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REPORT

**A Defining Year of
Resilience, Innovation,
and People-centred Action.**



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WHO WE ARE

Savana Signatures is Ghana's leading Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) non-profit organisation, leveraging digital innovation to drive inclusive social change and sustainable development. We are a youth and women-focused organisation, guided by a strong gender-transformative agenda that places women, girls, and marginalised groups at the centre of our work.

Headquartered in Tamale in the Northern Region, Savana Signatures operates a zonal office in Ho in the Volta Region, supported by satellite offices strategically located in Dambai, Atebubu Amantin, Mion, Yendi, and Zabzugu. From these hubs, we have progressively evolved into a national organisation with an expanding footprint across Ghana.

Currently, Savana Signatures operates in thirteen of Ghana's sixteen regions, including the Northern, Volta, Oti, Upper East, Upper West, Savannah, Central, Greater Accra, North East, Bono East, Bono, Ahafo, and Eastern Regions. Through this nationwide presence, we work closely with communities, government institutions, development partners, and the private sector to design and implement technology-driven solutions that improve lives and strengthen systems at scale.



OUR VISION

An inclusive, healthy, empowered, and resilient society.



OUR MISSION

We exist to create and scale ICT-enabled solutions that promote human capital development, community well-being, and individual resilience.

CORE VALUES



PASSION

We pursue impact with energy and purpose.

LEADERSHIP

We step up, model integrity, and inspire action.



ACCOUNTABILITY

We own decisions and results, transparently.

INNOVATION

We design bold, practical solutions, to solve real problems.



TEAMWORK

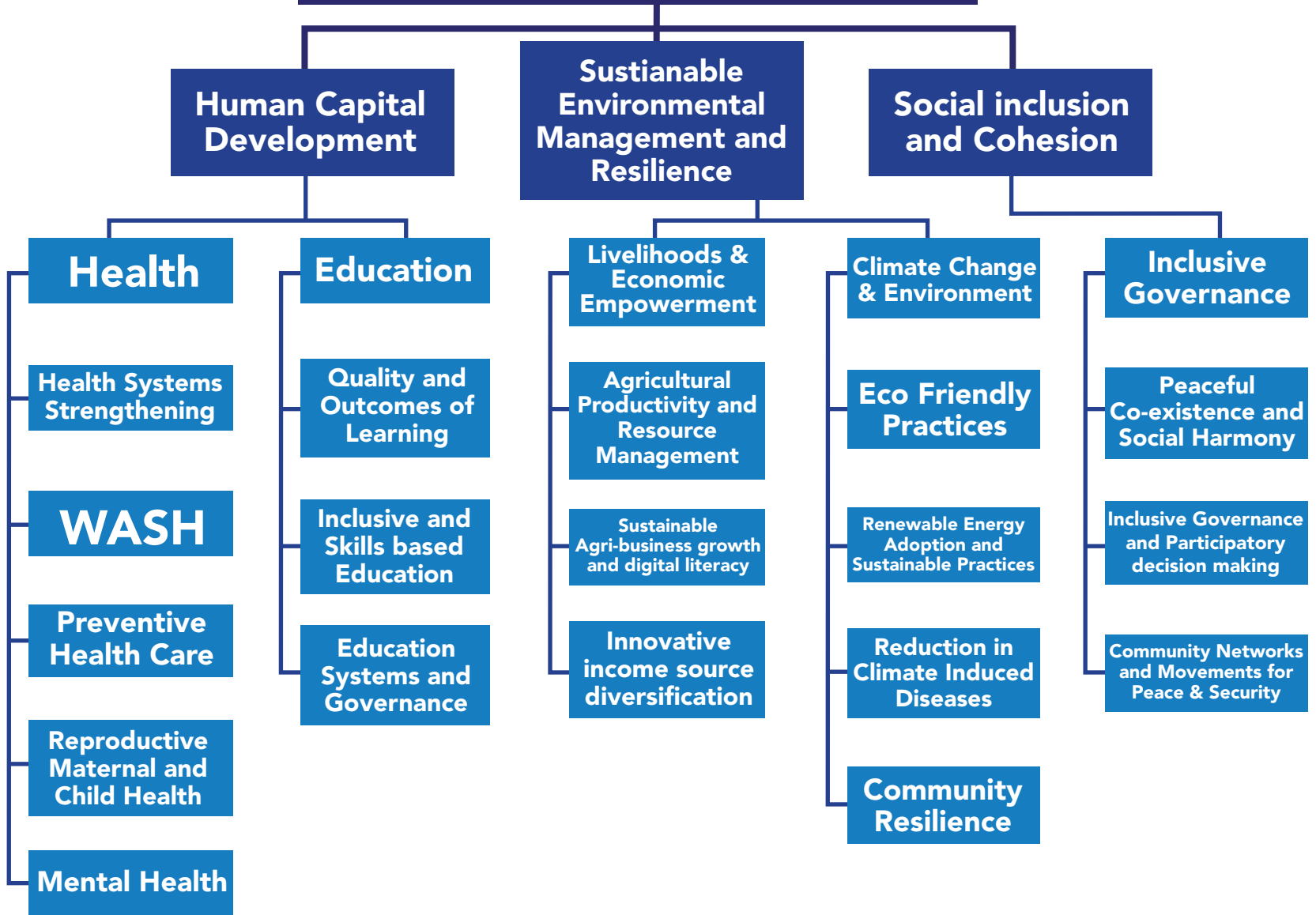
We win together through trust and shared effort.

SERVICE

We put people first with selflessness and care.



Programme Pillars



Collaborative Partnerships





OUR SAFEGUARDING & PSEAH COMMITMENT

Savana Signatures is committed to the highest standards of safeguarding and maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward all forms of sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (PSEAH), as well as any misuse of power, authority, or trust. The organisation is dedicated to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of age, sex, disability, or background, are protected from harm and are treated with dignity and respect.

Safeguarding is a core organisational responsibility and is fully integrated into our governance, operational systems, and programme implementation. The organization recognizes its duty of care to staff, partners, consultants, volunteers, and the communities it serves, particularly children, women, persons with disabilities, and other individuals in situations of vulnerability.

Savana Signatures is committed to preventing, identifying, and responding to safeguarding risks through the following measures:

- Establishing and maintaining safe, inclusive, and harassment-free environments across all workplaces, programmes, and community engagements.
- Upholding clear codes of conduct and ethical

standards that are binding on all staff, board members, consultants, volunteers, and partners.

- Implementing accessible, confidential, and survivor-centred reporting and response mechanisms to ensure that safeguarding concerns and allegations are addressed promptly, sensitively, and in line with due process.
- Ensuring non-retaliation against any individual who reports safeguarding concerns in good faith.

Savana Signatures prioritises prevention through mandatory safeguarding and PSEAH training for all staff and relevant stakeholders. This training equips personnel with the knowledge and skills to recognise safeguarding risks, uphold appropriate professional boundaries, and respond effectively and ethically to concerns or incidents. Safeguarding awareness is reinforced through continuous capacity building, internal communication, and accountability systems.

The organisation works to ensure that safeguarding principles are embedded throughout the programme cycle, including partner selection, activity design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. Safeguarding compliance is a key consideration in partnerships and collaborations.

Savana Signatures recognises that safeguarding is an ongoing and evolving responsibility. As the organisation expands its geographic reach and programme scope, it remains committed to continuous improvement of its safeguarding systems in line with international best practices and donor requirements. Through these commitments, Savana Signatures seeks to protect individuals from harm, strengthen trust with communities and partners, and ensure that all programmes are delivered in a manner that is safe, ethical, and accountable.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



STEPHEN AGBENYO P.h.D

The year, 2025, tested our resilience as an organisation in profound ways. The USAID stop work order affected a number of our ongoing and planned interventions, creating uncertainty for our teams, partners, and the communities we serve. Yet, in the face of these challenges, Savana Signatures remained steadfast in its commitment to impact, innovate, and serve. What stands out most from 2025 is not only the obstacles we encountered, but the strength, adaptability, and collective resolve with which we responded, directly reaching over **1,108,418 people**.

Across our intervention areas, we continued to pursue our mission of building inclusive, resilient, and empowered communities through people-centred and ICT-enabled approaches. Our work during the year was anchored in three core thematic areas, Human Capital Development, Sustainable Environmental Management and Resilience, and Social Inclusion and Cohesion. Within these pillars, we implemented programmes that addressed critical development needs in digital inclusion, education, health, climate change adaptation and mitigation, livelihoods, and social protection, with a deliberate focus on women, girls, youth, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations.

Throughout the year, our interventions responded to some of the most pressing social challenges confronting communities today. From addressing the worrying spate of the abuse of illicit drugs among young people and reducing gender gaps in access to technology, to strengthening child protection systems, improving school leadership, promoting menstrual health and dignity, expanding access to clean water, and delivering accurate reproductive health information, our work sought to tackle both immediate needs and the underlying structural barriers that limit opportunity.

None of these would have been possible without strong partnerships. I am deeply grateful to our government partners, development partners, traditional authorities, schools, media houses, and community-based organisations who stood with us throughout the year.





Their collaboration enabled us to deliver integrated solutions that combined community engagement, capacity building, technology, and advocacy, even in a constrained operating environment.

I also wish to acknowledge the dedication of the Board, management, staff, volunteers and friends of Savana Signatures, whose professionalism and commitment ensured continuity of impact despite the significant challenges. Most importantly, I thank the communities and individuals we serve for their trust, participation, and resilience.

As we look ahead, Savana Signatures remains committed to learning from 2025, strengthening institutional systems, diversifying partnerships, and scaling approaches that work. We move forward with renewed purpose, confident that together with our partners and communities, we can continue to advance inclusive and sustainable development that leaves no one behind.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

	<p>People directly reached</p> <p>1,108,418</p>
	<p>Human Capital Development:</p> <p>420,829</p>
	<p>Sustainable Environmental Management and Resilience</p> <p>620,691</p>
	<p>Social Inclusion And Cohesion</p> <p>66,898</p>

The year 2025 was both a challenging and defining period for Savana Signatures. The USAID stop work order significantly affected the implementation of several projects, testing the organisation's adaptability and resilience. Despite these constraints, 2025 also marked a year of sustained impact, progress, and institutional strength as we continued to advance our mission of building inclusive, resilient, and empowered communities across Ghana through innovative, ICT-enabled, and people-centred interventions.

