



THE CITY OF ACCRA GREATER ACCRA REGION

Themes of the webinar: **CHILD AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION**
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PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF ACCRA



Youth constitute 56% of Accra city's population

Economic active population is 823,327.

Tertiary service sector, employs about 65.46%.

Secondary sector employes about 22.34%.

12,2% of the city's workforce are unemployed

Rapid growing city with Vehicle of plastic pollution

Transportation is maily by road and rail

Population of about 1,782,150 (2021)

Capital and largest city in Ghana, Second populous but highest population density

13 district governments

Territory of 199.4km

Characterized by 19th century colonial architecture to modern skyscrapers and apartment blocks

Features marginal hot semi-arid climate, borders on a tropical wet and dry climate of 25.9C to 29.6C

Coastal city and vulnerable to climate change impacts

Designated as a global city (international influence and connectedness



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AGENCY FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

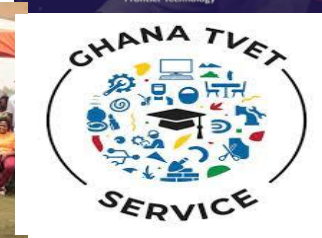
ZOOMKIDS CSR PROGRAMME ON GREEN SKILLS AND SANITATION

- The city of Accra believes inclusion of youth and children in needs identification, planning, finding solutions, implementing programs and decision making in developmental and local governance.
- Development of the Accra city is centered on the active role of the youth in budgeted plans and strategic projects for the betterment of lives in the city
- The city facilitates town hall meetings, meet the press and open forums to give a voice to the voiceless
- Children are empowered through free basic education and access to information at community libraries, digital centers and national development feedback channels supervised by Social Welfare and Community Development Officers
- The empowerment of the National Center for Civic Education, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit to provide security and support to marginalized and vulnerable children, youth, and women at the district level with designated desk officers.



PRESENTATION OF THE INITIATIVES LINKED TO THE THEMATIC AREA

- Digital participation tools
 - Digitalization
 - Youth Employment applications
- Educational initiatives
 - Free Senior High School Initiative
 - TVET trainings
 - STEM
 - GIMUN
- Operations of the Four Generation Unlimited (UNICEF, UNDP, GES, MoE, etc.)
 - Better Life for Girls
 - Children Advocacy
 - Yalo
- Youth in Agriculture
 - Planting for food and Jobs





Lessons learned

- Economic hardships and inadequate access to infrastructure impedes the participation of children and youth
- Traditions and culture are key elements that impacts children and youth inclusion
- Empowering Institutions through effective decentralization maximizes efforts and outcomes
- Children and Youth are great assets to city development

Political recommendations

- Implement Report on child and youth participation with thematic indicators at the youth, institutional, and enabling environment levels across programs within cities and across cities to inform decisions for effective management.
- Government Institutions and Agencies should develop measures to monitor levels of children and youth participation at district levels
- Cities should design studies that compare child and youth participation programs with non-responsive participation avenues for reviews.
- Capacity building programmes should be objective for positive outcomes
- Resource allocation to cities should be based on population and transparent



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