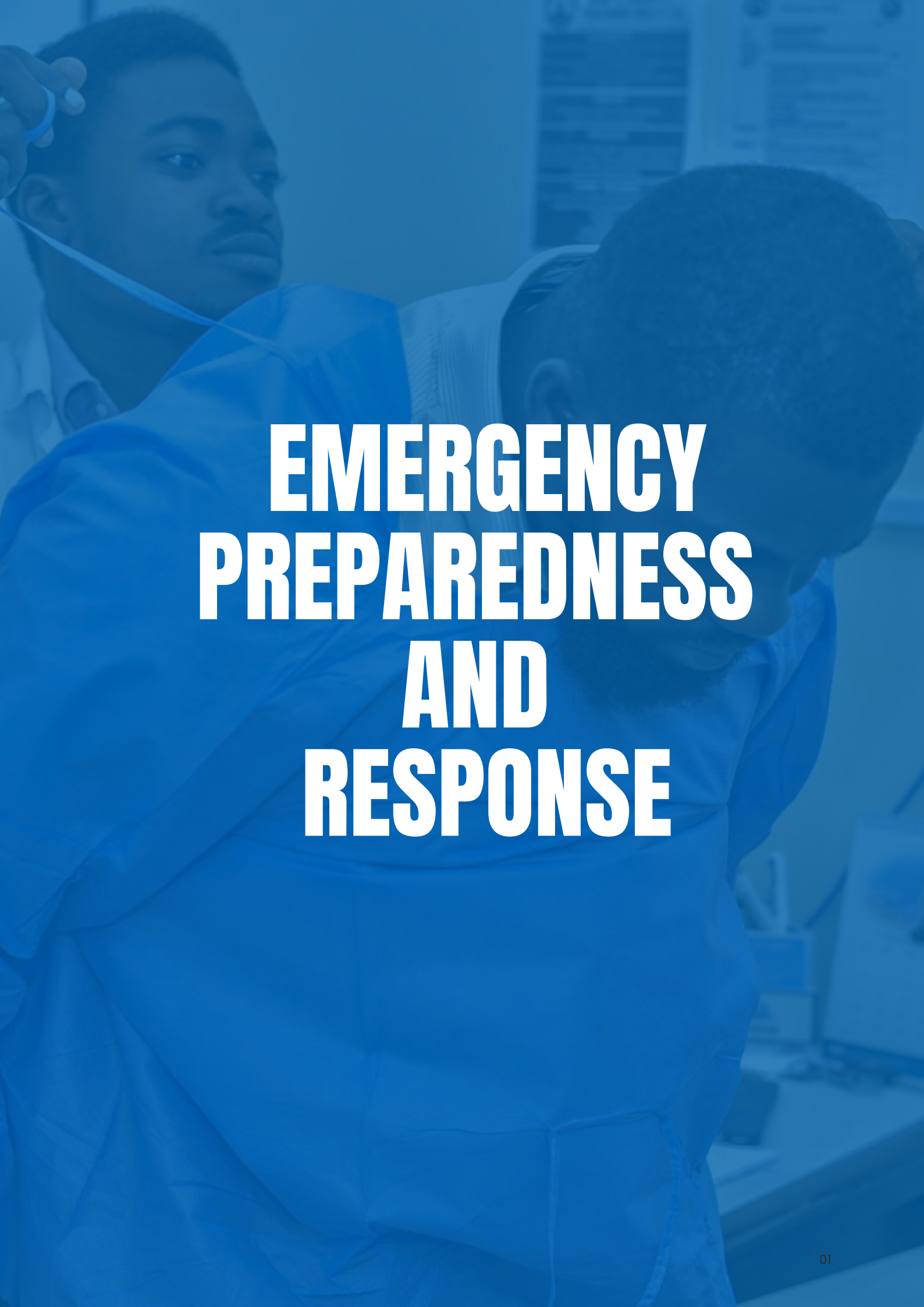
For the first time, Ghana has completed a comprehensive review of how health facilities deliver clinical care—an exercise that will transform how services are improved for millions of people.

The Quality of Care Review, a module of the Harmonized Health Facility Assessment (HHFA), was carried out by the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ghana Health Service (GHS), with support from World Health Organization (WHO) and funding from the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (UKFCDO).

The nationwide review assessed 1,651 health facilities across all 16 regions, ranging from regional hospitals to Community-based Health Planning and Services (CHPS) compounds, to examine how well providers adhered to national and international clinical standards in six critical service areas: antenatal care, tuberculosis, HIV, and malaria in children under five.

Given that Ghana has over 10,000 health facilities—of which more than 7,000 are CHPS compounds—it is important to note that the review included all regional hospitals, all district hospitals, all polyclinics, and over 60% of health centres, as well as selected private facilities. CHPS compounds were sampled to provide a representative picture of the situation nationwide. [Read more](#)





EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

WHO Donates Emergency Medical Supplies to Support Health Services in Conflict-Affected Savannah Region

The recent inter-ethnic conflict in Ghana's Savannah Region left families displaced, homes destroyed, and public services stretched to the limit. Among the hardest hit are the districts of Sawla-Tuna-Kalba and Bole, where the surge in injuries, trauma, and displacement has put an extraordinary strain on local health facilities. Clinics and hospitals, already operating with limited resources, are now struggling to cope with the sudden increase in demand for essential medicines, basic supplies, and emergency care.