Throughout the year, Savana Signatures responded to critical social challenges, including substance abuse among young people, gender disparities in access to technology, limited digital capacity among small businesses, weak child protection systems, gaps in school leadership, inadequate access to clean water, menstrual stigma, and insufficient access to accurate reproductive health information.

Through strategic partnerships with government institutions, development partners, traditional authorities, schools, media houses, and community-based actors, Savana Signatures delivered integrated solutions that combined community engagement, capacity building, technology, and advocacy to drive sustainable change.

One of the flagship initiatives in 2025 was the “Get High on the GoodLife” Substance Abuse Prevention Campaign, which reached tens of thousands of young people through school-based sensitisation, community engagements, mobile cinema campaigns, and digital outreach. This campaign strengthened awareness of the risks of drug abuse, promoted healthy coping strategies and support services, and fostered collaboration among schools, communities, and state institutions to address substance abuse in Northern Ghana.

Savana Signatures also deepened its commitment to digital inclusion and economic empowerment. Through the Girls in ICT training, Digital Marketing Training for Women Entrepreneurs, GIZ DTEG stakeholder engagements, and the Digital Talk Series on radio, the organisation equipped girls, women-led MSMEs, youth innovators, and persons with disabilities with digital skills, exposure to technology-driven opportunities, and platforms to amplify their voices. These interventions increased digital literacy, improved confidence, increased market access, and improved beneficiaries' participation in the digital economy.

Through our education projects, we improved learning environments and leadership through the School Management Training, ICT Pedagogy Training for Teachers, and the conclusion of the Rural Youth in Ghana Catching Up on Education Project. The Rural Youth in Ghana Catching Up on Education Project, implemented from 2023 to 2025 in the Eastern Region, improved community engagement in education and reinforced child protection systems through the establishment and strengthening of Child Protection Committees in vulnerable cocoa-growing communities.

These efforts contributed to safer learning environments and improved community response to child protection violations.

Savana Signatures continued to advance health, dignity, and social protection through school-based menstrual health and hygiene education initiatives. These activities improved menstrual literacy among adolescent girls, helped break stigma surrounding menstruation, and encouraged boys to become supportive allies.

Students were also introduced to the SHE+ Helpline, a

confidential platform providing accurate reproductive health information and ongoing support.

The Youth Empowerment Project, implemented with support from UNESCO, continued to provide adolescents with accurate, age-appropriate reproductive health education across multiple districts in the Volta Region, strengthening life skills, informed decision-making, and resilience.

In addition, Savana Signatures laid critical groundwork for long-term livelihood support through the Enhancing Livelihoods and Social Protection of Vulnerable Women Project, funded by the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF). Preparatory activities in 2025 included stakeholder engagements, needs assessments, and inclusion planning, setting the stage for vocational, digital, and financial skills training in 2026.

Access to basic services remained a priority, exemplified by the Clean Water Initiative in Sibi Community, of the Oti Region. With support from WACSI and the Wilde Ganzen Foundation, borehole drilling commenced and completed in 2025, marking a significant step toward improving access to safe water, reducing the burden on women and girls, and supporting education and community wellbeing.

In the infrastructure and governance space, Savana Signatures successfully concluded its role under the Transport Sector Improvement Project (TSIP), funded by the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank and implemented by the Ministry of Roads and Highways. From 2020 to 2025, the organisation supported the design and management of an ICT-enabled Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) across multiple districts in the Bono East and Northern Regions, strengthening transparency, accountability, and community trust in large-scale road infrastructure delivery.

In response to the growing risks of technology-facilitated harm, Savana Signatures also led the formation of the Ghana Online Safety Alliance in 2025. The Alliance brings together civil society actors to promote safer and more inclusive digital spaces for women and girls through coordinated advocacy, capacity building, and community engagement.

Overall, 2025 was a year of scale, consolidation, and impact for Savana Signatures. Through strong partnerships, community ownership, and the strategic use of ICTs, we reached hundreds of thousands of people both directly and through digital and media platforms. As Savana Signatures looks ahead, we remain committed to deepening impact, scaling successful models, and advancing inclusive development that leaves no one behind.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS, 2025

Navigating the USAID Stop Work Order with Resilience



The USAID stopworkorder significantly disrupted the implementation of several major projects in 2025, presenting one of the most challenging operating environments in Savana Signatures' history. Despite these constraints, the organisation demonstrated strong adaptability and resilience, sustaining core programmes and safeguarding institutional stability while continuing to deliver impact across communities.

International & National Awards



Amidst the challenges, 2025 was also a year of recognition and celebration. Savana Signatures received six international and national awards for its outstanding work in leveraging ICTs for development and social impact. These included honours for Excellence in ICT4D innovation, digital inclusion for livelihoods, Philanthropy and sustainability, and social impact through technology at national and international platforms such as the Northern Ghana Business Merit Awards, Ghana Philanthropy Awards, National Philanthropy Excellence Awards, and the TICON Africa Awards. In addition, the organisation's Executive Director, Dr. Stephen Agbenyo, received two prestigious individual honours for Exemplary philanthropic leadership and Distinguished leadership in digital inclusion for vulnerable populations.

These recognitions reaffirm Savana Signatures' commitment to innovation, partnership, and inclusive development.

Strengthening Partnerships for Substance Abuse Prevention



As part of the Get High on the GoodLife substance abuse prevention campaign, Savana Signatures convened high-level stakeholder engagement in Northern Ghana.

The engagement brought together traditional authorities, including the Paramount Chief of the Sagnarigu Traditional Area, as well as key government and community stakeholders, strengthening collective action against substance abuse among young people.

Diversifying Funding and Protecting Jobs



In January 2025, a Stop-Work Order issued by USAID paused over 80% of U.S.-funded global health and development programmes worldwide, triggering widespread funding disruptions across the sector.

For many organisations, this led to immediate staff layoffs and operational downsizing. At Savana Signatures, we made a deliberate and values-driven decision: our people would not bear the cost of external shocks. Because we had intentionally invested in institutional resilience long before the disruption, we were able to retain all staff, including those directly affected by paused projects.

Our sustainability strategy had gradually shifted the organisation from a heavily donor-dependent model to a diversified, hybrid income structure designed to withstand precisely this kind of uncertainty. Through internally generated revenue streams such as Kpododo Mobile Messaging (a paid IVR and SMS service), the strategic utilisation of Gumani Heights as a fully equipped conference facility, deployment of our ultramodern mobile cinema van for community outreach and events, and expanded ICT training, SBCC consultancy, graphic design, and printing services under Kpododo Print, we strengthened our financial base while protecting jobs and preserving institutional knowledge. This moment tested the sector. For Savana Signatures, it affirmed the importance of building systems that place people at the centre of sustainability.

Celebrating Impact Through Human Stories



Savana Signatures celebrated the tangible impact of its work through the story of Enyonam Ayitey, a beneficiary of our Girls' Life Choices Project funded by UNICEF and KOICA in 2019. Enyonam's journey into a male-dominated profession as a professional painter working with major public and private institutions stands as a powerful testament to the organisation's commitment to empowering girls to challenge norms and pursue economic independence.

Promoting Literacy and Youth Empowerment



In September 2025, Savana Signatures, in collaboration with the Ghana Education Service in the Volta Region, organised the Reproductive Health Literacy, Social Support and Reading Festival (RHESS).

The event brought together students from twelve circuits, educators, and partners including the Ghana Health Service and UNESCO Ghana, reinforcing literacy, confidence, and youth engagement under the UNESCO-funded Youth Empowerment Project.

Impactful Green School harvest.



As part of our long-standing support to Hassania Islamic Basic School in Gumani in the Sagnarigu Municipality, the school presented Savana Signatures with fresh produce from its school garden in October 2025, including cabbage grown by the students and teachers. The garden was established with support from Savana Signatures and has since become a productive learning space for the school. Beyond providing fresh vegetables, the initiative promotes climate-smart agriculture, strengthens food security, and generates modest income to support school activities.

This intervention forms part of the Green Schools Initiative under Savana Signatures' Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation portfolio, which empowers schools to adopt practical environmental solutions while nurturing a generation of environmentally conscious and climate-resilient learners.

Advancing the Fight Against Gender-Based Violence



During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, Savana Signatures led the SafeDigitalNorth Campaign, raising awareness on online and offline violence against women and girls.

Working with local and international partners, the organisation amplified advocacy on digital safety and participated in national mobilisation activities, including the Orange Street Float organised by the Ghana Online Safety Alliance.

Leading the Formation of the Ghana Online Safety Alliance



Recognising the growing risks of technology-facilitated gender-based violence, Savana Signatures led the formation of the Ghana Online Safety Alliance in 2025. The Alliance brings together civil society actors to promote safer and more inclusive digital spaces for women and girls through coordinated advocacy, capacity building, and community engagement.

Strengthening Teaching and Learning Through ICT



To support Ghana's Standards-Based Curriculum, Savana Signatures delivered ICT pedagogy training for teachers from basic to senior high schools in the Northern Region. The training strengthened teachers' capacity to integrate digital tools into lesson planning, classroom delivery, and assessment, with early feedback indicating improved learner understanding and engagement.

Strategic Growth and New Programme Direction

In 2025, Savana Signatures developed a new National Programme Strategy (2026–2035) to guide its next phase of growth. The strategy aligns with Ghana's Medium-Term National Development Policy Framework, Agenda 2063, ECOWAS Vision 2050, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

It clarifies the organisation's three core thematic priorities, Human Capital Development, Sustainable Environmental Management and Resilience, and Social Inclusion and Cohesion, while strengthening systems for implementation, monitoring, learning, ICT innovation, and evidence generation.

