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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MANAGEMENT BOARD HOLDS MAIDEN MEETING FOR 2026



The Domestic Violence Management Board has held its maiden meeting for 2026, with the Minister for Gender, Children, Children and Social Protection commending members for their continued commitment to strengthening Ghana's response to domestic and gender-based violence. Looking ahead, the Secretariat identified priority areas including intensified public education, legislative advancement of revised Domestic Violence framework, strengthened coordination with civil society organizations, and improved logistical and operational support to enhance service delivery nationwide.



MOGCSP PROVIDES EMERGENCY LEAP SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS IN OBOGU



As part of ongoing efforts to expand LEAP coverage and respond swiftly to urgent vulnerability situations, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has provided emergency cash support to vulnerable households in OBOGU in the Ashanti Region. This intervention follows the Minister for Gender Children and Social Protection - Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey's - visit to the community, where significant vulnerabilities among some households were identified. Acting on issues identified during that engagement, the Ministry through LEAP Management Secretariat and the Social Protection Directorate collaborated with the Asante Akim Municipal Assembly to validate household data using the Ghana Household Registry. The joint validation exercise identified 134 households as poor, with vulnerabilities including persons with disabilities, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), and aged persons without support.



KAIPTC DELEGATION CALLS ON GENDER MINISTER TO DEEPEN COLLABORATION ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

A delegation from the Ko fiAnnan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), led by its Commandant, Air Vice Marshall David Akrong, has paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, to deepen collaboration between the two institutions. The meeting built on the existing partnership between the Ministry and KAIPTC on gender related issues and focused on strengthening efforts to advance the Women, Peace and Security agenda. Discussions also centred on harmonising the National Action Plan and enhancing coordination between national policies and grassroots implementation. The meeting further explored ways to strengthen data collection and knowledge sharing, to bridge the gap between national and the grassroots (Queen mothers, Community Leaders etc.) through Peacebuilding efforts, expand advocacy for women peace builders. Both institutions also discussed plans to formalise their collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding to guide future joint initiatives.



MOGCSP MARKS 2026-IWD WITH RENEWEDCALL FOR GENDER EQUALITY



The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection with support from UNICEF Ghana and UNFPA Ghana, has commemorated the 2026 International Women's Day (IWD) with a National Conference, bringing together key stakeholders to reflect on Ghana's progress and renew national commitment to gender equality. Held under the theme "Rights, Justice, Action: For all Women and Girls," the event provided a platform for policy makers, development partners, civil society organizations, and women's rights advocates to deliberate on strategies to advance the empowerment of women and girls across the country. The conference featured panel discussions and technical sessions focused on strengthening institutional coordination, addressing persistent gender inequalities and promoting inclusive policies that ensure women and girls have equal opportunities to thrive. As Ghana joins the global community in commemorating International Women's Day, 2026, stakeholders emphasised the need for sustained advocacy, stronger partnerships and decisive action to advance gender equality and safeguard the rights of women and girls.



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HON. DR. AGNES NAA MOMO LARTEY TO ADDRESS THE 70TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Larrey, is leading Ghana's delegation to the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9th to 19th March 2026. The Commission on the Status of Women is the United Nations' principal global intergovernmental body dedicated to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women. The priority theme for CSW70 is “ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and addressing structural barriers.” The session brings together Member States, UN agencies, and Civil Society Organizations to review progress, address emerging challenges and advance global commitments toward gender equality. Ghana's delegation comprises technical officials from relevant Ministries, Members of Parliament, representatives from the Office of the President, academia, as well as representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working in the areas of gender equality and social protection.



HON. DR. AGNES NAA MOMO LARTEY ORGANIZED A BRIEFING MEETING WITH GHANA'S DELEGATION TO THE 70TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.



The planning meeting between the Hon. Minister and members of Ghana's delegation was convened to strategically coordinate Ghana's participation in the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70). The meeting reviewed the priority theme of the session and aligned Ghana's national priorities with global commitments to advancing gender equality and strengthening access to justice for women and girls. In addition, the meeting enabled the delegation to clarify roles and responsibilities, identify priority advocacy issues, prepare for side events and bilateral engagements. Furthermore, the meeting was held to ensure policy commitments in promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems for women and girls.

