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Activist, Mawuse Oliver Barker-Vormawor making submissions at the dialogue

Speakers at this year's Akoto Ampaw Active Citizenship Dialogue (AAACD) captivated attendants with insightful discussions on both global and local perspectives, as well as key issues in the activism space, leaving participants eager for more knowledge on active citizenship.

The annual event, organized by the STAR Ghana Foundation, featured speakers who demonstrated remarkable wisdom and brilliance in their presentations....[read more](#)

Media partners, others celebrate appointment of STAR-Ghana Foundation's ED on Ghana's Constitution Review Commission



Alhaji Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu, Executive Director of STAR-Ghana Foundation.

Congratulations to Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu, Executive Director of STAR Ghana Foundation, on his appointment as a Member of the Constitution Review Commission. Your expertise and leadership will surely contribute to shaping a better future for all! STAR-Ghana Foundation...[read more](#)



Alhaji Amidu Ibrahim-Tanko

The Governing Council and staff of STAR-Ghana Foundation extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on your recent appointment as a member of Ghana's Constitutional Review Committee. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to your exceptional dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to fostering inclusive governance and social justice.

We are confident that your wealth of experience will contribute significantly to shaping a more equitable and progressive future for Ghana.

We are proud of your continued achievements and wish you the very best in this important national assignment.

Congratulations

STAR-Ghana Foundation proudly celebrates the appointment of our Executive Director to the committee tasked with reviewing Ghana's constitution....[read more](#)

STORIES

STAR-Ghana foundation trains 120 young people in digital and artificial thinking skills under the security in Northern Ghana Project

Under the Security in Northern Ghana Project, [STAR-Ghana Foundation](#) has trained 120 young people in Bole and Karaga in digital and critical thinking skills. This impactful training focused on building their capacity in [#fact-checking](#), a crucial tool in the fight against misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation. By [#empowering](#) young people with these skills, we are fostering informed communities and promoting peace and security in northern Ghana. [...read more](#)



Northern Sector Projects Manager, Frederick Yenbaa Nuuri-Teg leading a presentation on digital skills

STAR- Ghana Foundation leads implementation of second phase of Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism Project

[STAR-Ghana Foundation](#) led the implementation of the second phase of the Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism (BRAVE) project, in [#partnership](#) with Belim Wusa Development Agency (BEWDA), Savannah Women Integrated Development Agency (SWIDA), and Social Initiative for Literacy and Development Programme (SILDEP). The team recently held a workshop to develop the work plan for the first year of the project. During the session, Amidu Ibrahim-Tanko, Executive Director of [STAR-Ghana Foundation](#) urged the team to adopt [#Innovative](#) approaches in carrying out their activities. [...read more](#)



Executive Director, Alhaji Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu(second from right) delivering welcome address to participants

STAR Ghana Foundation holds community consultations to build consensus on livelihood initiatives

[STAR-Ghana Foundation](#) holds community consultations in Bole and Karaga, bringing together key stakeholders to build consensus on [#livelihood](#) initiatives. These efforts are focused on supporting vulnerable and minority groups, including the Fulbe community, women, youth, and persons with disabilities. During the Karaga session, the Fulbe Chief emphasized the need for fenced gardens and mechanized boreholes to strengthen the [#EconomicResilience](#) of the Fulbe community. He highlighted how these resources would promote their integration into broader society while improving [#livelihoods](#). [...read more](#)



A Community member in Karaga making her submission at the stakeholder consultation



2025 Annual Planning Session for CSSP/STP takes place

The 2025 Annual Planning Session for the Civil Society Strengthening Programme (Shift the Power) has taken place! The session brought together anchor partners of the programme in Ghana, STAR-Ghana Foundation and West Africa Civil Society Institute, to plan for the year ahead and engage on the health of the [#partnership](#).

The discussions continue to shape our collective vision and plans for a more [#empowered](#) and [#sustainable](#) civil society in 2025 and beyond. With funding from Comic Relief and Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, we are committed to empowering civil society, promoting local ownership, and driving [#impactful](#) [#change](#) in our communities!...[read more](#)



Head of Results and Learning, Frank Amoateng leading a session at the CSSP Annual Planning

Vice President meets STAR-Ghana Foundation to strengthen collaboration in GESI, citizen empowerment

Vice President Professor Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang engage with STAR-Ghana Foundation to strengthen collaboration in gender equality, access to services, and citizen empowerment. Partnerships like these are crucial in driving inclusive development and ensuring that all voices, especially those of marginalized groups, are heard in governance and decision-making. STAR-Ghana Foundation's commitment to fostering [#activecitizenship](#) and [#accountability](#) aligns with the vision of a just and equitable society. We look forward to the tangible outcomes of this engagement and the collective efforts to advance social justice and development in Ghana. [#activecitizenship](#) [#InclusiveDevelopment](#) [#PartnershipForChange](#)...[read more](#)



Delegation from STAR-Ghana led by GC chair in a group photo with the Vice President and her team after the meeting.

