Message from Founder

Our Vision

We work to improve the lives (social, civic, economic and political) of women, children and young people and person with disability (PWDs) in target communities.

Our Mission

To work with women, children, young people, state institutions and in partnership with like-minded organisation to advance and protect the rights of women, children and young people for sustainable, healthy and productive communities.

Who we are and what we do

Rights Action Ghana was established in December, 2021 a charitable organization. In the run up to this, initiator Ms Rahinatu had experienced in project work how much can be achieved on the ground in Northern Ghana with few resources if you get engaged and deliver with passion. Together, we are passionate about the rural population in order to improve their living conditions for the long term. Since 2022, we have been meeting and sensitising some youth groups, children, women and communities in the West Mamprusi Municipality in the North East region.

In addition to this clear geographical focus, we limit our activities to four core areas where we can have the most impact: Sexual and gender based-violence, empowerment of Women, Girls, youth and PWDs, financial inclusion, education and literacy , technical and vocational training skill development, Girls Education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and Climate Change, Agriculture and livelihoods - our projects empower the population to themselves improve their living conditions in the medium to long term.

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence 2022

The 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence which runs from 25th November (the international day for the elimination of all forms of violence against women) to 10th December (International Human Rights Day) 2022, is celebrated on the theme:" UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls". This year's celebration called on everyone to support, give solidarity to women's rights activists and play an active role in ending violence

against women and girls. As the celebration ends tomorrow, 10th December, Rights Action Ghana is calling on everyone to resist the rollback on women's rights and take active part in ending gender- based violence in their families, communities and the society in general to ensure respect for women and girls rights by advocating against forced and early marriage, domestic violence, female genital mutilation and all cultural and traditional practices and norms that deny women and girls their basic human rights. We are also calling on the government and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and all relevant institutions to ensure that agencies and departments mandated to protect and defend women and girls' rights are well resource to carry out their mandate.

Iinteraction with Children from the Diani Community

We had an exciting interaction with Children from the Diani community (West Mamprusi Municipal) this morning. We discussed the importance of education as a right and the role of the children in fulfilling that right. The children raised issues such as financial ability of parents to provide basic needs like school uniforms, sandals, books, etc which facilitate the stay of children in school as reasons for drop out and irregular school attendance. Teenage pregnancy and kayaye were among additional reasons especially for drop out of girls from school.

16 Daas of Activism

Gender -Based Violence is a human rights violation. Many women and girls, and even men though in the minority are abused on daily basis in our homes, communities, work places and the society in general. These violations leave especially women and girls emotionally broken forever, denied their right to education, unable to explore opportunities for their advancement and sometimes lost of precious lives. It's time to act now.
Join the 2022 16 Days of Activism campaign against Gender -Based Violence on the Theme: Unit ! To End Violence against Women and Girls.
You can do this by;
1. Be an advocate on all your social media pages and share campaign messages
2. Donate to organisations advocating against GBV and supporting victims
3. Educate yourself on GBV and how to spot the signs so that you can help
4. Personally join activists on campaign activities
5. Volunteer - every action taken matters
6. Encourage your family and friends to join the campaign
7. Change your social media pages to the colour orange

The Non-profit Organization Secretariat under the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and the Financial Intelligence Centre(Ministry of Finance) organized a sensitisation workshop on money laundering and Terrorist financing for non-profit organisations in Tamale. The workshop was an opener for a lot of us as it exposed us to the various types of money laundering and how NGOs are vulnerable to money laundering activities. The facilitators who comprised of the Director and staff of the NPOs, FIC and GIZ also explained how NGOs could reduce this risk through due deligence and working within their organisational values, principles and in partnership with organisations leading the fight against money laundering. We look forward to more of such educative interventions from the NPOs and it's partners.

Our team met with the Chief and people of Gaagbini community in the West Mamprusi Municipal to give them feedback on an earlier interaction with the children in the community. The discussions centred on issues that came up during our meeting with the children such as; parents inability to provide the basic educational needs of their children like school uniforms, books, distance to school, (school is in the next community - Nayoku), teenage pregnancy among others. We deliberated on how the community could initiate solutions to their needs. The idea was welcomed by the Chief and his people who promised to hold a community meeting to discuss the issues we presented to them and invite us for further deliberation.

