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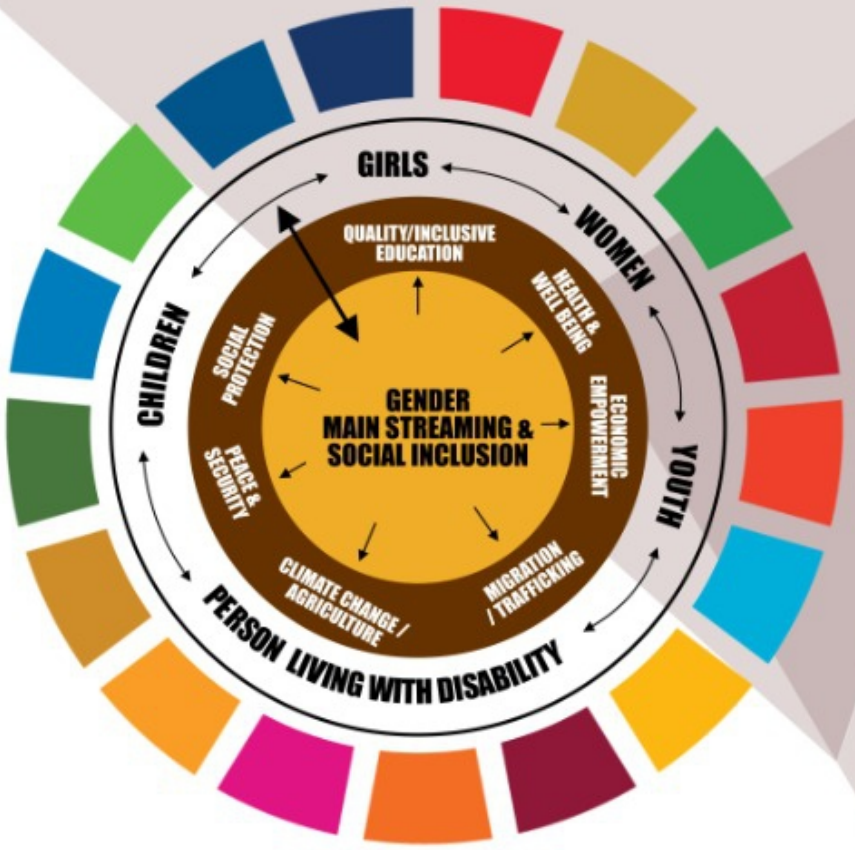
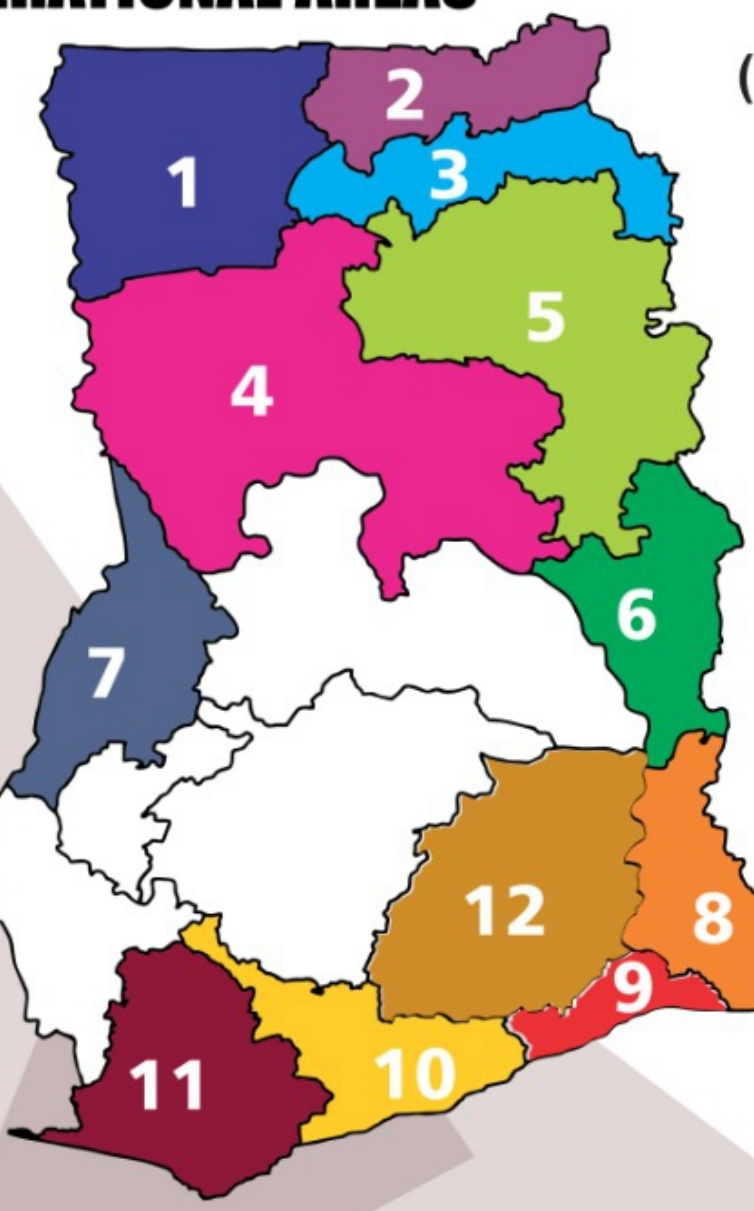


