



2026 FIRST HALF

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Building Resilient Communities Through Innovation and Inclusion

The first half of 2026 was marked by meaningful progress in our mission to create and scale ICT-enabled solutions that promote human capital development, community wellbeing, and individual resilience.

Across education, health, climate action, digital inclusion, and social cohesion, Savana Signatures worked alongside communities, schools, development partners, and local leaders to address pressing challenges and create opportunities for sustainable change.

This edition highlights stories of impact from the first two quarters, showcasing how young people are making informed life choices, schools embracing climate action, communities benefiting from improved access to safe water, and digital innovation empowering individuals and institutions.

ADVANCING INCLUSION THROUGH THE GET HIGH ON THE GOODLIFE CAMPAIGN

In the second quarter of 2026, Savana Signatures strengthened its substance abuse prevention efforts through the *Get High On the Goodlife* campaign, reaching young people in both mainstream and inclusive learning environments.



At the Savelugu School for the Deaf, learners with hearing impairments were engaged on substance abuse prevention, ensuring that disability does not become a barrier to accessing life-saving information. The campaign reinforced the message that every young person deserves the knowledge and



support to make informed choices and live with dignity.

The campaign also reached Junior High School learners within the Sakasaka Cluster of Schools in Tamale, where discussions focused on substance abuse, peer pressure, and the importance of making positive life choices. Through these engagements, young people were encouraged to choose purpose over pressure and prioritize their wellbeing and future aspirations.



CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE

Improving wellbeing in Sibi

As part of activities marking World Water Day 2026, Savana Signatures conducted a post-implementation assessment visit to the Sibi community to assess the impact of the Clean Water Initiative.

Community members reported improved access to safe and reliable water through the mechanized borehole installed under the project. The intervention has significantly reduced the burden of long-distance water collection, particularly for women and girls, while creating opportunities for girls to spend more time in school and women to engage in productive economic activities.

The initiative continues to contribute to improved health, dignity, and community wellbeing.



GREEN SCHOOLS PROJECT INSPIRES CLIMATE ACTION IN SCHOOLS

Savana Signatures officially launched the Green Schools Project 2026 during Ghana Climate Week 2026 in partnership with the Ghana Education Service.

The initiative is already transforming schools into practical learning spaces for climate education and environmental stewardship. Schools including Ridge JHS, Kamina Barracks JHS, Kulaa Anglican School, and St. James R/C JHS, Bagabaga Demonstration JHS have established school gardens where learners are gaining hands-on knowledge in climate-smart agriculture, sustainability, teamwork, and food production.



Beyond environmental education, the project is helping learners understand the connection between climate change, food security, nutrition, and livelihoods.

Inspired by the success of the pilot phase at Hassania Islamic JHS, participating schools are embracing climate actions that strengthen both learning and community resilience.



SAVANA SIGNATURES LAUNCHES 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Savana Signatures officially launched its 2025 Annual Report titled *“A Defining Year of Resilience, Innovation, and People-Centred Action”* in Accra and Tamale.

The launch convened diplomats, development partners, government institutions, civil society organizations, and traditional leaders committed to inclusive development in Ghana.

The event also reinforced growing recognition of Savana Signatures' work. Head of the **UNESCO** Office in Accra and **UNESCO** Representative to Ghana, Mr. Edmond Moukala, commended the organization for translating policy into measurable community impact and called for stronger support for high-impact local **CSOs** like Savana Signatures.