GENDER MINISTER INTERACTS WITH GHANAIAN PARTICIPANTS AND CSOs AT CSW70



The Minister for Gender, Children, and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, has held a series of engagements with stakeholders from Ghana and international advocates at the margins of the ongoing 70th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York.

As part of efforts to deepen conversations on Ghana's broader gender initiatives, the Minister invited Ghanaian participants and other stakeholders attending the conference to interact and share ideas on advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.



The engagement, which brought together youth groups, women, and men from various civil society organisations (CSOs) and gender advocacy groups from Ghana and the diaspora,

aimed at strengthening collaboration between the Ministry and stakeholders participating in the conference, while also deepening global partnerships and collective efforts to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.



BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA AND REPUBLIC OF SERBIA ON FAMILY AND CHILD PROTECTION



The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection of Ghana, Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, has held a bilateral meeting with the Serbian Minister for Family Welfare and Demography, Jelena Zaric Kovacevic, on the margins of the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The meeting aimed to strengthen cooperation and exchange experiences on family systems, child protection, population management and social protection policies. The meeting provided an opportunity for both countries to exchange experiences and explore areas of cooperation in promoting family welfare, child protection and social protection.



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The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has officially launched the Revised National Gender Policy (2025–2034), reaffirming Government's commitment to accelerating gender equality and inclusive national development. Covering the period 2025–2034, the Policy outlines six broad objectives focused on women's empowerment and livelihoods, access to justice, women's leadership and accountable governance, expanded economic opportunities, transformation of inequitable gender relations, and safeguards for women and vulnerable groups during emergencies and humanitarian situations.

It also reinforces the implementation of key legislative frameworks, including the Affirmative Action (Gender Equity) Act, 2024 (Act 1121). The Revised National Gender Policy (2025–2034) will serve as Ghana's overarching policy blueprint for institutionalizing gender equality within national governance and development planning.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION AND OTHER PERTINENT SOCIAL ISSUES



Ghana has made many efforts to reduce poverty and improve the lives of its citizens, yet many people—especially children, women, and the elderly in rural communities—continue to experience poverty, limited opportunities, and social challenges such as domestic violence, human trafficking, abuse of illicit drugs, child marriage and teenage pregnancy. As part of these challenges, the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection through the Social Protection Directorate has organised a one-day community dialogue on social protection and social issues at Ada East District in the Greater Accra Region.

The purpose of the engagement was to create ownership and galvanise the need for support in the implementation of social protection at the grassroots level. To conscientize the community on consequences of social issues such as gender-based violence, and human trafficking and how it perpetuates vulnerability and poverty. It was to register freely the indigenes category onto the national health insurance scheme, among others.



GSFP COMPLETES SECOND PHASE OF CATERERS' TRAINING

The Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP), under the auspices of the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection, has successfully carried out the second phase of the Nationwide Practical Training for Caterers and Head cooks under the school feeding programme. Over the last month - February 2026, teams from the GSFP Secretariat conducted training sessions for caterers and headcooks in 13 regions across the country. This comes after the secretariat successfully carried out practical trainings in Bono, Volta, and Oti Regions in December 2025, as part of the First phase of the Initiative.

The exercise aimed to equip caterers with modern cooking techniques and safe food handling practices to ensure that meals served under the programme are both nutritious and wholesome. The Ghana School Feeding Programme continues to prioritize collaboration with stakeholders, including the Ghana Education Service and the Women in Agricultural & Development Directorate of the Ministry of Food & Agriculture, to ensure that school children receive safe and nutritious meals throughout the country.



TRAINING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Human Trafficking Secretariat (HTS) of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection successfully held a comprehensive and capacity-enhancing training session for some selected Ministry's staff in order to bolster their capabilities to combat human trafficking. The session, which was organized in collaboration with the law firm Zoe, Akyea & Co., formed part of the Secretariat's broader strategy to deepen institutional understanding of human trafficking issues.



The training was designed to move beyond general awareness, aiming to equip staff across the Ministry with practical knowledge about the nature, causes, and consequences of human trafficking. A key focus was the application of the 4Ps framework-Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, and Partnership to ensure a holistic and coordinated institutional approach to tackling the crime.