CONNECTING MINISTRIES

- Ministry of Gender , Children and Social Protection
- Ministry of Agriculture Food and Agriculture
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration
- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health Ministry of Sport and Recreation
- Ministry of Youth Development and Empowerment
- Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology

OPERATIONAL AREAS



(REGIONS AND MUNICIPALS/DISTRICTS)

1 UPPER WEST
1. Wa Municipal
2. Wa East
3. Nadowli/Kaleo
4. Sissala West

2 UPPER EAST
1. Bolgatanga East
2. Bolgatanga Municipal
3. Kassena Nankana West
4. Kassena Nankana East

3 SAVANNAH
1. East Gonja
2. Central Gonja
3. West Gonja

4 North East
1. East Mamprusi
2. West Mamprusi

5 Northern
1. Yendi
2. Tamale Metropolitan
3. Sagnerigu
4. Zabzugu
5. Tolon
6.Savelugu

6 Oti
1. Krachi East
2. Nkwata South
3. Biakoya
4. Krachi West
5. Kadjebi

7 Bono
1. Jaman North
2. Jaman South
3. Brekum West
4. Sunyani

8 Volta
1. Ho
2. South Tongu
3. North Tongu
4. Central Tongu
5. Kpando
6. Hohoe

9 Greater Accra
1. Adenta
2. Ada East
3. Ada West
4. Accra Metropolitan
5. Ayawaso West
6. Ayawaso East
7. Ashaiman
8. Ningo Prampram
9. Tema West
10. La Nkwantanang Madina
11. Okaikwei North
12. Ledzokuku

10 Central
1. Ekemfi
2. Gomoa
3. Mfantsiman
4. Awutu Senya
5. Awutu Effutu Senya
6.Cape Coast

11 Western
1. Shama Ahanta East
2. Jomoro

12 Eastern
1. Kwahu East
2. Birim Central
3. Kwahu West
4. Akuapim South
5. Afram Plains

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MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Our mission is to advance integrated, multi-faceted approaches to empowering women/girls, youth, and children to significantly and permanently enhance their lives.

We envision a world where women/girls, children, and youth have the needed resources to realize their full potential.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to **Renel Ghana Foundation's 2025 First Quarter Newsletter,** where humanity takes the centre stage! We are excited to bring you this issue, highlighting the dynamic efforts, impactful initiatives, and inspiring stories that are advancing humanity across our project areas. This newsletter will serve as a platform to share updates, celebrate successes, and showcase the collective progress our organisation is making towards helping women/girls, children, youth and persons living with disabilities to reach their full potentials in life. Together, we aim to amplify voices, drive action, and accelerate transformative change for women and girls in Ghana.

Enjoy reading.



Nelson Richardson Mandela

Executive Director

International Day of Education 2025

At Renel Ghana Foundation, we are committed to promoting quality and inclusive education for all children of school going age in Ghana! In today's 21st digital world, guiding school children to safely and efficiently use AI is more important than ever.

In light of this, we collaborated with the Adenta Municipal Directorate to celebrate the 2025 International Day of Education under the theme: "AI and Education: Harnessing Girls' Innovation in the Age of AI."

Seventy female students in Sowadin Junior High School demonstrated their innovative and critical thinking skill and with the support of AI created new things. This was done under the guidance of school facilitators and the adherence of our Child Safeguarding Policy which clearly defines how to protect children in all our activities. It was a delightful moment to see the innovative things the students were able to create on their

own—From learning platforms to beautiful artefacts. We donated an electric sewing machine to one of the students who designed a very unique dress. This was to encourage her to begin her creative ideas in fashion designing.





Type 1 Diabetes Awareness

We have launched a new exciting project in the Greater Accra and Northeast Regions with our partner The TID Community Fund to help create awareness on Type 1 Diabetes among community members.