USAID PolicyLink Project

Rights Action Ghana participated in the Feed The Future (FtF) Ghana Policy Link Activity inception meeting held on the 25th August, 2022 at the Extee Crystal Hotel in Bolgatanga in the Upper East Region. Giving an overview of the Activity, the Country Lead, Mr. Yunus Abdulai stated that, the Policy Link Activity is a 5-year Activity that aims to foster behaviour change that strengthens the capacity of the Ghanaian stakeholders to participate in a transparent, inclusive and evidenced- based agriculture and food systems policy process that leads to improved food and nutrition outcomes and broad-based economic growth. Participants comprised of CSOs/NGOs, youth groups, women groups, academia, research institutions and government agencies and departments. The stakeholders were engaged to understand the Activity scope,objectives, approach and opportunities for collaboration and coordination.
The various stakeholders discussed and presented areas they think the Activity can collaborate with them to ensure effective coordination of the Activity.

KASA Ghana
Rights Action Action participated in a two- day CSOs, Green Climate Fund Workshop organised by Care Ghana in collaboration with KASA Ghana from 22nd to 23rd August, 2022 at the Gariba Lodge in Tamale. The purpose of the Workshop was to help CSOs know more about the Green Climate Fund and how to influence the process of implementation. It also sought to strengthen the capacity and knowledge of participants on the Green Climate Fund(GCF) and deliberated on how CSOs can contribute to the effective implementation of the project.
Key among the discussions was updates on the Ghana Shea landscape emissions reduction project (GSLERP) being implemented in northern Ghana. The workshop also discussed the Gender Action Plans of related GCF projects under implementation with focus on the the GSLERP Gender Action Plan (GAP).
Participants capacities were also built on evidence -based advocacy and the importance of evidence (data) in Advocacy as well as ways of strengthening communication among them.
This workshop was very beneficial to RAG as it will help shape It's interventions on Climate Change in communities as well as it's advocacy strategies.

International Youth Day

Yesterday, 12th August 2022 was International Youth Day. The theme for the day was: "Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a world for all ages". It sought to highlight the many challenges face by the youth globally and the need for action.
Nationally, Ghanaians youth are still face with numerous challenges despite the efforts by government and the private sector. The high rates of youth unemployment and underemployment which are among the highest in Sub- Saharan Africa are a major obstacle to the development of the Ghanaian youth and their contribution to the general development of the country.
Reflecting on this occasion as a nation, our policies, programmes and decisions must not just create youth employment but include the development of human capital, the alignment of our educational programmes with skills development initiatives as well as promote social inclusion and greater collaboration among all stakeholders to create the environment for their development and growth.
We must all amplify this call and contribute our quota to ensure that the youth who are making a lot of changes in our society get the necessary attention so that they can contribute to the future of our nation.

This afternoon, Rights Action Ghana had a fruitful discussion with Youth Development and Voice Initiative. We deliberated on our area of work and how we can jointly work to empower and give youth in northern Ghana the voice they need to speak up. We look forward to strengthen this relationship and develop innovative strategies that will not only empower youth in the north, but also build their capacities and agency to become self- reliant as well as contribute constructively to the development of their families and communities through active participation in development initiatives.

Today we visited Banawa and Gagbini communities in the West Mamprusi Municipality. We interacted with the 3 minutes youth group in Banawa and discussed severally challenges them; key issues included kayaye and its effect on girls education in the community, youth unemployment and parents attitude towards the educational needs of their wards among others.
At Diyanni, children's attitude towards education was very prominent and parents desire was that we return to have meetings with the youth alone to help reduce the problem. Other challenges identified during our discussion included; women economic empowerment, high cost of farm inputs and lack of funds to support brilliant students from the community to pursue further studies.
We will be back there in few weeks to continue the discussion on how we can work together to bring solutions to their challenges.

Today, I had an interact with the Executive Director of Songtaba on how Right Action Ghana could collaborate with Songtaba effectively by sharing ideas, information and in some cases work together to support youth activism and women and their groups.
The future is bright.