WORKSHOP ON SWIMS RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR CHILDREN REGISTRY

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP), through the Department of Social Welfare, has organised a two-day workshop on the Social Welfare Information Management System (SWIMS) Residential Homes for Children (RHC) Registry aimed at strengthening data management and case documentation within the child protection system. The workshop brought together key stakeholders to enhance their understanding of the SWIMS RHC Registry, its functionalities, and its role in supporting the documentation and management of child welfare cases. The initiative also contributes to efforts to maintain an up-to-date and reliable database of children in Residential Homes for Children in line with the National Care Reform Roadmap (2024–2028). The programme further featured the reintroduction and dissemination of the SWIMS Training Manual to support the effective use of the system across the sector.



TRAINING ON TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, SELF-CARE AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection through the Domestic Violence Secretariat successfully held a one-day training workshop on Trauma-Informed Care, Self Care and Stress Management for frontline responders who handle cases of domestic and gender-based violence.



The training brought together participants from key institutions including the Ghana Health Service, the Domestic Violence Secretariat, the Department of Social Welfare and the the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, among others.



The initiative aimed at strengthening the capacity of professionals who provide psychosocial and protection services to survivors of violence. The session provided a platform for participants to reflect on their experiences, share challenges, and explore practical approaches to strengthening survivor-centred support services.



GHANA GENDER MINISTER CHARGES AFRICAN NATIONS TO ENFORCE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICIES TO INCREASE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC OFFICE

On the margins of the ongoing 70th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York, Ghana's Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, made the call when she delivered the closing remarks during a side event organised by the Pan-African Parliament, AUDA-NEPAD, and the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) at the Nelson Mandela Hall of the AU Permanent Observer Mission in New York. The discussion was under the theme "Strengthening Women's Public And Parliamentary Leadership To Advance Justice, Laws And Accountable Governance In Africa".



GHANA PLEDGES COLLABORATION TO BOOST WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN GLOBAL HEALTH AND ELIMINATE CERVICAL CANCER



Ghana's Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection,

Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, met with Dr. Magda Robalo,

Interim Executive Director of Women in Global Health (WGH),

on the sidelines of the 70th Session of the United Nations

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York.

The meeting focused on addressing gender inequality and

promoting women's leadership in global health, with a specific

emphasis on eliminating cervical cancer. The meeting also

discussed Ghana's progress in promoting gender equality,

including the appointment of women to key positions, the

passage of the Affirmative Action Act (Gender Equity) Act,

2024, and the National Gender Policy. Both parties agreed

to enhance women's leadership in global health and advance

advocacy to eliminate cervical cancer and achieve WHO goals.

On Saturday 21st March 2026, the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey visited a family in the Bulemi community within the Weija-Gbawe Municipality, where a woman was reported to be preparing meals for her children using faeces and urine. During the visit, the Minister engaged the family and facilitated immediate intervention measures, including medical and psychological assessment for the woman.

The immediate concern and visit forms part of continuous efforts to ensure vulnerable families receives care and support. On Saturday early morning, in a remarkable show of care and support, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey also participated in the 'Buddy Walk' organised by the Down Syndrome Association of Ghana in commemoration of this year's World Down Syndrome Day. The walk meant to raise awareness, challenge stigma, as well as foster acceptance and Inclusivity. The event formed part of activities marking global efforts to highlight the rights of persons with Down syndrome.



MINISTER FOR GENDER ENGAGES UNEMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey has engaged with a group of unemployed persons with disabilities who visited the Ministry to demand employment opportunities.



The group led by Mr. Gilbert Agyare presented concerns to the Minister. Their visit follows an earlier engagement with the Ministry in February 2026, where the group first met the Minister to discuss employment concerns and pathways for inclusion. The Hon. Minister then assured them of government's commitment to addressing their concerns through coordinated actions involving key stakeholders.