GC Chair leads delegation from STAR-Ghana Foundation to pay courtesy call on the Speaker of Parliament



Delegation from STAR-Ghana led by GC chair in a group photo with the Speaker of Parliament.

STAR-Ghana Foundation, led by the Chair of the Governing Council, Hajia Hamdiya Ismaila, paid a courtesy call on the Speaker of Parliament of Ghana, honourable Alban Bagbin. The Foundation, since 2010 has partnered with Parliament in [#strengthening](#) Parliament's representative, legislative and oversight roles. The visit to the Speaker was first to congratulate him on his re-election as the Speaker of the 9th Parliament and to discuss areas of [#collaboration](#) under his leadership. The Speaker commended STAR-Ghana Foundation for the role it has played in supporting Parliament on the [#revision](#) of its Standing Orders, Strategic Plan and other specific support to committees. He outlined the new Committees of Parliament, his open parliament agenda and invited STAR-Ghana's [#partnership](#) in the uptake of these as well...[more](#)



Governing Council Chair at STAR-Ghana Foundation, Hamdiya Ismaila(right) making a presentation to Parliament's Speaker, Alban Bagbin

STAR Ghana Foundation, partners discuss health care service

STAR-Ghana Foundation has brought together key stakeholders to assess and track government commitments towards the health sector. The event, attended by civil society organisations (CSOs), health practitioners, advocacy groups, and the media, focused on improving healthcare service delivery and ensuring accountability. The forum provided a platform for discussions on how CSOs could use evidence-based advocacy to push for better healthcare services.....[read more](#)



Projects Manager-Rights to Services at STAR-Ghana Foundation, Raymond Danso speaking to the media at the convening

CSOs at CoP Quarterly reflection meeting challenged to diversify funding in the face dwindling donor support

In the face of dwindling donor support, Head of Programmes at STAR-Ghana Foundation, highlights the need for CSOs to #diversify their funding for long-term #sustainability. She shared these insights at the quarterly Community of Practice meeting under the Giving for Change (GFC) project.

The pro-philanthropy GFC project, which encourages local giving, is being implemented in 8 countries across two continents....[read more](#)



Head of Programmes at STAR-Ghana Foundation speaking at the GFC quarterly meeting

STAR-Ghana Foundation Rallies CSOs to Track Government Commitments in Health Sector



Some participants of the CSOs forum on Health Sector in Accra

STAR Ghana Foundation is in the process of establishing a robust manifesto tracker to systematically monitor government commitments in the health sector.

The move, according to the Foundation is critical in ensuring accountability and evidence-based engagement with policymakers.

These issues were made known at a National convening on tracking government commitments in the health sector.

Organised by STAR- Ghana Foundation with funding from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the meeting was to provide a platform to analyse opportunities for leveraging CSOs' evidence-based advocacy in healthcare service delivery, while strengthening civil society's role in monitoring government performance and advocating for reforms. It was also to develop strategies for tracking government commitments on healthcare improvements.

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STAR-Ghana Foundation, holds 5th Annual General Meeting

STAR-Ghana Foundation held its 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, February 20th, 2025, in Accra in compliance with statutory requirements and also to, among others, consider and adopt Reports of the Governing Council, Executive Director and Auditors for the 2023/2024 financial year. The meeting also discussed key developments within the Foundation's operating context during the reporting period and their implications for the organisation and its work.

STAR Ghana Foundation calls for a minimum 30% women's representation in MMDCE appointments

STAR Ghana Foundation, in collaboration with its civil society partners, has issued an urgent call for a minimum of 30% women's representation in the appointment of Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Chief Executives (MMDCEs). This appeal comes amid growing concerns over the under-representation of women in local governance. The Foundation commended the Government of Ghana for its efforts [....more here](#)



President John Dramani Mahama

STAR-Ghana marks International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism and Terrorism

At STAR-Ghana Foundation, we are committed to strengthening communities—especially youth and women—to resist #radicalization and violent extremism. Through our Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism (#BRAVE) and Security in Northern Ghana (#SING) projects, we empower #VulnerableGroups in Northern Ghana with livelihood skills, digital literacy, and critical thinking to prevent recruitment by #extremist groups.