MEASURING OUR IMPACT

Despite the significant disruption caused by the US stop-work order, which affected several major projects, Savana Signatures demonstrated resilience and adaptability in sustaining programme delivery. Through sustained effort, strategic prioritisation, and the effective use of technology, the organisation **directly reached 1,108,418 people in 2025**.

Guided by our mission to improve the lives of all Ghanaians, we leveraged scalable, ICT-enabled solutions to deliver impactful interventions across our thematic areas of Human Capital Development, Sustainable Environmental Management and Resilience, and Social Inclusion and Cohesion.



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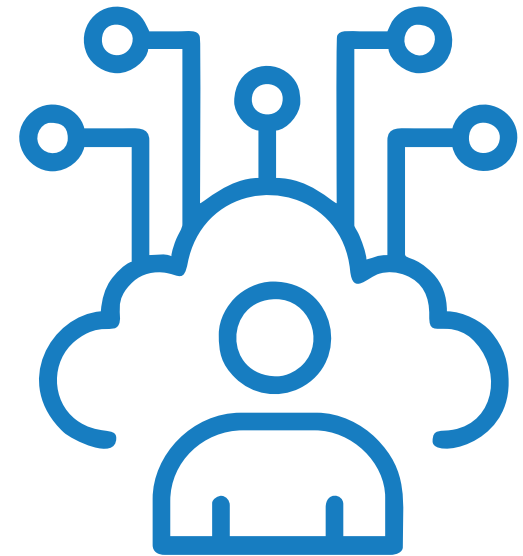


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HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Improving the health, education, and overall well-being of vulnerable and marginalized populations.





GET HIGH ON THE GOODLIFE

Drug trafficking and substance abuse have become increasingly alarming in Northern Ghana, particularly among adolescents and young adults. Communities reported cases of early addiction, school absenteeism, and rising incidents of drug-related violence. In response, Savana Signatures initiated the Get High on the GoodLife campaign, a youth-centered, ICT-enabled public health initiative aimed at preventing drug abuse, strengthening community resilience, and promoting healthier futures for young people.

In 2025, the project expanded significantly, combining school-based sensitization, community outreach, and a high-level multi-stakeholder forum to build a unified front against substance abuse.

Implementation & key activities

The campaign targeted both in-school and out-of-school youth through multi-channel strategies

designed to educate, empower, and connect young people to support systems.

School-Based Education Sessions.



The project team visited Senior High Schools across the Tamale Metropolis, Savelugu and Sagnarigu Municipalities. These are: Kalpohin SHS, Business Senior High School, Northern School of Business, Tamale Islamic Science SHS, Ambariya Islamic SHS, Vitting Technical SHS, Kpong Tamale SHS, St. Charles Minor Seminary SHS. Students were engaged through interactive discussions, question-and-answer sessions, and videos focusing on: Risks of substance abuse, legal implications of trafficking and usage, healthy coping strategies, peer pressure resistance, pathways to rehabilitation and counseling.

Community Outreach Engagements

The project extended its interventions to communities including:

- Sagnarigu
- Dagbandabi Fong
- Sabongida

These community forums engaged parents, youth groups, assembly members, opinion leaders, and local advocates in conversations about supporting at-risk youth and protecting communities from drug networks.

Mobile Cinema Awareness Campaign

With support from Kpododo Consult, the project deployed a the Kpododo mobile cinema van to screen short films that portray the realities of drug addiction.

These films helped generate discussions among youth and stimulated deeper emotional reflection.



Testimony

Paramount Chief of Sagnarigu

Naa Ambassador Yakubu Abdulai

“The state has not been responsible in fighting illicit drugs. But what Savana Signatures is doing here is what we need, leadership, truth, and action. We thank you for your commitment to protecting our youth.”

Our impact in numbers



The Get High on the GoodLife campaign improved substance abuse prevention outcomes for **93,938** beneficiaries by increasing knowledge of drug-related risks, available support pathways, and informed decision-making among young people and communities



13,839 people reached during schools and community engagements.



80,099 beneficiaries reached via online campaigns



6,027 Male beneficiaries reached



7,812 Female beneficiaries reached

Testimonies

St. Charles Minor Seminary SHS

"I used to think drugs were normal among boys of my age, but now I know how dangerous even 'small tries' can be. I feel more confident saying no and helping a friend who may be struggling. - Anksiemah Benedict, Student

Ghana Health Service Representative

"This campaign is one of the most coordinated efforts we have seen. The combination of school education, community engagement, and digital tools makes it extremely effective for us at Ghana Health Services.- Alhassan Neindo, Clinical Psychologist Ghana Health Service Northern Region

The Get High on the GoodLife campaign continues to be one of Savana Signatures' most impactful initiatives in 2025. By combining technology, youth engagement, community mobilization, and institutional collaboration, the project has strengthened awareness, improved preventive knowledge, and expanded support services for thousands of young people.

The project aligns strongly with Savana Signatures' mission to promote human capital development, community wellbeing, and individual resilience through ICT-enabled solutions.

Moving forward, the organisation plans to scale the initiative to tertiary campuses and out-of-school youth networks, strengthening Northern Ghana's resilience to the drug menace.



GIRLS IN ICT TRAINING

In many communities across Northern Ghana, girls continue to face significant barriers to accessing technology, exploring STEM careers, and developing the digital skills required for future employment.

To address this digital gender divide, Savana Signatures commemorated the 2025 International Girls in ICT Day with a 3-day ICT bootcamp aimed at equipping girls with practical digital skills and inspiring them to pursue STEM pathways.

Implementation & key activities

The training brought together 60 Junior High School girls from various schools in the Sagnarigu Municipality and the Tamale Metropolis.

Coding and Programming Basics

Participants were introduced to foundational coding concepts using child-friendly platforms such as Scratch. They learned how to create animations, how to build simple games, logic, sequencing, and problem-solving fundamentals.

Digital Design and Storytelling

The beneficiary girls were trained to use basic graphic design tools such as canva, mobile graphic editing tools, digital storytelling templates to create posters, flyers, and digital content that reflect real community issues.

ICT Career Exploration Sessions

Female mentors from the ICT sector shared their journeys and challenges, helping participants visualize themselves in tech-based careers.

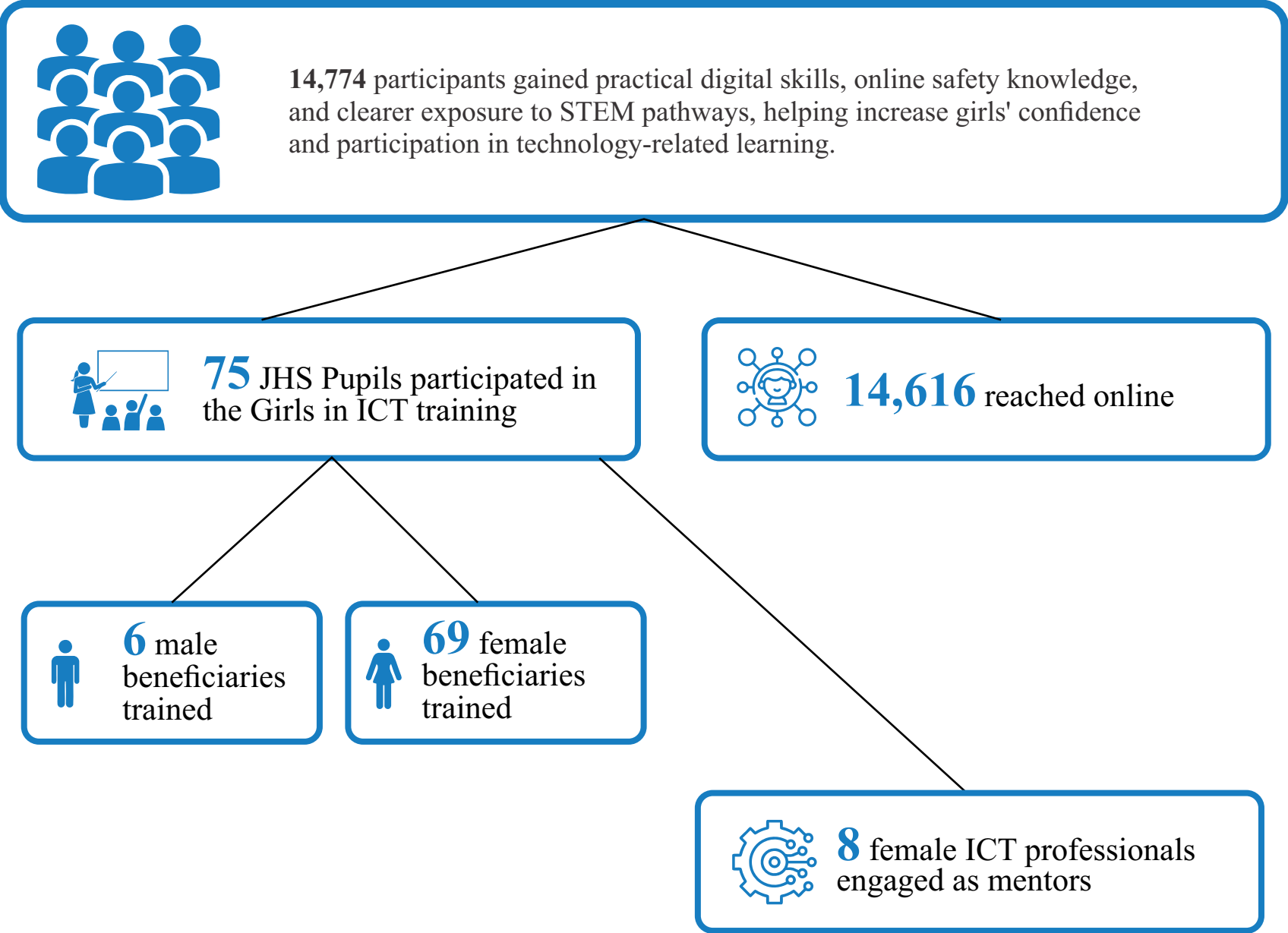
Online Safety and Responsible Digital Citizenship

Participants learned how to stay safe online, identify harmful content, protect their privacy, and use social media responsibly.