The meeting ended on a constructive note, with the Minister reaffirming her commitment to continued dialogue with relevant stakeholders and providing practical interventions aimed at improving employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

MINISTER ENGAGES MANAGEMENT, INTRODUCES NEW CHIEF DIRECTOR FOR MOGCSP

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) has held a Management Meeting aimed at reviewing ongoing programmes and formally introducing the newly appointed Chief Director, Dr. Marian Kpakpah. The meeting, chaired by the Minister, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, brought together Directors/Unit Heads from the various Directorates, Departments, Secretariats, Councils and Units of the Ministry. Each Director presented an overview of their respective mandates, key achievements and ongoing interventions, providing a comprehensive update on the Ministry's work.



UK HIGH COMMISSIONER PAYS COURTESY CALL ON GENDER MINISTER



The UK High Commissioner to Ghana, His Excellency Christian Rogg, has paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, to deepen collaboration on gender equality and inclusive development. The meeting provided a platform for both parties to discuss shared priorities and explore avenues for strengthening cooperation between the UK and the Ministry. Discussions also centered on women's economic empowerment as a key priority, with emphasis on initiatives such as skill training, and improved access to capital and support systems to enhance livelihoods. The conversation further highlighted menstrual hygiene as a critical area, underscoring the need to boost girl's confidence and promote dignity, while encouraging women entrepreneurs to explore opportunities in the local production of sanitary pads.



MOGCSP HOLDS FIRST QUARTER MINISTERIAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has held its First Quarter Ministerial Advisory Board Meeting, bringing together members to deliberate on key policy directions and strategic priorities for the year. The Minister noted that the Advisory Board plays a critical role in providing strategic guidance, reviewing policies and programmes, and supporting the Ministry to effectively deliver on its mandate. She emphasized that the Board's expertise and counsel remain essential in strengthening accountability and ensuring that interventions reach the most vulnerable in society. Reflecting on the Ministry's performance, the Minister indicated that significant strides were made in 2025, describing it as a foundation year that has set the pace for advancing the reset agenda of His Excellency, John Dramani Mahama. She highlighted the successful approval of key policies, including those on Early Childhood Care and Development, Disability, Domestic Violence, and the Social Protection Act as well as the passage of the Social Protection Bill to strengthen the legal framework for implementation.



CENTRAL ADOPTION AUTHORITY HOLDS BOARD MEETING



The Central Adoption Authority (C.A.A) has held its First Quarter Board Meeting, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening adoption processes and promoting the welfare of vulnerable children across the country. The meeting also featured extensive discussions on strategies to improve efficiency transparency, and coordination in adoption procedures, as well as efforts to strengthen systems and stakeholder collaboration.



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The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has officially launched the Revised National Gender Policy (2025–2034), reaffirming Government's commitment to accelerating gender equality and inclusive national development. The launch brought together key national stakeholders, including the Chairperson of the Women's Caucus in Parliament, the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Gender, Children and Social Welfare, representatives of the Judiciary, traditional and religious leaders, members of the Diplomatic Corps, and development partners such as the United Nations system and ActionAid. The Revised National Gender Policy (2025–2034) will serve as Ghana's overarching policy blueprint for institutionalising gender equality within national governance and development planning.



MOGCSP STRENGTHENS NPA FOR THE ELIMINATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) has conducted a review of the National Plan of Action (NPA) for the Elimination of Human Trafficking in Ghana to enhance its implementation, clarity, and effectiveness. The review meeting, convened by the Human Trafficking Secretariat (HTS) brought together key actors across Government, civil society, and development partners. Deliberations focused on refining the Terms of Reference (TOR) to ensure clarity and effectiveness, and on validating the timeline for the Plan's implementation to guarantee timely and results-driven action. The Meeting further assessed progress under the existing framework and identified areas requiring reinforced coordination, data management, and operational alignment among implementing agencies.



GENDER EQUITY COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST QUARTER MEETING; AAA SECRETARIAT COMMISSIONED TO BOOST COORDINATION

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has convened the First Quarter Meeting of its Gender Equity Committee for 2026, reaffirming its commitment to advancing gender equality and promoting the effective implementation of affirmative action policies in Ghana. The committee, plays a central role in guiding policy direction, promoting gender mainstreaming across sectors and ensuring compliance with national frameworks on gender equality.