Community members participating in a training on livelihood and digital literacy skills

STAR-Ghana Foundation takes steps to strengthens Partnerships for Peace & Security in Northern Ghana

STAR-Ghana Foundation, led by the Executive Director, Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu, paid a courtesy call on the North East, Northern, and Upper East Regional Ministers to congratulate them on their appointments and introduce our work, particularly in #peace and #security.[.....read more](#)



Nationwide consultations held with CSO on draft NPO bill

The #CivilSocietyForum Working Group on Enabling Environment, co-convened by STAR-Ghana Foundation and the Ghana Developing Communities Association - GDCA, successfully organized CSO Zonal Consultations on the #draftNPOBill across Ghana's Middle, Northern, and Southern zones.

Thousands of CSO representatives participated in these consultations, engaging in critical discussions to shape a unified advocacy position on the bill. A key takeaway was the strong call for an NPO Bill that not only regulates but also #fosters an enabling environment for CSOs in Ghana to thrive [.....read more](#)



Participants of the National Forum on the NPO bill

CHANGE STORIES

STAR-Ghana Launches Fulbe Integration Manual to promote Social Cohesion

STAR-Ghana Foundation has launched the Fulbe Integration Manual aimed at fostering the inclusion and peaceful coexistence of the Fulbe ethnic group within Ghanaian society.

Developed with support from the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), the manual builds on STAR-Ghana's ongoing peace and security interventions in Northern Ghana....[read more](#)



Susan Yemidi, member of STAR-Ghana Foundation's Governing Council launching the Fulbe Integration Manual

Power & Parity: Accelerating Gender Balance in Public Governance

As Ghana commemorates 30 years since the Beijing Platform for Action, gender parity in public governance remains a pressing issue. The recent passage of the Affirmative Action (Gender Equality) Act and the historic election of Ghana's first female Vice President signal a significant shift toward inclusive leadership. However, questions remain:

- How far has Ghana truly progressed in ensuring gender-balanced appointments?
- What gaps still exist in achieving full representation?
- What policy measures and institutional changes are needed to sustain and accelerate progress? [...read more](#)



Vice President Jane Naana Opoku Agyeman

AVID 2 kick starts with Inception meeting

STAR-Ghana Foundation and 16 partner organizations will engage in #strategicdiscussions to enhance collaboration and accountability in delivering the Actions for Voice, Influence and Inclusive Development (AVID) 2 Project. .

From strengthening financial management practices to refining impact measurement approaches, this session sets the stage for empowering #Underserved communities across Ghana.

The AVID project aims to improve access to quality public goods and services for six (6) underserved groups – Persons with Disabilities, youth, rural women, informal sector workers, smallholder farmers and Fulbe.



Participants deliberating during a breakout session at the AVID 2 inception meeting

Social Inclusion: A Pathway to Peace and Resilience in Northern Ghana

At the heart of STAR-Ghana Foundation's Security in Northern Ghana (SING III) Project is a powerful recognition: sustainable peace cannot exist without social inclusion. The project's focus on empowering the marginalized—particularly ethnic minorities like the Fulbe, women, youth, and persons with disabilities—has become a defining cornerstone of resilience-building in vulnerable communities. Through its local partners—SAVE Ghana, Young Peace Ambassadors, Belim Wusa Development Agency (BEWDA), Peace for Life Ghana, and Social Initiative for Literacy and Development Programme (SILDEP)—the SING III Project is transforming exclusion into empowerment across Northern Ghana.

For decades, the Fulbe people have lived on the peripheries of northern Ghanaian society—geographically and socially. Often stereotyped, excluded from community decisions, and misunderstood, they were historically isolated and vulnerable to manipulation by violent extremist groups.

SECRETARIAT NEWS & UPDATES

Role of civil society in Ghana's constitutional reforms; STAR-Ghana GC holds strategic deliberations



Group picture of participants of the strategic deliberations with GC members

The Governing Council of STAR-Ghana Foundation is currently holding a strategic retreat to discuss the role of #civilsociety in Ghana's constitutional reforms. This convening brings together thought leaders committed to #strengthening #Democratic governance, #activecitizens engagement, and #Accountability.

At a time when constitutional reforms have gained national attention, civil society's voice is crucial in the process. STAR-Ghana Foundation remains committed to fostering dialogue and collaboration for development.