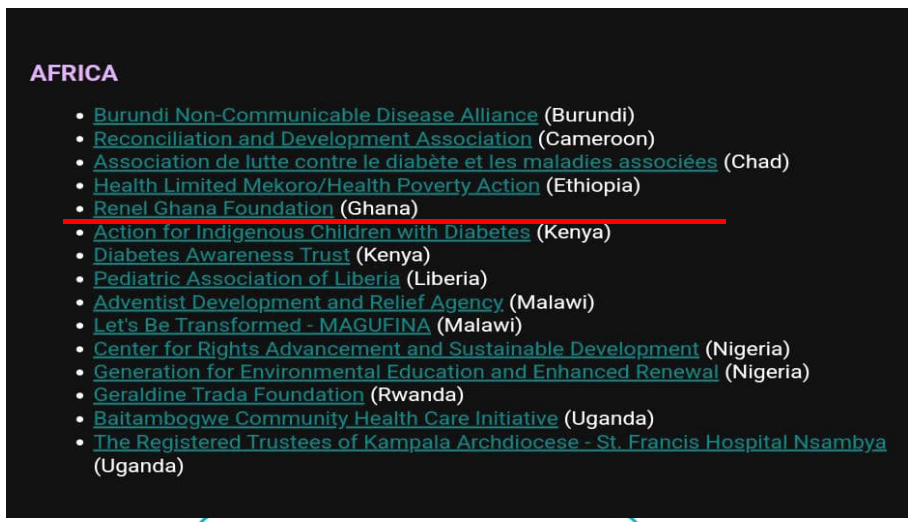
This project will give firsthand information to newly diagnosed T1D patients and increase community knowledge through social media, radios, community information centres, outreach sensitisation campaigns and many others.

Through the strengthening and support for health systems, health officers' knowledge and skills in managing T1D patients will be improved.

More importantly, we will advocate for the inclusion of devices and drugs for T1D patients on the National Health Insurance Scheme which aligns with the Universal Health Coverage.

This project will also help Type 1 diabetes patients and their caregivers to be economically empowered. We will support them in learning a trade and expanding already established small-scale businesses. We hope to prove that when these individuals are economically independent, it helps to better manage their conditions.

Type 1 diabetes is not a spiritual curse, but an autoimmune disorder!





AgriEmpower project in a Dealroom

AgriEmpower Project Presented at 2025 Agribusiness Dealroom—Empowering Women in Agriculture through Innovation and Investment.

Dealroom? Yes! Renel Ghana Foundation is pleased to share highlights from our participation in the 2025 Agribusiness Dealroom, an exclusive investment forum hosted by AGRA and the Kosmos Innovation Center as part of the International Women's Day celebration side event.

The event brought together over 200 key stakeholders from across the agribusiness ecosystem, including private equity investors, angel investors, venture capitalists, policymakers, academic institutions, and development partners.



During the Dealroom, our team had the honour of presenting the AgriEmpower Project, a transformative initiative aimed at promoting inclusive agricultural development by empowering women farmers in Ghana's North East Region.

The project has supported over 125 female farmers who are heads of family across the region especially in the West Mamprusi Municipal.

The project has bridged critical gaps such as access to finance using tailored financial solutions such as the Renel Cashcrop App, AgriTech adoption—enhancing productivity and efficiency on farms with market access enabling women to scale their agribusiness ventures sustainably.

The AgriEmpower Project received a highly positive response from participants. We are currently engaged in ongoing discussions with AGRA and other interested investors regarding potential partnerships to support the expansion of the initiative in the North East Region.

We believe that investing in women in agriculture is a critical pathway to achieving inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Africa.





ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT in Tema West Municipal

Do you believe in the power of economic empowerment in the fight of gender equality? You're not alone! Renel in collaboration with B.H.O.G Foundation trained and certified 350 women and young girls in skill training across the Tema West Municipality.

This sought to equip participants with hard skills for entrepreneurship.

The trainings focused on the making of local soap and floor cleaning detergents for household consumption and the establishment of small-scale business to earn income.

We also engaged them in branding strategies with insightful sessions on how to brand, package, and market products effectively.

The impact of this initiative was very significant, with participants leaving the training equipped with the confidence and knowledge to start or expand their own businesses.

This project is a crucial step for our organisation towards enhancing the economic resilience of women and girls in the municipality





We remain committed to expanding this effort and reaching more communities. We believe that when women are economically empowered a sustainable future is assured!

You can read the published news on **Adom TV HERE** (Link)



EMPOWERING YOUTH VOICES

Through Collective Action AU-EU Youth Voices Lab – Powerof the Collective AgiRe Project

Renel Ghana Foundation in collaboration with ComDev Ghana held a successful transformative training session under the AU-EU Youth Voices Lab—Power of the Collective AgiRe Project.