Hands-On Projects and Presentations

The girls worked in teams to develop mini projects which were presented on the final day of the training.

Our impact in numbers



Testimony

“I thought ICT was difficult and only for boys, but now I can code and design things by myself. I want to become a software developer.” - Fati Sule, a participant, Tiyumba JHS.

The bootcamp boosted girls' confidence, digital creativity, and interest in STEM pathways.

The project equipped girls with foundational ICT skills, helping to reduce gender inequality in digital access while advancing Savana Signatures' vision of building inclusive, empowered, and resilient communities.

CRYPTOCURRENCY AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TRAINING



Savana Signatures in the year 2025 launched the cryptocurrency and Blockchain technology training project. With support from Aflatoun International, a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop was first organized to demystify these concepts and equip facilitators with accurate, practical knowledge they can cascade within their communities.

At Savana Signatures, we believe that emerging technologies such as blockchain and cryptocurrency continue to shape global financial systems. Yet, most communities in Ghana lack knowledge about these technologies, leading to misinformation, exploitation, and risky financial behavior.

Implementation & key activities

The project through the workshop brought together selected facilitators, youth leaders, and community educators for an in-depth learning experience to gain

understanding of the cryptocurrency and the blockchain technology. Participants explored how blockchain works, the everyday applications beyond crypto as well as understanding the benefits and risks of crypto use, how to identify fraudulent schemes, safe digital financial practices and the role of regulation.

Participants were guided through, wallet setup simulations, blockchain verification exercises, and typical scenarios where youth may be vulnerable to scams.

By the end of 2025, more than 700 Junior High School learners in the Sagnarigu Municipality gained foundational knowledge on cryptocurrency and digital financial technologies, improving their awareness of emerging digital economies and responsible digital finance.



Our impact in numbers



The Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology Training improved digital financial literacy among **13,743** participants by building understanding of blockchain, cryptocurrency, responsible digital finance, and risk identification in emerging digital financial spaces.



749 Pupils trained on the cryptocurrency and blockchain technology training



12,959 participants reached via online on the cryptocurrency and blockchain technology training



276 Male participants trained on the cryptocurrency and blockchain technology training



473 Female participants trained on the cryptocurrency and blockchain technology training

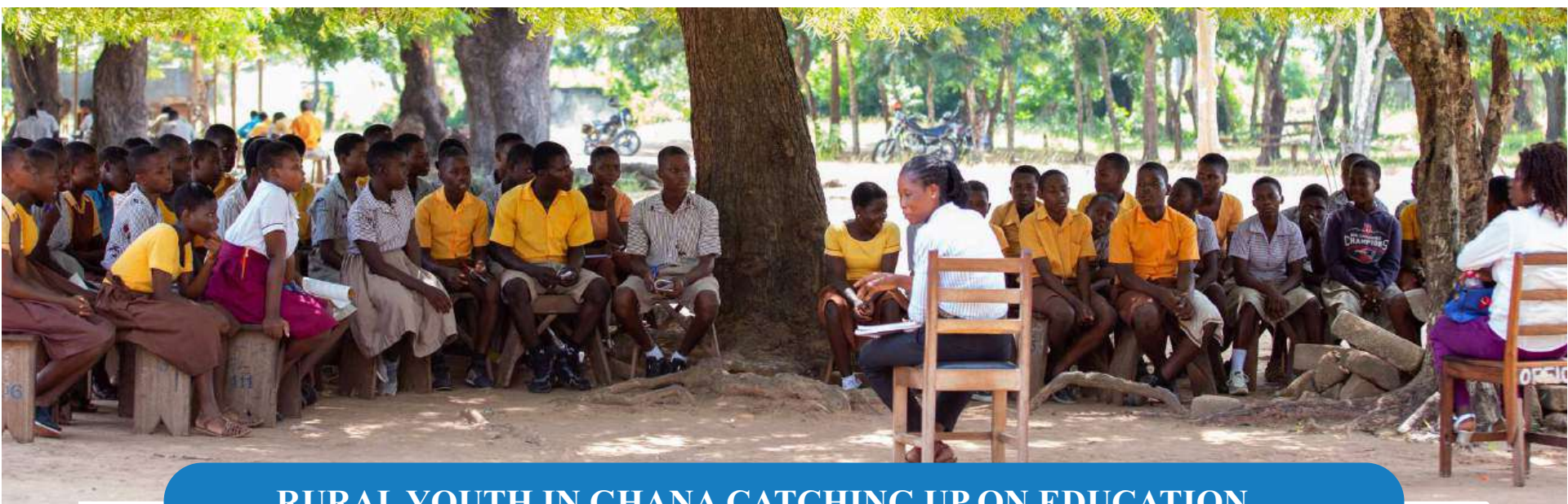


35 facilitators trained on the cryptocurrency and blockchain technology training

Testimony

*“Before this training, I only heard of crypto as quick money and for fraud boys, I now understand that it is a misconception. Now I know the technology and can teach others how to avoid scams” – **Habib Issah.** - **Teacher Gumani Methodist JHS***

This intervention empowered local facilitators and the learners with accurate knowledge on emerging digital finance systems and has strengthened their ability to ensure safe digital financial practices.



RURAL YOUTH IN GHANA CATCHING UP ON EDUCATION

Quality education remains one of the most critical pathways for breaking cycles of poverty in rural communities. However, many schools in cocoa-growing communities face persistent challenges including weak learning outcomes, low retention rates, and limited parental involvement in children's education.

Implementation & key activities

To respond to these challenges, Savana Signatures implemented the Rural Youth in Ghana Catching Up on Education Project funded by Tony's Chocolonely through Edukans, from April 2023 to May 2025 in the Eastern Region, specifically in the Ayensuano and Suhum Municipality.

The project responded to persistent educational challenges facing learners, particularly children of cocoa farms. The initiative targeted 15 schools across the Suhum Municipality and Ayensuano District in the Eastern Region, with the goal of improving learning outcomes, strengthening school leadership, and supporting children to remain in school and transition successfully to higher levels of education.

The project adopted a holistic approach that combined improved teaching methodologies, social and

emotional learning, reproductive health education, and strong parental engagement to support the overall development and wellbeing of learners.

Over the course of implementation, the project contributed significantly to improving the quality of teaching and learning in participating schools. Teachers reported adopting more learner-centered teaching methods, including group work, peer learning, and interactive classroom arrangements that encourage participation and critical thinking.

These changes have improved lesson delivery and strengthened student engagement in classrooms. Evidence from teachers and school leaders suggests that the project has contributed to notable improvements in learning outcomes among pupils. Educators estimated that teaching and learning practices improved by nearly 50 percent, while learner retention increased by about 55 percent due to better classroom engagement and stronger support systems around learners.

In several project schools, enrolment increased steadily across kindergarten, primary, and junior high

school levels during the intervention period, reflecting renewed confidence among parents and communities in the education system. The integration of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and Reproductive Health Education (RHE) also strengthened students' life skills and wellbeing. Learners developed stronger abilities in self-awareness, responsible decision-making, and relationship building, while gaining knowledge that helps them make informed choices about their health and personal development.

Beyond the classroom, the project deepened community participation in education. Parent engagement sessions encouraged families to take a more active role in supporting children's education, while the formation of Child Protection Committees helped communities identify and respond to issues such as absenteeism, child labour, and teenage pregnancy. As a result, schools reported improved attendance and reduced cases of children engaging in labour during school hours.

The Rural Youth in Ghana Catching Up on Education Project demonstrates how targeted investments in teacher capacity, student wellbeing, and community participation can transform learning environments in rural schools.



Our impact in numbers



The Rural Youth in Ghana Catching Up on Education Project improved education and child protection outcomes for **5,348** beneficiaries by expanding access to quality learning support, promoting safer school environments, and increasing community participation in learner protection and retention.



2,608 learners reached under the Project



15 schools reached under the project



783 Male beneficiaries reached



1,825 Female beneficiaries reached



89 teachers trained under the project



2,486 reached online under the project



150 parents



SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TRAINING.

Strong school leadership is a critical driver of improved teaching and learning outcomes. However, in Ghana, many school leaders assume management roles without having received structured training in leadership and school management during their initial teacher education. While teachers are well trained in pedagogy, they are often appointed as headteachers or administrators without deliberate preparation in areas such as instructional leadership, staff supervision, performance management, or school governance. This gap has, over time, affected management practices and the overall effectiveness of school leadership.

It is against this background that Savana Signatures, in partnership with our Dutch Friends and Ambassadors who are experts in the field of school Leadership Training who decided to volunteer to support us with the training, designed and implemented a targeted professional development

programme to strengthen the leadership and management capacity of headteachers, assistant heads, and School Improvement Support Officers. The initiative sought to equip education leaders, many of whom had not previously benefited from formal leadership training, with practical skills, tools, and strategies to manage schools more effectively and foster collaborative, high-performing learning environments.

Implementation & key activities

The training brought together headteachers, assistant heads, and School Improvement Support Officers (SISOs). The training offered participants with global best practices in educational leadership adapted to the Ghanaian context. Facilitators introduced participants to instructional leadership approaches that emphasize classroom observation, supportive feedback, and data-driven decision-making. Interactive sessions allowed headteachers

to assess their leadership styles, evaluate teamwork dynamics within their schools, and understand how collaborative cultures can significantly improve student discipline and performance. Participants also worked on developing or refining School Performance Improvement Plans (SPIPs), ensuring the plans were realistic, measurable, and aligned with district targets.

The training created an environment where school leaders openly shared challenges, from teacher absenteeism to resource limitations, and jointly explored solutions. By the end of the programme, headteachers demonstrated increased confidence in using feedback techniques, mentoring teachers, and promoting professional learning communities within their schools.