The meeting focused on critical agenda items including the finalization and adoption of Terms of Reference for its sub-committees, an important step aimed at clarifying roles, enhancing coordination, and improving operational efficiency. Established in line with objectives of the Affirmative Action Framework, the Secretariat is expected to provide administrative and technical support to the Committee, strengthen coordination of activities, improve documentation & reporting systems, facilitate effective reporting systems, and facilitate effective monitoring of gender-related policies & programmes.



FIRST QUARTER MEETING OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING MANAGEMENT BOARD



The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has held the first quarter meeting of the Human Trafficking Management Board (HTMB) for 2026, reaffirming Government's commitment to strengthening the fight against human trafficking and related forms of exploitation in Ghana. The HTMB, which provides strategic policy direction and oversight for national anti-trafficking efforts, plays a critical role in coordinating prevention, Protection, prosecution, and partnerships across key stakeholders.



Discussions at the meeting focused on key national priorities, including the commemoration of the World Day Against Human Trafficking and inputs into the development of a new National Plan of Action (2027-2031) for the elimination of human trafficking in Ghana.





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MOGCSP HOLDS STAFF DURBAR; INTRODUCES NEW CHIEF DIRECTOR

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) has held a staff durbar, bringing together Management and Staff for an engagement aimed at fostering team alignment and formally introducing the new Chief Director. The session provided an opportunity for management and staff to interact, reaffirm institutional priorities, and collectively renew commitment to the Ministry's mandate of promoting gender equality, child protection, and social development. The durbar also reinforced the need for strong internal communication, transparency, and accountability, while setting the tone for improved coordination and staff engagement across the Ministry. An interactive session formed part of the engagement, allowing staff to share perspectives and contribute to discussions aimed at strengthening the Ministry's work.



WORLD VISION GHANA PAYS COURTESY CALL ON GENDER MINISTER

World Vision Ghana, led by its National Director, Tinah Mukunda, has paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, to introduce its operations and explore areas of collaboration with the Ministry.



The visit also served as an opportunity to invite the Minister to the launch of World Vision Ghana's Five-Year National Strategy (2026-2030). During the meeting, the leader of the delegation commended Government's initiatives aimed at improving the lives of vulnerable populations, particularly children and women.



The engagement paved the way for strengthened collaboration between the Ministry and World Vision Ghana towards building an inclusive society for all.

A two-day Strategic Training Programme on Human Trafficking and its Gendered-Related Issues is underway from Thursday, 9th to Friday, 10th April 2026 for members of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Gender and the Gender Equity Committee. Organized by the Human Trafficking Secretariat of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection and in collaboration with IJM Ghana, the training aimed to strengthen participants' capacity, mainly parliamentarians to better understand and respond to human trafficking in Ghana, particularly its gendered dimensions



Participants are being taken through key topics, including the overview and gender dynamics of human trafficking, irregular migration and human smuggling, child labour, and trafficking as organized crime. Further sessions will also cover law enforcement operations, rescue efforts, victim Protection, rehabilitation and reintegration, as well as survivor engagement and community involvement.

SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES GHANA STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION WITH MINISTRY OF GENDER

A delegation from SOS Children's Villages Ghana led by its Board Chairman, Mr. Christian Appiah, paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey to deepen collaboration and explore areas of mutual support. The delegation highlighted the organization's core focus on providing care and protection for children who have lost parental care.

They outlined key interventions including alternative care systems, family strengthening programmes, reintegration of children into their families & communities, and youth empowerment through education and skills development. Discussions also focused on efforts to prevent family separation by building the capacity of vulnerable households to adequately care for their children as well as supporting out of school children to return to the classroom.



MINISTRY OF GENDER SUPPORTS HARRIET AMUZU IN ONGOING ABUSE CASE

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has taken further steps to support Ms. Harriet Amuzu, a survivor of domestic abuse as part of its continued commitment to protecting and empowering vulnerable individuals. The Ministry intervened swiftly following reports of the abuse last year, leading to her rescue and the initiation of legal processes.



The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey also personally engaged Ms. Amuzu during the period, reaffirming government's commitment to her safety, recovery and pursuit of justice. The case is currently before the court reflecting ongoing efforts to ensure accountability and uphold rights of survivors of gender-based violence.