This initiative forms part of our collective commitment to strengthening youth participation in decision-making processes and promoting inclusive community development.

The session brought together mobilizers and volunteers from across Ghana for an intensive, solutions-focused workshop aimed at equipping youth with the skills, knowledge, and platforms needed to advocate for positive social change.

Participants were grouped into teams of 10 mobilizers and 30 volunteers with two 2 ambassadors leading them.

These teams worked collaboratively to develop community-based projects that address sanitation and hygiene, governance, climate change and entrepreneurship at the grassroots level.

This interactive strategy encouraged creativity, teamwork, and strategic thinking, empowering young participants to design initiatives that respond directly to the needs of their communities. It also strengthened the capacities of the young mobilizers and volunteers to lead local development initiatives and increased awareness of youth roles in governance and policy influence.

Renel Ghana Foundation remains committed to expanding and deepening youth engagement efforts, civic participation, and promoting cross-sector partnerships to create meaningful change.







GENDER RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (G-REP)

As part of the commemoration of International Women's Day 2025, we launched the Gender Rights and Empowerment Project in partnership with Songtaba, with generous support from the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women/Girls.

The Gender Rights and Empowerment Project (G-REP) is being implemented across selected districts in Northern and Coastal Ghana with our primary beneficiaries being women/girls survivors and victims of intimate partner violence and witchcraft accusations. We are implementing this project in the Greater Accra Region—Ada East District (Ada Foah, Alorkpem, and Azizanya) and in the Ekumfi District (Narkwa, Suprudo, and Ekumpoano) in the Central Region.

Through availability of multisectoral services, community sensitisations, economic empowerment and policy reform efforts, the G-REP seeks to tackle the pervasive nature of intimate partner violence (IPV), accusation and banishment of women alleged to be "witches", lack of economic empowerment due to the patriarchal nature of the society, lack of access to social protection which traps women in cycles of abuse and severely limits their access to essential support and justice. This is mind-blowing! The project will also have a fully operational one stop support centre where victims and survivors of Intimate Partner Violence can seek support.

Together, we are building a future where all women and girls are safe, empowered and free!

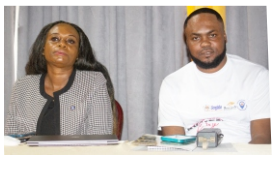














OUR INTERNS ARE HERE!

We are thrilled to welcome seven amazing social work interns from the University of Ghana to our organisation. Within the period of eight weeks, these enthusiastic students will gain invaluable hands-on experience while engaging in our community activities.

To kick off their internship, we have held engaging capacity building sessions for them. This will empower them in their roles and engagement with project participants.

During our communication session, the interns explored effective ways to share messages and connect with diverse audiences.

They participated in interactive activities that helped them practice active listening and clear expressions—which are critical skills for every social worker.



We also had a deeper discourse about the importance of advocacy in promoting social change, where the interns brainstormed strategies for raising awareness about key issues affecting their immediate communities.

They again delved into practical fundraising strategies, learning how to secure resources to sustain and scale their advocacy efforts.

In the coming weeks, we will be taking them on fieldwork trips to our project communities where they will have the real experience of approaches to address community issues.

They will also have the chance to sit in stakeholder engagement dialogues and other related activities on the field.

The most exciting part? They will have the opportunity to design and lead activities for the upcoming menstrual hygiene day celebration!





Spotlight for the quarter!

Our quarterly spotlight falls on **Ms. Sherifa Adams** whose journey has been from a child marriage victim and survivor to a **Certified Midwife.**

Enjoy a synopsis of her journey!



Sherifa Adams, a 20-year-old girl from Nasia, a rural community in the Northeast part of Ghana, was compelled by her dad to marry a 75-year-old man. Sherifa's father encouraged her to get married, and any choice she made that did not involve marriage was viewed as disowning her.

The National Girls Education Unit and the National Child Marriage Unit were notified of the situation.

She was rescued by a team from Renel Ghana Foundation, the Ghana Police Service, and Sung Foundation.

With support from the Ghana Nurses Association -UK, we have provided her with educational support since then. We are excited to annouce that she has graduated as a certified midwife from the Tamale Nurses Training College.

She is now reckoned as a changemaker in her community as she continues to inspire other young people to speak for themselves because they can make it too. She has pledged to be an advocate for ending child marriage with her voice. Her mission to ensure that girls and young women have the right to a dignified life free from violence.









Education is power!

Thank you and watch out for the next Edition in

June!

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