The partnership with our Dutch friends and Ambassadors strengthened the capacity of school leaders to drive meaningful changes in teaching and learning. With improved leadership skills and well developed SPIPs, schools are better positioned to deliver quality education and improve learning outcomes across the district.



Our impact in numbers



2,553 participants increased their capacity in instructional supervision, teacher mentoring, performance feedback, and school improvement planning, creating better conditions for effective teaching and learning.



67 school leaders trained



2,486 participants reached via online under the School Management Training



36 Male school leaders benefitted from the school management training



31 female school leaders benefitted from the school management training



ICT PEDAGOGY TRAINING FOR TEACHERS.

Ghana's Standards-Based Curriculum emphasizes the integration of ICT into teaching and learning. To support this national agenda, Savana Signatures initiated the ICT pedagogy training for teachers in Northern Ghana to strengthen teachers' capacity to use digital tools effectively in the classroom.

Implementation & key activities

In 2025, the training brought together 37 teachers from basic and Junior High Schools across the Sagnarigu Municipality.

A workshop was organized for the teachers to explore practical methods for embedding ICT into lesson planning, classroom delivery, learner assessment, and research activities. Facilitators demonstrated simple ways to use laptops, projectors, mobile devices, and educational software to make lessons more interactive and learner-centered.

Teachers worked in groups to redesign sample lessons using digital tools, practiced assessing students using digital platforms, and learned how to source credible online resources to support teaching. Through peer exchange sessions, teachers shared their fears, such as limited ICT confidence, and collectively explored ways to overcome these barriers.

Our impact in numbers



The ICT Pedagogy Training for Teachers enhanced ICT-enabled teaching and learning for **19,991** beneficiaries by enabling teachers to integrate digital tools into lesson planning, classroom delivery, learner assessment, and student engagement.



76 teachers trained under the ICT pedagogy training



19,915 beneficiaries reached online under the ICT pedagogy training



42 Male teachers benefitted from the training

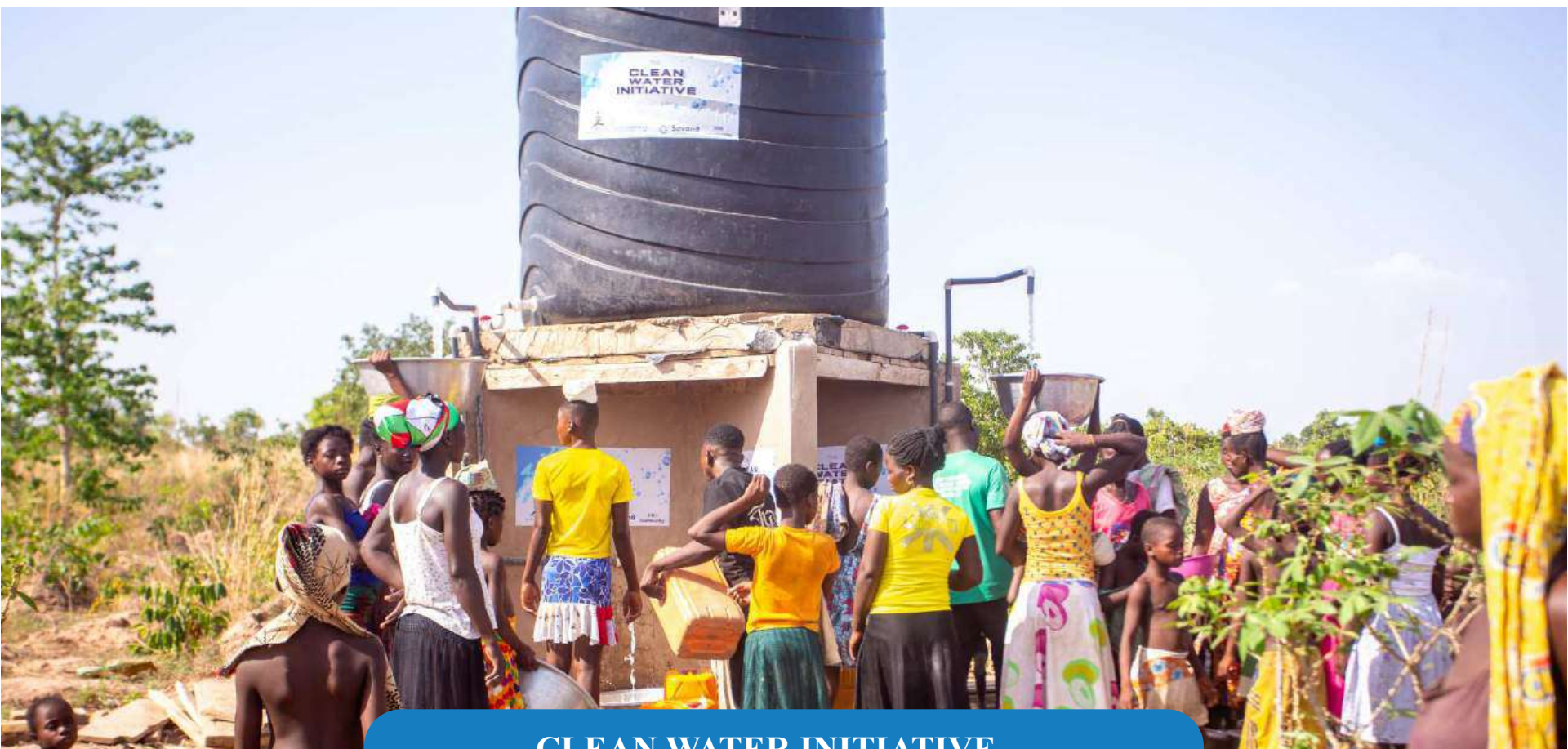


34 female teachers benefitted from the training

Testimony

“The ICT Pedagogy training for teachers has really improved teaching, it helped me use ICT more effectively in my lessons. My students are more engaged than before and easily understand what I teach.” - Amidu Suraiya, Catering Teacher, Tamale Islamic Science SHS.

The ICT Pedagogy training directly contributes to Ghana's vision for ICT-enabled teaching and learning. The initiative equipped teachers with the skills and confidence to use technology meaningfully, helping to bridge the gap between national curriculum expectations and everyday classroom practice while ultimately enriching students' learning experiences.



CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE

In 2025, Savana Signatures implemented the Clean Water Initiative in the Sibi community of Nkwanta North, Oti Region, with funding support from the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) Match Fund Project and the Wilde Ganzen Foundation. The project aims to increase access to safe and reliable drinking water and reduce the health and social burdens associated with water scarcity.

As part of project rollout, the Savana Signatures team engaged community members, including women, men, youth, and traditional leaders, to introduce the initiative, gather insights, and strengthen local ownership.

In December 2025, we completed and handed over the two-hand pump mechanised borehole to meet

community standards and ensure long-term usability. This marked a major milestone toward improving clean water access for hundreds of residents in Sibi. Once handed over, the borehole will help reduce waterborne diseases, ease the workload on women and girls who walk long distances in search of water, and create more opportunities for education, household wellbeing, and economic participation.

Through this initiative, Savana Signatures continues its mission to support girls, women, youth, and vulnerable populations with practical, community-led solutions.

Our impact in numbers



The Clean Water Initiative contributed to improved community health and wellbeing for **9,299** beneficiaries by increasing access to safe water, reducing water-related burdens on households, and supporting better conditions for education, health, and community resilience.