TRAINING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING & ITS GENDERED RELATED ISSUES



The second and final day of the two-day 'Strategic Training Workshop on Human Trafficking and its Gendered Related Issues' concluded with a renewed call for strengthened collaboration, proactive enforcement and sustained commitment to combating the menace in Ghana.

Discussions also focused on gender-sensitive approaches to victim support, as well as rehabilitation and reintegration strategies aimed at restoring dignity and providing sustainable livelihoods for survivors. The workshop provided a platform for participants to deepen their understanding, exchange experiences, and strengthen inter-agency coordination, equipping them with practical knowledge and tools to enhance their roles in preventing and responding to human trafficking.

GENDER MINISTER DONATES TOWARDS THE YOUTH SINGLE RALLY ON BEHAVE OF THE FIRST LADY

On Saturday, 11th April 2026, the Minister for Gender, Children, and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, on behalf of H.E. Mrs. Lordina Mahama and the Lordina Foundation, presented a significant donation during this year's Youth Singles Rally, held at the Assemblies of God Glory Chapel in Sakumono.



The presentation comprised essential relief items such as bags of rice, cartons of sardines, cooking oil, and a cash donation of GHc100,000 aimed at enhancing the experience of participants and ensuring the event's success. The youth rally initiative underscores a commitment to empowering young women, bolstering faith-based efforts, and creating meaningful change in the community.



GENDER MINISTER ENGAGES WORLD BANK ON STRENGTHENING SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, has reaffirmed Government's commitment to strengthening social protection systems during a courtesy call by the World Bank. Mr. Chase, the world Bank's Social Policy Practice Manager for West and Central Africa, is in Ghana as part of efforts to deepen collaboration and support the country's social protection agenda. The meeting focused on advancing cooperation between Government and the World Bank particularly in implementing key interventions under the Ghana Productive Safety Net Project 2 including the LEAP cash transfer and technical support to the Ghana School Feeding Programme among other social protection initiatives.



The Ministry pointed to key legislative progress including the Social Protection Act and the Affirmative Action Act, aimed at strengthening coordination within the sector. Mr. Chase, on his part reaffirmed the World Bank's commitment to supporting Ghana's efforts, particularly in directing resources to improve the lives of vulnerable groups.





SPAIN, GHANA STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION ON WOMEN'S EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Embassy of Spain in Ghana has engaged the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection on scholarship opportunities for Ghanaian women under the 2026-2027 Learn Africa Programme.

The initiative, led by the Women for Africa Foundation, is designed to support African women professionals to pursue postgraduate studies in Spanish universities, with a focus on strengthening capacity and promoting women's leadership across the continent. During the engagement, the Ambassador of Spain to Ghana, Angel Lossada, explained that the programme offers 100 scholarships across Africa, covering master's degrees, doctoral programmes, research and other specialised postgraduate courses. He further emphasised that the programme targets women who have already completed their tertiary education and are seeking to advance their academic and professional development, contributing to improved human capital and development outcomes in their home countries. The Learn Africa Programme serves as an important platform for advancing academic excellence, professional growth and international collaboration, while promoting women's empowerment across Africa.



MINISTER FOR GENDER JOINS CHIEF OF STAFF TO LAUNCH WORLD VISION GHANA'S 2026-2030 STRATEGY

The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, joined the Chief of Staff, Hon. Julius Debrah, to officially launch World Vision Ghana's 2026-2030 Country Strategy and unveil a commemorative memento at a high-level event held in Accra.



The event, held under the theme " Harnessing Opportunities for the Protection and Empowerment of Every Child -HOPE for Every Child", brought together government officials, development partners and other key stakeholders committed to advancing child welfare in Ghana. The launch paves the way for strengthened partnerships between government and development partners, as stakeholders reaffirm their commitment to ensuring that no child is left behind in Ghana's development journey.

GENDER MINISTER FOLLOWS UP ON BULEMI CASE WITH VISIT TO ACCRA PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

After intervening in a distressing case in Bulemi within the Weija-Gbawe Municipality, where a woman was reported to be preparing meals for her children using unsafe and unhygienic substances, the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey has conducted a follow up wellness visit to the Accra psychiatric Hospital (where the family has been receiving medical and psychological care) on Thursday 2nd April 2026, to monitor progress made and address new concerns. The visit forms part of the Minister's efforts to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families receive the care, protection and support they need. Behind the scenes, careful steps are being taken by the Minister to secure a stable and supportive future for the children, including ongoing monitoring, psychosocial support and plans to facilitate their reintegration into a safe family environment and return to education.



