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WHO WE ARE
A Registered Non-Profit Organization

- OUR VALUES**
- ❖ INTEGRITY
 - ❖ HONESTY
 - ❖ SANCTITY OF LIFE AND WORK
 - ❖ EMPATHY
 - ❖ RESPECT
 - ❖ PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY
 - ❖ BUILD FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
 - ❖ STEWARDSHIP
 - ❖ PARTNERSHIP
 - ❖ WITNESSING JUSTICE AND PEACE



SUCCESS STORIES

In the year 2016, CARITAS GHANA got established as the official charity arm of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference, attending to the socio-pastoral needs, particularly, of the vulnerable and marginalized.

Six years down the lane, we have stories to tell and share with you our cherished supporters and audience. As the proverbial Chinese expression states: "A JOURNEY OF THOUSAND MILES, STARTS WITH ONE."

#1.: SOCIAL IMPACT INVESTMENT & CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, *LAUDATO SI'* – 'Care For Our Common Home', Caritas Ghana secured funds from German International Agency (GIZ), Caritas Korea and the French Embassy to set up Environmental Waste Management Programme in Accra and Tamale.

The Programme's objectives include: to provide decent job and livelihood for the unemployed youth, and to promote a clean, healthy and safe environment.

To address these, e-waste collection points have been set up at certain communities in Accra to collect end-of-life electrical and electronic equipment for refurbishment and/or recycling. In Tamale, at Lamashegu, a plastic recycling plant is in operation. Our major buyer is City Waste Recycling Ltd. We are also partnering with the State, through MESTI-PIU to rid the metropolis of Accra of e-waste infractions.

#2.: APIMA

This was Catholic Relief Services' privately-funded project that aimed to ensure that African migrants live and move with increased agency, dignity and safety.

Partnering Caritas Ghana, CRS worked closely with communities within Nkoranza South and Techiman South, government institutions and



Continuation: #2.: APIMA

and local organizations to address the 'push' factors that drive young people to consider irregular migration.

APIMA stands for **Action for the Protection and Integration of Migrants in (West) Africa**. Beside the advocacy, the project offered Life and Responsibility Skills Training, Trauma Awareness Training and Resilient Roots Training to 620,000 beneficiaries.

#3.: ETHICAL MICROFINANCE PROJECT

Caritas Ghana, in partnership with Caritas Africa, is running Ethical Micro-Finance project in Goaso, Techiman, Tamale and Sunyani.

The Project is to implement "Support for Promoting of Ethical Finance through the Capacity strengthening of Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) serving Community and Civil Society in Sub-Saharan Africa Project."

To that, Caritas Ghana is supporting Microfinance Actors and

Institutions - MFIs (organizations of and working with local Churches) to attract more resources to strengthen their capacity to respond efficiently and professionally to the sustainable development priorities of their grassroots stakeholders (beneficiaries) in terms of implementation of their activities, training of employees to provide quality services, communication to donors on social impact.

The project is supported by **Caritas Italiana and Popolare Banca Etica**.

#4.: APPROCHE

APPROCHE stands for Accompagnement Personnalisé de Proximité pour le Renforcement Organisationnel, le Changement et l'Engagement ("Personalized Proximity Accompaniment for the Organizational Strengthening, Change and Commitment in English).

The programme mainly aims at building and strengthening capacities of Caritas Ghana. It is supported by **Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and Secours Catholique – Caritas France (SCCF)**.



#5.: PROJECT ON CHILD LABOUR IN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

This project is being implemented in Jasikan Diocese (Oti Region) and in Konongo-Mampong Diocese (Ashanti Region).

The project's objective is to strengthen advocacy and community engagement to reduce vulnerability to Child Labour in the two selected dioceses of Ghana.

The project is being funded by **DKA** in Austria.

#6.: ANTI-CHILD TRAFFICKING PROJECT

Caritas Ghana, since September 2019, has been working in partnership with the **International Justice Mission (IJM), Ghana**, to address human trafficking from one riverine community to another by strengthening Caritas Ghana's ability to investigate human trafficking cases and achieve successful prosecutions.

#7.: SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN TRANSIT IN GHANA

SMART stands for **Support Services for Migrants And Refugees in Transit**

The project goals include to provide responsive humanitarian assistance and reintegration support for returned migrants and refugees in Ghana, and to curtail the menace of irregular migration from Ghana to the West through Social and Behavioral Change Communication (SBCC) activities in targeted communities by 2025.

#8.: "ENGAGING AFRICAN FAITH BASED INSTITUTIONS TO SECURE AN INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY" PROJECT.

Caritas Africa and its partners is mobilizing faith-based institutions in Africa to campaign for Africa's inclusive economic recovery from the multiple crises. The project seeks to raise concerns and facilitate policy dialogue on debt management, concessional financing and equitable deployment of special



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Continuation: #8.: **ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROJECT**

drawing rights to aid speedy and transformative recovery.

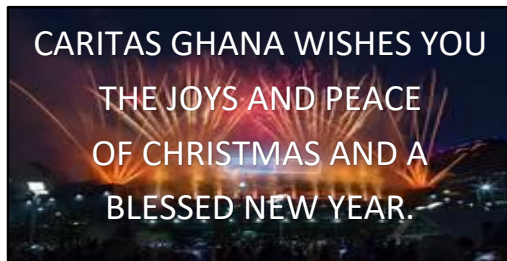
The funding partner is **Jubilee Network USA**.

#9.: **ADVOCACY ON LAND RIGHTS IN GHANA & ANTI-LAND GRABBING ADVOCACY PROJECT**

The project objectives are:

1. To conduct a survey of public awareness on the existing Legal Framework governing land ownership in Ghana.
2. To create public awareness on protocols and legal procedures related to land acquisition in Ghana.

This project is funded by **Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa**.



#10.: **"STRENGTHENING ACTIONS FOR ENABLING BORDER SECURITY FOR HUMAN MOBILITY" PROJECT**

This Project, being implemented by Caritas Ghana, is receiving funding support from the European Union (EU), the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and the Strengthening Border Security (SBS) secretariat.

Generally, the project is meant to strengthen capacities of institutions through communication and engagement, training, cross-border coordination and information exchange, protection of vulnerable persons in mobility, effective border security and control, tackle corruption and prevent illegal migration and to engage target groups to adopt best practices.





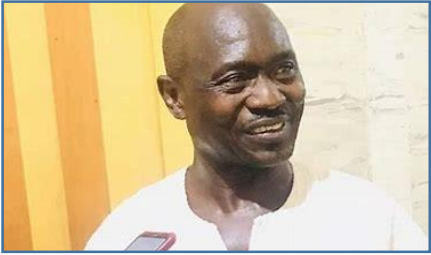
Partner us to influence public policies; promote safe and healthy environment; create decent job opportunities for the youth etc.



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Caritas Ghana wishes to thank all our development partners for their unflinching support and journey with us over the years. We appreciate every inch of the distance they have travelled with us; every second of their time they have engaged us, either virtually or in-person; every concern and advice they have shared with us, and all the encouragement they have given us. We pray for God's blessings on all their staff.

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