10 Community Water Committee members trained



9,269 reached online under the Clean Water Initiative



5 Male Community Water Committee members trained



5 female Community Water Committee members trained

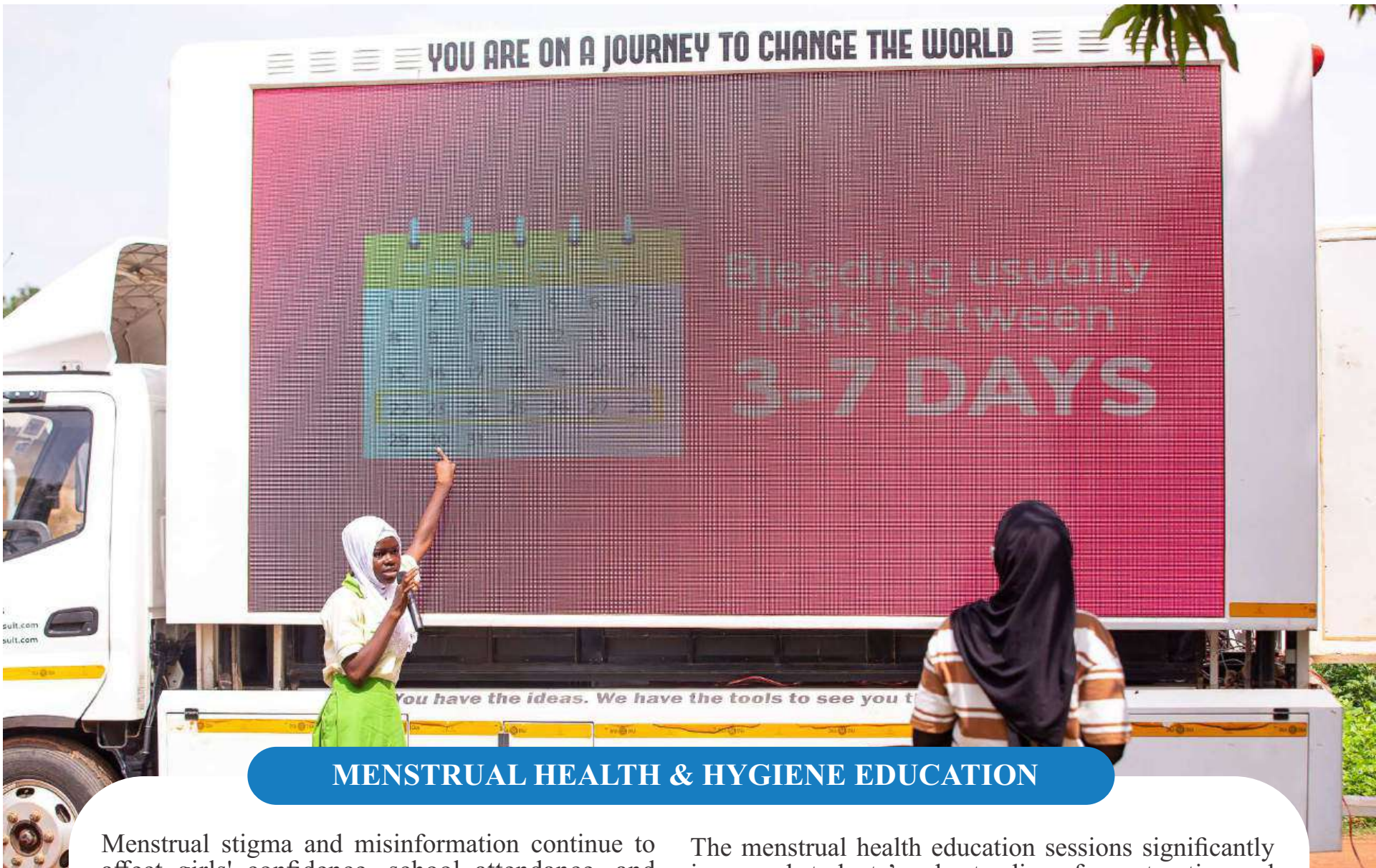


20 community elders engaged as custodians of the Clean Water Initiative

Testimony

“Our biggest challenge has been keeping teachers in this community. Many who are posted here leave within a short time because there is no reliable source of water. Some even refuse the posting entirely. This situation affects our children's education. The new boreholes will help us retain teachers and improve learning in Sibi here.” - Ilin David, Sibi Community Elder





MENSTRUAL HEALTH & HYGIENE EDUCATION

Menstrual stigma and misinformation continue to affect girls' confidence, school attendance, and overall dignity. To reduce stigma and improve menstrual hygiene practices, Savana Signatures held school-based engagements in commemoration of Menstrual Hygiene Day under the theme "Together for a Period-Friendly World."

Implementation & key activities

The programme engaged learners at Hassania Islamic Basic School Gumani Methodist School and St. James RC Basic School, Daboashei, all in the Sagnarigu Municipality of the Northern region.

The menstrual health education sessions significantly improved students' understanding of menstruation and challenged long-standing myths that often create shame and silence around the topic. Girls reported greater confidence in managing their menstrual cycles and discussing menstrual health without fear or embarrassment.

The sessions also strengthened knowledge of safe hygiene practices, helping students understand proper menstrual care and infection prevention.

Importantly, engaging both boys and girls helped reduce stigma and teasing in schools, fostering a more



supportive environment where girls feel comfortable attending school during their periods. Students were further linked to the SHE+ Helpline giving them access to confidential support and reliable information on menstrual health and other sexual and reproductive health concerns.



Our impact in numbers



Menstrual Health Education advanced menstrual health and dignity outcomes for **14,855** beneficiaries by improving menstrual literacy, encouraging safe hygiene practices, reducing stigma, and increasing girls' confidence to participate fully in school.



672 learners benefitted under the Menstrual Health Education



14,183 reached online under the Menstrual Health Education



262 male learners benefitted under the Menstrual Health Education



410 female learners benefitted under the Menstrual Health Education

Testimonies

“Before this session, I was always scared of staining myself at school. Now I know how to manage my period properly and without fear.” **Issaka Hamdia - St. James R/C JHS**

“I didn't know menstruation is just natural. I won't laugh at my school girls again.” - **Dawuda Razak, Student, Hassania Islamic JHS**

The programme improved menstrual literacy, strengthened girls' confidence, and contributed to stigma-free school environments. The SHE+ Helpline's intervention ensures sustained access to reliable reproductive health support by connecting students to the helpline .



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (YEP)

Human capital development depends on adolescents growing into healthy, informed, and resilient adults. In Ghana, challenges such as adolescent pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, substance abuse, and gender-based violence continue to threaten young people's wellbeing and educational outcomes, often fueled by misinformation and peer pressure.

To respond to these challenges, Savana Signatures with funding from UNESCO has been implementing the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) since 2021 to provide adolescents in schools with accurate, age-appropriate, and rights-based Reproductive Health Education (RHE). The project aimed to strengthen young people's knowledge, confidence, and decision-making skills to support healthier life choices and positive development.

Implementation & key activities

The project adopted a school-based approach by training teachers to deliver interactive Ready Steady

RHE and GBV prevention lessons. These lessons were facilitated monthly across 218 Junior High Schools in the Central Tongu District, South Tongu District, and Keta Municipality.

As part of the project's activities in 2025, we organized the Reproductive Health Literacy, Social Support and Reading Festival to mark the International Literacy Day 2025.

Through the Youth Empowerment Project, Savana Signatures strengthened adolescents' access to accurate reproductive health information and essential life skills. The project contributed to safer learning environments and stronger foundations for adolescent health, education, and resilience by embedding RHE within schools and empowering teachers as facilitators.

Our impact in numbers



The Youth Empowerment Project improved adolescent health and resilience outcomes for **223,640** beneficiaries by expanding access to accurate reproductive health information, life skills, and decision-making support for healthier and more informed choices.



191,450 direct beneficiaries reached under the Youth Empowerment Project



32,190 reached online under the Youth Empowerment Project



92,137 male beneficiaries reached under the Youth Empowerment Project



99,313 female beneficiaries reached under the Youth Empowerment Project



SHE+ Helpline



In 2025, the SHE+ Helpline recorded sustained demand for youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health information and support, reflecting the continued need for confidential, trusted, and accessible services for adolescents and young people across Ghana. Calls and messages were received from all sixteen regions, demonstrating the nationwide reach of the platform and its relevance to young people in both urban and rural settings.

In terms of thematic focus, sexual and reproductive health-related enquiries constituted the largest share of calls, accounting for more than a quarter of all interactions. Maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) concerns were also prominent, reflecting growing awareness among young people and caregivers about maternal health, pregnancy, and child wellbeing. Family planning enquiries represented a significant proportion of calls, indicating increased interest in contraceptive uptake among adolescents and young adults.

Service Distribution Summary

In 2025, the SHE+ Helpline responded to 2,735 calls and 21,295 digital interactions (Social media) from adolescents and young people across all sixteen regions of Ghana, reaffirming its role as a nationwide, trusted platform for youth-friendly information, counselling, and referrals.

Geographically, demand for SHE+ services was highest in the Northern Region, which accounted for 667 interactions (approximately 24 percent) of all calls received. This was followed by the Ashanti Region (308 calls), Greater Accra (271 calls), Volta (208 calls), Savannah (201 calls), and North East Region (225 calls). The spread of calls across all regions highlights the platform's relevance to young people in both urban and rural settings, particularly in areas where access to adolescent-friendly services remains limited.

Analysis of 2,340 service-specific enquiries revealed that sexual and reproductive health (SRH) concerns constituted the largest share of interactions, accounting for 764 enquiries (nearly 28 percent). Maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH)-related issues followed closely, with 492 enquiries (18 percent), reflecting increased awareness and information-seeking around pregnancy, childbirth, and child wellbeing.

Family planning enquiries accounted for 388 interactions (14 percent), signaling growing interest among adolescents and young adults in contraception and reproductive life planning. Menstruation and menstrual hygiene emerged as a major area of concern, with 505 enquiries, underscoring persistent gaps in menstrual health knowledge and the continued stigma surrounding menstruation.

The helpline also addressed significant demand for support on nutrition (280 enquiries) and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)-related issues (291 enquiries), highlighting the close link between health, dignity, and everyday living conditions for young people. Mental health and psychosocial support needs were reflected in 189 enquiries, indicating rising awareness and openness among young people to seek support for emotional wellbeing.

In addition, the SHE+ Helpline responded to sensitive protection-related issues, including gender-based violence (48 enquiries), child marriage (66 enquiries), and drug and substance abuse (188 enquiries). These interactions required careful counselling, safety guidance, and referrals, demonstrating the helpline's critical role in both prevention and response.

Beyond health-related needs, young people also sought guidance on education (97 enquiries) and entrepreneurship and financial assistance (105 enquiries), reflecting broader socio-economic concerns affecting adolescents and youth.

Overall, the 2025 data highlight the SHE+ Helpline's effectiveness as a comprehensive, youth-centred support



Get Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Information, Counselling and Referral services through the SHE+ Helpline



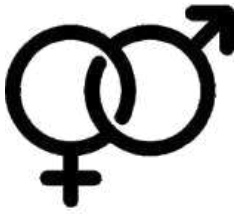
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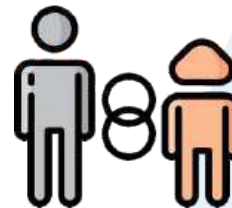
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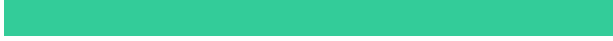











7
Prank Calls



48
Enquiries on
Gender-Based
Violence

Regional Distribution of Services

Region		Frequency	Percentage (%)
Northern		667	24.4
Ashanti		308	11.3
Greater Accra		271	9.9
North East		225	8.2
Volta		208	7.6
Savannah		201	7.3
Oti		159	5.8
Upper East		150	5.5
Bono East		90	3.3
Upper West		89	3.3
Bono		81	3.0
Eastern		74	2.7
Central		67	2.4
Ahafo		64	2.3
Western		53	1.9
Western North		28	1.0



SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE

Supporting communities to protect natural resources, adapt to climate change,
and strengthen livelihoods.



GREEN SCHOOLS PROJECT

Northern Ghana continues to experience erratic rainfall, land degradation, and declining soil fertility, threatening food security and community livelihoods. At the same time, many basic schools lack practical environmental learning systems that equip students with the skills required to respond to climate change.