MoGCSP LAUNCHES THE NATIONAL SHOCK-RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION STRATEGY (NSRSPS)



The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) has officially launched the National Shock-Responsive Social Protection Strategy (NSRSPS) under the theme: "From Preparedness to Resilience, Strengthening Shock-Responsive Social Protection Systems in Ghana". The launch marks a significant milestone in Ghana's efforts to build a more adaptive and resilient social protection system capable of responding effectively to shocks such as climate change, economic downturns, pandemics, and other emergencies that disproportionately affect vulnerable populations. The launch convened representatives from government institutions, Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies, civil society organizations, traditional & faith-based authorities, academic & research institutions, development partners, and the media.



MoGCSP JOINS GLOBAL COMMUNITY TO OBSERVE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR STREET CHILDREN



The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP), through the Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with Cherish a Child Foundation, joined the global community to commemorate the International Day for Street Children under the theme, “Protect, Not Punish.” The event highlighted the urgent need to shift societal and institutional responses toward street children from criminalisation to protection, care, and inclusion. The commemoration ended with a collective call to action for all stakeholders to intensify efforts to protect vulnerable children and ensure that no child is left behind.



MINISTRY OF GENDER SUPPORTS HARRIET AMUZU WITH LIVELIHOOD PACKAGE TO BUILD HER LIFE



The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social protection has provided targeted livelihood support to Ms. Harriet Amuzu, a survivor of domestic abuse whose case gained public attention last year following the Ministry's swift intervention, to help her transition into a more stable and selfreliant life. The support package presented to Ms. Amuzu in Akim Oda in the Eastern Region, includes a deep freezer, ice chests, foodstuffs and a glass display case for displaying and selling her fried yam and fish, alongside a cash token to enable her establish and sustain her business. The items were presented on behalf of the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey by the Head of the Domestic Violence Secretariat, who delivered the Minister's message of encouragement and reassurance.



SPD CONVENES 30TH SOCIAL PROTECTION SECTOR WORKING GROUP (SPSWG) MEETING TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP), through its Social Protection Directorate, has convened the 30th Session of the Social Protection Sector Working Group (SPSWG) Meeting in Accra. Held on Thursday, 16th April 2026, the purpose of the meeting was to review progress on recommendations from previous SPSWG sessions. It also aimed to update stakeholders on key policy developments in the social protection ecosystem and to initiate discussions on emerging issues that will strengthen the coordination of social protection systems in the country.



CYBERSECURITY AND CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION TRAINING

The Research, Statistics and Information Management (RSIM) Directorate of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has successfully organized a four-day training on Cybersecurity and Child Online Protection for staff of the Ministry. The training, held in collaboration with the Cybersecurity Authority (CSA) formed part of efforts to strengthen staff capacity in digital safety and child protection, particularly in the context of increasing online risks. Officers from the CSA facilitated the sessions, taking participants through key aspects of Child Online Protection, with emphasis on the risks and vulnerabilities associated with children's online activities in Ghana. The training also explored Ghana's cybersecurity landscape, highlighting persistent and emerging digital threats.



MIDA CEO PAYS COURTESY CALL ON GENDER MINISTER



The Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Development Authority, Alex Mould has paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection to deepen collaboration on gender mainstreaming and compliance. The visit, which underscored MiDA's commitment to promoting gender equality, also provided an opportunity for both institutions to explore ways of strengthening partnerships and aligning institutional efforts with national gender priorities. The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of both institutions to advancing gender equality and ensuring that development interventions are inclusive and beneficial to all segments of the population.