During humanitarian crises, health systems often become one of the most vulnerable sectors. Shortage of medicines, disruption of supply chains, and overburdened facilities can quickly translate into avoidable loss of lives—especially for children, pregnant women, and those with chronic illnesses who require uninterrupted treatment. [Read more](#)



WHO and Ministry of Health lead joint mission to Western Region in response to Mpox outbreak

Ghana has been battling an outbreak of Mpox since May 2025. As of 1 September, the country has recorded 494 confirmed cases across 94 districts in all 16 regions, with one fatality. The outbreak has been particularly severe in the Western, Western North, and Greater Accra Regions, which together account for 87% of all confirmed cases.

While some parts of the country have recently recorded declines in new cases, the Western Region has continued to report a rise and sustained increase, positioning it as the epicenter of the outbreak with more than half of all confirmed cases. [Read more](#)



A woman in a blue shirt and jeans is standing in a schoolyard, facing a group of school children. She appears to be talking to them. The children are wearing school uniforms and are standing in a line. The background shows trees and a building. The entire image has a blue tint.

HEALTHIER POPULATION



WHO Champions PRSEAH Training for Pandemic Fund Project Officers

Ghana is a recipient of Pandemic Fund support that aims to strengthen national capacities for health security. As part of implementation of the Pandemic Fund project, WHO Ghana convened a dedicated Prevention and Response to Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PRSEAH) training session in Accra for programme leads and implementing partners. This training came on the heels of Ghana's launch of its National Steering Committee for the Pandemic Fund, signaling the country's commitment to accountability, protection, and equity in health response and resilience-building efforts. [Read more](#)



COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Communications Statistics

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

547K + Reach

12K + Engagement

2.2K New Followers
↑ 66.8%

X

162K + Reach

20K + Engagement

152 New Followers

STORY TELLING AND MULTIMEDIA

4 Impact Stories

6 Videos produced

CAPACITY BUILDING

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Media training on HPV
Vaccination Advocacy and
Reportage



PARTNER ENGAGEMENTS



UNFPA & WHO Representatives to Ghana



GIZ Country Director & WHO Representatives to Ghana



WHO pays courtesy call on UNFPA



KPMG Global Head of Healthcare Meets WHO Representatives to Ghana



Chief Executive Officer of Food and Drug Authority & WHO Representatives to Ghana



UNFPA & IOM Representatives to Ghana



Development Director at the British High Commission in Ghana & WHO Representatives to Ghana



Executive Director of National Population Council & WHO Representatives to Ghana



UNFPA, UNDP & WHO Representatives to Ghana

Message to Partners

As we reflect on the progress made this quarter, we are reminded that every achievement is the result of shared commitment and collaboration.

From strengthening Ghana's capacity to prevent and respond to health emergencies, to supporting local vaccine and medicine production, to advancing immunization and mental health awareness, none of this would have been possible without you, our valued partners.

Your technical expertise, financial contributions, and continued advocacy have amplified our collective impact. In a time when resources are stretched and global health priorities are evolving, your partnership remains a beacon of solidarity and hope.

Together, we are proving that health is not just a goal, it is a shared responsibility. Let us continue to stand united for Health for All, ensuring that every person, everywhere in Ghana, can live a healthy and dignified life.

Thank you for walking this journey with us.



To Our Colleagues Who Keep WHO's Mission Alive

At a time marked by uncertainty and constant change, your dedication, professionalism and unwavering commitment continue to shine through. Even amidst challenges and constraints, you have stayed true to our mission, advancing health for all and strengthening systems that safeguard every Ghanaian.

Your resilience and teamwork remind us that WHO's true strength lies not in numbers, but in the people who live its values every single day. Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and steadfast belief in the difference we make together.

Let us continue to support one another, remain focused on our shared purpose, and move forward with the same passion and drive that define WHO Ghana.

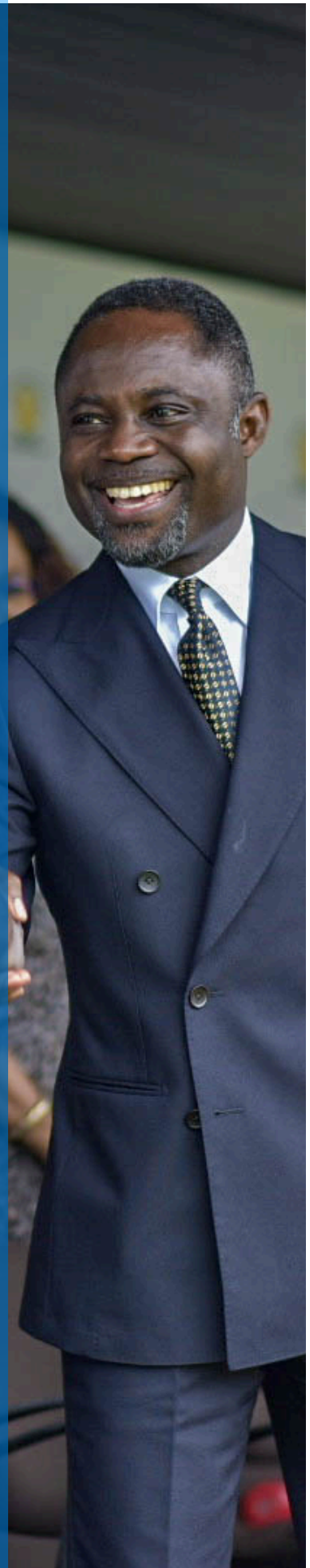
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