The Green Schools Project addressed this gap by integrating climate-smart agriculture into school systems in the Karaga and Sagnarigu Districts, positioning schools as local hubs for climate adaptation and environmental stewardship. Teachers were trained in agro-metrics, climate-resilient agronomic practices, composting, spacing, and water management.

Implementation & key activities

Participating schools established functional gardens cultivating tomatoes, okra, ayoyo, and other locally appropriate crops. These gardens serve as hands-on learning platforms, strengthening climate literacy, food systems awareness, and sustainable land use practices among students.



Our impact in numbers



The Green Schools Project promoted climate resilience and environmental learning for **13,280** beneficiaries by improving climate-smart agriculture knowledge, supporting practical environmental stewardship, and advancing sustainable school-based food systems.



1,825 learners and teachers directly reached under the Green Schools Project



11,455 reached online under the Green Schools Project



1,011 Male learners and teachers directly reached under the Green Schools Project



814 female learners and teachers directly reached under the Green Schools Project



GIZ DTEG STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

Savana Signatures was contracted by GIZ as consultant to GIZ's Digital Transformation for Inclusive Entrepreneurship in Ghana (DTEG) project. Savana Signatures convened eight (8) stakeholder engagements across four regions (Northern, North-East, Upper West, and Upper East regions) to strengthen cooperation between the public sector, private providers, and entrepreneurs, with a strong focus on women-led MSMEs and youth innovators.

Implementation & key activities

The regional stakeholder engagements created a collaborative platform where women-owned MSMEs, youth innovators, financial institutions, telecom providers, innovation hubs, and local authorities jointly explored how digital tools can strengthen

inclusive entrepreneurship in Northern Ghana. Through these dialogues, entrepreneurs gained practical insights into using digital platforms to grow their businesses, while stakeholders identified key barriers such as limited digital skills, high data costs, and restricted access to devices. The engagements also fostered new connections, opening pathways for mentorship, partnerships, and referrals to digital and financial service providers, helping ensure that women and youth entrepreneurs are better positioned to participate in the digital economy.

Our impact in numbers



The GIZ DTEG Stakeholder Engagements increased inclusive digital entrepreneurship outcomes for **148,413** participants by deepening collaboration among ecosystem actors, improving awareness of digital business opportunities, and supporting women-led MSMEs and youth innovators to participate more effectively in the digital economy.



323 participants reached under the GIZ DTEG Stakeholder Engagements



148,090 participants reached online under the GIZ DTEG Stakeholder Engagements



150 male participants reached under the GIZ DTEG Stakeholder Engagements



173 female participants reached under the GIZ DTEG Stakeholder Engagements

Testimony

expand my market beyond the local community, regardless of my situation as PWD.” — Amina, a female MSME owner.

The DTEG stakeholder engagements catalysed local partnerships, elevated the voices of women entrepreneurs and youth innovators, and generated practical recommendations for scaling digital inclusion across the four regions. The forums set the stage for follow-up capacity-building and ecosystem strengthening under DTEG.





DIGITAL MARKETING TRAINING FOR ENTREPRENEURS

In the Northern region just like other regions in Ghana, many small businesses lack basic digital marketing skills to reach customers online, thereby limiting their customer base and profits. To address this challenge, in 2025, Savana Signatures organized a free 3-day digital marketing training for more than 100 entrepreneurs, particularly women running small and medium enterprises.

The program was designed to equip business owners with digital tools to expand their reach, build strong online identities, and master social media platforms.

Implementation & key activities

Over the three days, entrepreneurs participated in hands-on sessions where they created and improved online business profiles, learned to produce visual content, and practiced customer engagement

techniques on platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp Business, Tiktok and Instagram.

The digital marketing training strengthened the ability of entrepreneurs to use online platforms to promote and grow their businesses. Participants gained practical skills to create professional online business profiles, produce engaging digital content, and interact effectively with customers through platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp Business, TikTok, and Instagram.

By the end of the training, many entrepreneurs were able to confidently design simple promotional materials and plan low-cost digital campaigns, enabling them to increase the visibility of their products and reach wider markets using accessible digital tools.

Our impact in numbers



The Digital Marketing Training for Entrepreneurs equipped **8,184** participants with practical capacity to use online platforms, digital content, and customer engagement tools to increase market visibility and access business opportunities.



101 entrepreneurs trained under the Digital Marketing Training for Entrepreneurs



8,083 entrepreneurs trained under the Digital Marketing Training for Entrepreneurs



14 male entrepreneurs trained under the Digital Marketing Training for Entrepreneurs



87 female entrepreneurs trained under the Digital Marketing Training for Entrepreneurs

Testimony

“I am now able to set up a WhatsApp Business profile and I am already receiving new orders through it.” — Rukaya Yakubu, Beneficiary of the Digital Marketing Training for Entrepreneurs

This reflects the practical impact of the training, as participants translated newly acquired digital skills into real business opportunities. By the end of the programme, beneficiaries demonstrated increased confidence in taking their businesses online and effectively using low-cost digital platforms to expand their reach, attract customers, and grow their income without placing additional strain on limited resources.





DIGITAL TALK SERIES

To reach wider audiences beyond training halls, Savana Signatures provided a consultancy service for GIZ's Digital Talk Series to rollout radio discussions on two (2) radio stations (Zaa Radio in Tamale and A1 Radio, Bolgatanga).

Implementation & key activities

The radio episodes were held biweekly, featuring interviews with digital champions, women MSMEs, innovation hubs and experts who discharged topics such as mobile finance, online safety, e-commerce and low-cost marketing.

The Digital Talk Series blended expert insights, genuine business stories and live call-in segments where listeners asked questions. The format deliberately spotlighted women, youth, and Women with Disabilities to ensure inclusive representation and to surface solutions that work in rural contexts. Hosts also shared simple follow-up actions for listeners, for example how to set up a WhatsApp business or where to access free business support and advice.

Our impact in numbers



The Digital Talk Series expanded inclusive digital literacy for **458,670** participants by improving access to practical information on digital tools, online safety, e-commerce, mobile finance, and low-cost digital marketing for women-led MSMEs, youth innovators, and persons with disabilities.



401,430 listeners reached across two radio stations under the Digital Talk Series



57,192 participants reached under the Digital Talk Series



48 women MSMEs, Digital Champions, Innovation hub representatives and PWDs engaged.

Testimony

“I learned how to list my products on Facebook Marketplace from the radio and I am happy to say, I have started getting enquiries.” - Leticia Adongo, a caller, A1 Radio.

The Digital Talk Series extended the DTEG message into homes and marketplaces, demystifying digital tools and prompting immediate actions among listeners. As an accessible mass-media channel, it remains a cost-effective way to scale digital literacy and inclusion.





ENHANCING LIVELIHOODS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE WOMEN PROJECT.

In 2025, Savana Signatures, with funding from the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), initiated the Enhancing Livelihoods and Social Protection of Vulnerable Women Project in the Northern and Oti Regions of Ghana. The project is designed to empower vulnerable women, particularly single mothers, women with disabilities, and survivors of gender-based violence, through vocational, digital, and financial skills development.

Implementation & key activities

During the inception phase, the project focused on laying a strong foundation for effective delivery. Key activities included stakeholder engagements with

government institutions and partners to strengthen collaboration and align support systems for beneficiaries. In addition, inclusion and accessibility discussions were held to ensure that training environments are safe, responsive, and accessible to women with disabilities.

A comprehensive needs assessment was conducted to better understand the skills, interests, and livelihood realities of the target groups. These insights are directly informing the design of training modules to ensure relevance and impact.

Through these early engagements, beneficiary communities have demonstrated growing interest and

confidence in the project. Women expressed readiness to participate in upcoming training opportunities, with many already identifying preferred skill areas and livelihood pathways. The strong stakeholder buy-in and community anticipation position the project for effective rollout in its next phase.



Our impact in numbers



The Enhancing Livelihoods and Social Protection of Vulnerable Women Project improved livelihood readiness and social protection pathways for **5,424** beneficiaries by increasing access to inclusion planning, stakeholder support systems, and preparation for vocational, digital, and financial skills development.



1,044 beneficiaries directly reached under the Enhancing Livelihoods and Social Protection of Vulnerable Women Projects



4,380 beneficiaries reached online under the Enhancing Livelihoods and Social Protection of Vulnerable Women Projects