LEAP PROGRAMME EXPANDS WITH ONBOARDING OF 400,000 NEW HOUSEHOLDS

The Government of Ghana, through the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has officially launched the nationwide onboarding of 400,000 newly eligible households onto the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme, marking a major step in strengthening social protection delivery and expanding support to vulnerable populations. Introduced in 2008, the LEAP Programme has evolved into one of Ghana's flagship social protection interventions, growing from 1,654 households in 21 districts at inception to approximately 350,000 households nationwide prior to the current reassessment. The Programme supports extremely poor households, including older persons without support, orphans and vulnerable children, persons with severe disabilities and pregnant women and mothers with infants.



MINISTER ENGAGES QUEEN MOTHERS TO ADVANCE GENDER PARITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, has held a strategic engagement with leadership of the Queen Mothers Association drawn from all sixteen regions of Ghana. The delegation, led by its President, Nana Otubea II, outlined the formation and purpose of the Association, noting that it brings together gazetted queen mothers across the country to promote inclusivity, community development and participation in national decision-making process.



The Association also reaffirmed its commitment to partnering government in advancing development initiatives within their traditional areas. They highlighted their advocacy efforts which contributed to the passage of the Affirmative Action Act, and expressed appreciation to the Minister for her leadership, while calling for stronger collaboration and inclusion in governance structures. The meeting reinforced the importance of partnership between the Ministry and traditional leaders in advancing gender equality and social development at the community level.



GENDER MINISTER ENGAGES AMPUTEES, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION

The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, has reaffirmed Government's commitment to disability inclusion following an engagement with Amputee Awareness and Visibility Walk organised by Smiles of Hope in Accra. The event, held as part of activities marking Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month, brought together amputees and supporters to raise awareness on the lived realities, resilience and challenges faced by persons living with limb loss and limb differences. As part of the engagement, Smiles of Hope presented a petition and policy proposals to the Minister calling for urgent and coordinated interventions to improve the welfare and inclusion of amputees in Ghana.



CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL UNDERTAKES FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO MoGCSP



The Civil Service Council, on Tuesday, 28th April 2026, paid a familiarisation visit to the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) as part of efforts to strengthen collaboration and enhance service delivery across the public sector. As part of the visit, the Council, led by its Chairman, Dr. Lawrence A. Kannaë, first paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey, where discussions focused on the Ministry's priority interventions, social protection programmes, and emerging sector challenges. The familiarisation visit is expected to deepen cooperation between the Civil Service Council and MoGCSP, ultimately contributing to improved policy implementation and enhanced service delivery for the benefit of all Ghanaians.



GENDER MINISTER HIGHLIGHTS WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AT WiSA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Hon. Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey participated - as a Special Guest of Honour - at the Women in Sustainability Africa (WiSA) International Festival 2026 held at the Cedi Conference Centre of the University of Ghana, Legon, under the theme: " Empowering Women for the Economic Sustainability of Africa." The festival brought together women leaders, policymakers, development partners, civil society organisations, traditional and religious leaders, corporate institutions and sustainability advocates to deliberate on strategies aimed at strengthening women's economic empowerment and promoting sustainable development across Africa. The platform also highlighted the critical role women continue to play in driving inclusive growth and social transformation on the continent.



MOGCSP STRENGTHENS STAFF CAPACITY WITH A THREE-DAY OPERATIONAL MANUAL TRAINING

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection has held a three-day sensitization training workshop on the revised Operational Manual to strengthen institutional coordination and enhance service delivery across the Ministry. The workshop, organized by the Human Resource Management Directorate with technical support from the Management Services Department (MSD), brought together selected staff from Directorates, Units, and Specialized Secretariats to deepen understanding of standardized operational procedures and institutional workflows. The training focused on aligning internal processes with statutory mandates and providing a unified framework to guide operations across the Ministry. It also aimed at promoting efficiency, accountability, and transparency in the implementation of programmes and services.



GSFP HOLDS WORKSHOP ON SCHOOL CONNECT PLATFORM

The Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP) is holding a Training of Trainers workshop for its management and staff on piloting the School Connect digital platform. Through the School Connect platform, real-time data on enrolment, attendance, and meals served can be captured directly at the school level. This shift from manual to digital systems will enhance transparency, improve data accuracy, and support informed decision-making. The initiative, supported by the World Food Programme (WFP) and Korea International Cooperation Agency, will be implemented in over 350 schools nationwide. Participants will be responsible for training Headteachers in selected districts across the country next week.





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