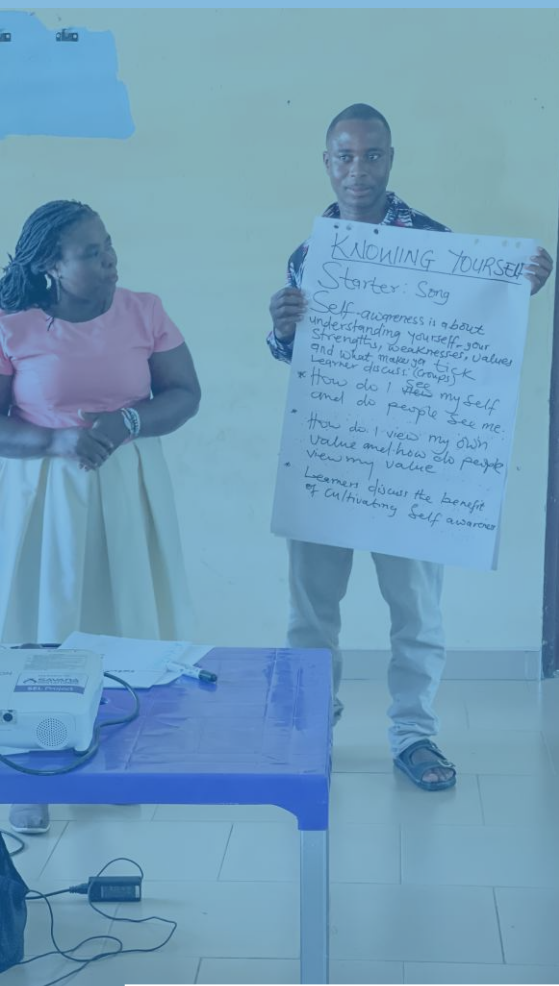




YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT STRENGTHENS SAFE LEARNING SPACES IN THE VOLTA REGION.

Under the **UNESCO**-funded Youth Empowerment Project (YEP), Savana Signatures trained teachers across South Tongu, Central Tongu, and Keta Municipality in innovative approaches to Reproductive Health Education (RHE).

Using the Ready Steady Manual, teachers are now facilitating more interactive and age-appropriate learning sessions that promote adolescent health, wellbeing, and informed decision-making. The training has strengthened teachers' confidence to create safe learning spaces where young people can openly discuss life choices and reproductive health issues without fear or stigma.





KNOWING IS LIVING PROJECT

Promoting **HIV** awareness among young people



Through the Knowing is Living project, Savana Signatures continued to champion voluntary HIV testing and fight stigma against people living with HIV.

Young influencers and digital advocates were trained to use storytelling, creative content, and social media to encourage accurate HIV awareness, testing, and support-seeking behaviours among young people.

The radio engagements on **Fiila FM** and **Radio Xtra**, combined with youth-led online campaigns and short film productions, are helping shift conversations around HIV from fear and stigma to knowledge, empathy, and action.



GIRLS IN ICT DAY 2026: Inspiring girls to shape the digital future

To mark International Girls in ICT Day 2026, Savana Signatures organized a hands-on ICT learning session for girls from Hassaniya Islamic Basic School in the Sagnarigu Municipality under the theme ***"AI for Development: Girls Shaping the Digital Future."***

The session introduced girls to practical applications of technology and artificial intelligence, helping them see digital tools as pathways for creativity, problem-solving, learning, and future careers.

The engagement reinforced Savana Signatures' commitment to empowering girls with digital skills and confidence at an early age.





ICT4D SERIES:

Deepening conversations on technology for social impact



Savana Signatures organized three **ICT4D** forums between February and May 2026 to strengthen the capacity of community members in Northern Ghana, staff, partners, and institutions to use technology responsibly and sustainably for development.

Discussions focused on Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence, Mental Health and Technology, and the use of AI and digital tools to strengthen climate resilience and livelihoods. The forums created important spaces for dialogue on ethical and inclusive technology use within communities and institutions.

SAVANA SIGNATURES CONTRIBUTES TO NATIONAL AI CONVERSATIONS



In February 2026, our Executive Director, Dr. Stephen Agbenyo participated in the Commonwealth Alumni Panel Discussion on AI and the Future of Work in Ghana at the British Council in Accra.

Speaking as a panelist during the discussion, Dr. Stephen Agbenyo emphasized the need for Ghana to prioritize digital skills development and ethical AI adoption to ensure that technological advancement benefits all segments of society.

The engagement reflects Savana Signatures' growing role in shaping conversations around inclusive digital transformation in Ghana.





Savana Signatures provided consultancy services for the GIZ's Digital Champions Network to strengthen the economic situation of informal micro-enterprises, particularly women-led and youth-owned, through digital transformation.

The initiative strengthened the capacity of organizations and selected participants to support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in adopting digital tools, improving business practices, and connecting to relevant support services.

The programme contributes to building stronger local businesses through digital innovation and inclusion.

This consultancy service is part of the larger GIZ Digital Transformation for Inclusive Entrepreneurship in Ghana (DTEG) Project.



PROMOTING FINANCIAL LITERACY THROUGH GLOBAL MONEY WEEK 2026

As part of Global Money Week 2026, Savana Signatures engaged basic school learners in the Sagnarigu Municipality in a fun-learning financial literacy activities supported by Aflatoun International.

Learners explored Ghanaian banknotes, discussed saving and spending habits, and designed their own banknotes and currencies through fun and interactive learning sessions.

The initiative contributed to building early financial literacy skills and confidence among children, reinforcing the importance of preparing young people to make informed financial decisions in the future.



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