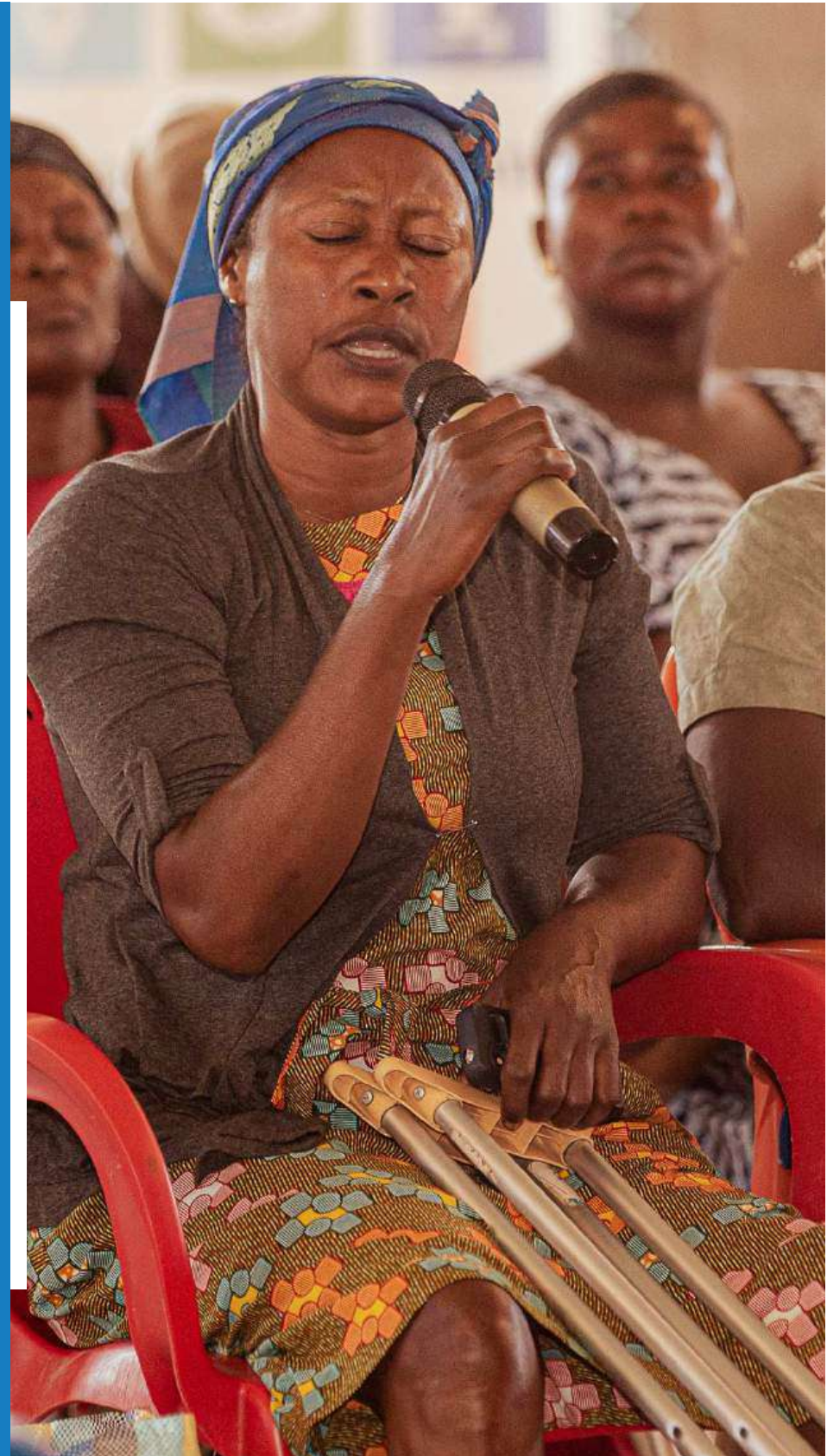
94 male beneficiaries directly reached under the Enhancing Livelihoods and Social Protection of Vulnerable Women Projects



950 female beneficiaries directly reached under the Enhancing Livelihoods and Social Protection of Vulnerable Women Projects

SOCIAL INCLUSION & COHESION

Building inclusive, peaceful, and resilient communities by empowering marginalized groups, strengthening participatory governance, and promoting social cohesion.





YOUR VOICE FOR MATTER

In order to increase diverse and inclusive political engagement in the 2024 election cycle, Savana Signatures and the STAR-Ghana Foundation collaborated to launch the Your Voice 4 Matter Project in the Oti Region. The project's main goal was to make sure that women, youth, and PWDs had a stronger say in governance and development processes by collaboratively creating platforms that enable them express their concerns and priorities.

Implementation & key activities

Launched in the last quarter of 2024, the project was implemented across eight (8) districts in the Oti Region: Biakoye, Jasikan, Kadjebi, Krachi East, Krachi Nchumuru, Krachi West, Nkwanta South, and Nkwanta North. The intervention sought to promote inclusive democratic participation by improving access to electoral processes and strengthening the capacity of marginalized groups to engage with and hold duty bearers accountable.

Key implementation approaches included:

- Promoting political participation among women, PWDs, and other marginalized groups.
- Improving access to electoral processes, particularly for persons with physical and sensory disabilities.
- Supporting polling station accessibility during the 2024 general elections.
- Partnering with electoral management bodies, local authorities, and advocacy organisations, including the Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations, to advance inclusive electoral practices.



Our impact in numbers



A digital tracking system (Campaign promise tracker) was developed to monitor and track election-related commitments made by political parties in real time. accountability initiatives.



16 focal persons were trained and supported to lead district-level advocacy and social accountability initiatives.



3,000 marginalized individuals, including women, youth, and PWDs, received election-related information to support informed participation during the elections.



420 polling stations were audited, leading to significant improvements in physical accessibility for PWDs.



8 Social Accountability Tracking groups were established, one in each project district, to monitor local governance and public service delivery.



2,560 marginalized individuals were trained in social accountability tools and methods to strengthen citizen oversight and engagement.



TRANSPORT SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (TSIP)

From October 2020 to June 2025, Savana Signatures supported the Ministry of Roads and Highways to strengthen citizen engagement, grievance redress and social safeguards across Package 3 in Atebubu-Amantin and Lots 1 and 2 covering Tatale, Zabzugu, Mion, Yendi and Tamale. The assignment focused on operationalising a computer-based Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM), improving access to complaint and GBV reporting channels, and ensuring that project-affected persons and communities had trusted pathways for feedback and redress.

Implementation & key activities

Savana Signatures completed the project inception and design phase through the preparation of the

inception report, work plan, implementation methodology and reporting framework with the Ministry of Roads and Highways.

A major technical milestone was the review and strengthening of the Grievance Redress Mechanism and Gender Based Violence frameworks, resulting in clearer referral pathways, stronger confidentiality provisions, improved handling of resettlement grievances, and clearer roles and accountability across community, district and project levels.

Savana Signatures also designed and implemented the Community Engagement and Communication Plan for Package 3 and Lots 1 and 2, guiding public sensitisation on grievance procedures, Gender Based Violence and

Sexual Exploitation and Abuse risks, and available reporting channels through community durbars, forums, radio discussions, jingles, posters, flyers and signposts.

Additionally project components included development of Grievance Redress Mechanism standard operating procedures and terms of reference, establishment of Community Monitoring Committees and District Grievance Redress Committees, training of staff and stakeholders, and setting up of grievance counters, complaint boxes, toll-free hotlines and the Grievance and Complaints Logging System.

REACH AND OUTCOMES

Community engagement activities reached 308,781 people across the three corridors. This included 6,838 people through general community engagements, 1,555 women through women's groups, 143 persons with disabilities, 2,200 youth, 6,726 students and 773 people in special groups.



Media engagement amplified project visibility and access. We worked through 6 radio stations, conducted 52 live radio discussions and reached 288,546 people through radio messaging and call-in programmes.

We trained a total of 886 stakeholders, comprising 68 focal persons, 35 grievance committee members, 753 contractor workforce members and 30 service providers. Post-training assessments recorded an average of 35% increase in knowledge scores.

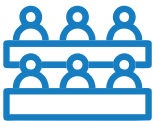
Across the implementation period, 232 complaints were received, processed and addressed through walk-ins, hotlines, online systems and community focal persons. Issues raised included compensation, property damage, labour concerns, dust pollution and access constraints. Several cases led to compensation payments, improved contractor responsiveness, stronger oversight and redesign of construction layouts where required.

The project strengthened public trust, expanded access to grievance and GBV response systems, and demonstrated the practical value of combining ICT-enabled platforms with sustained community-based engagement in infrastructure delivery.

Our impact in numbers



The Transport Sector Improvement Project improved inclusive infrastructure governance for **308,781** beneficiaries by increasing access to grievance redress, GBV reporting pathways, community feedback mechanisms, and accountability systems in road infrastructure delivery.



886 trained under the Transport Sector Improvement Project



232 complaints received and addressed under the Transport Sector Improvement Project



35% average knowledge gained under the Transport Sector Improvement Project

Acknowledgement

Savana Signatures extends its sincere appreciation to all partners, supporters, and collaborators whose contributions made our work in 2025 possible, even within a challenging operating environment.



Our appreciation goes to **UNESCO Ghana** for its support to the **Youth Empowerment**

Project, SHE+ Helpline and the Reproductive Health Literacy, Social Support and Reading Festival (RHESS), which promoted literacy, confidence, and informed decision-making among young people in the Volta Region.



We acknowledge **Tony's Chokolony and Edukans** for funding and partnering on the Rural Youth in Ghana

Catching Up on Education Project, which strengthened learning outcomes, community engagement, and child protection systems in cocoa-growing communities in the Eastern Region.



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for Inclusive Growth (DTEG) Programme for trusting us to be their consultants to carry out the DTEG stakeholder engagements and the Digital Talk Series that advanced inclusive digital transformation and strengthened collaboration among public and private sector actors.



We are grateful to **Aflatoun International** for supporting capacity-building initiatives on

cryptocurrency and blockchain technology, equipping young people with practical knowledge on emerging digital financial systems.



We appreciate the support of the **Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)** for the **Enhancing Livelihoods and Social Protection of Vulnerable Women Project**, which

laid the groundwork for expanding economic opportunities and social protection for women.



Our gratitude also goes to the **West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI)** and the **Wilde Ganzen Foundation** for their support to the **Clean Water Initiative in Sibi Community**, Oti Region, improving access to safe drinking water and enhancing community wellbeing.



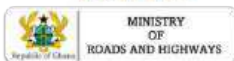
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health information, counselling, and referral services for adolescents and young people nationwide.



We appreciate the support of the World Bank for funding our consultancy services under the Ministry of Roads and Highways' Transport Sector Improvement Project. Through this partnership, we supported the implementation of an ICT-enabled Grievance Redress Mechanism, ensuring that road infrastructure development was socially responsible, inclusive, and accountable to project-affected communities.



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Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the communities, adolescents, young people, women, and families who engaged with our programmes, as well as to the Savana Signatures Board, staff, volunteers, and consultants for their dedication, professionalism, and strength throughout 2025.

Together, your partnership made it possible to advance inclusive, innovative, and people-centred development across Ghana.

2025 International & National Recognitions





As we reflect on 2025, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude and renewed purpose. While the year presented significant challenges, it also reaffirmed our strength, and unwavering commitment to the communities we serve.

Looking ahead, we remain hopeful and determined. Guided by our values and strengthened by the lessons of 2025, we will continue to build inclusive systems, deepen partnerships, and expand opportunities that enable an inclusive, healthy, empowered, and resilient society.