STAR-Ghana, WACSI reflect on STP with Comic Relief

STAR-Ghana Foundation and West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) met with Jeremy Yung from Comic Relief to reflect on the #shitthepower programme. We explored ways to enhance sustainability, tell impactful stories.

A key takeaway? Bringing in learning coordinators to foster alignment and amplify the gains of the programme.

This approach was identified as way to make our collective efforts even more impactful while #shiftingpower to communities!



Team members from STAR-Ghana Foundation and Wacsi in a group picture with Comic Relief's Jeremy Yung

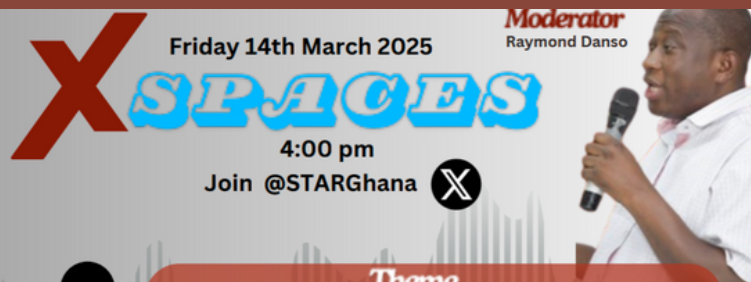
STAR-Ghana Foundation joins the world to celebrate IWD25



STAR-Ghana Foundation joins the world in celebrating the resilience and contributions of women. This year's theme, #AccelerateAction, highlights the urgency of advancing gender equality. With the recent passage of the Affirmative Action (Gender Equality) Act and commitments to increasing women's representation, we call for firm implementation to #BreakBarriers and create an #inclusive Ghana. We celebrate all women and our partners working towards a just and equitable society!



X SPACES ON EDUCATION AND WOMEN'S APPOINTMENT



Theme
Strengthening Accountability & Advocacy for Quality Education

Speakers



STAR GHANA FOUNDATION Improving Education in Ghana Accountability & Advocacy

STAR-Ghana Foundation hosted two X-Spaces on Improving Education in Ghana and Achieving a minimum of 30% women representation in mmdce



Achieving a Minimum of 30% Women Representation in MMDCE Appointments



Internship opportunity

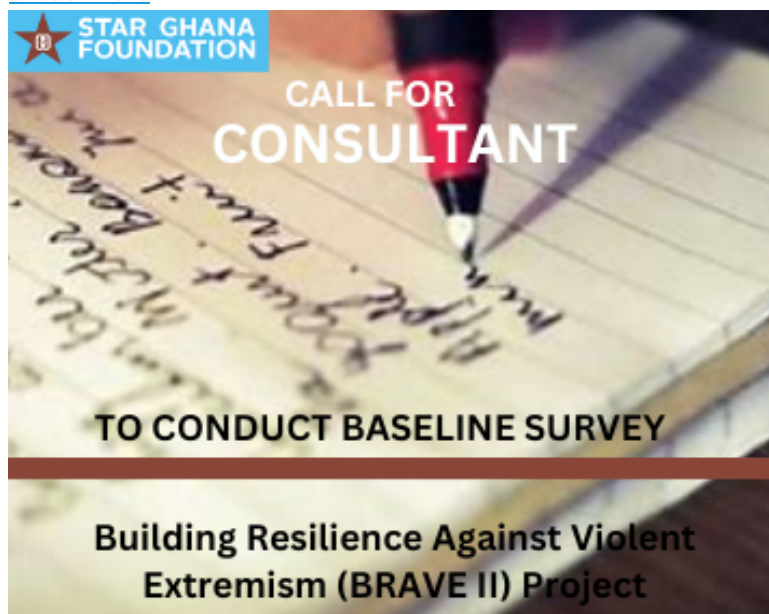
STAR-Ghana Foundation advertised an opportunity looking for a dynamic and motivated BDU Intern to join the team! People passionate about development, and eager to gain hands-on experience in business development and resource mobilization were encouraged to apply.



Conducting of baseline study for the phase II of the Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism (BRAVE) project

STAR-Ghana Foundation sort a consultant to undertake a baseline study for the phase II of the Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism (BRAVE) project. This study will provide a benchmark of all project indicators at the outset against which targets will be set and subsequent progress and changes will be measured. Here is a document detailing scope of work, deliverables, and qualification among other requirements.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Time with projects

To enhance interactivity on social media, the engagement, dubbed "TIME WITH PROJECTS" is being introduced. This 5-minute monthly session will be an interactive one on key activities of the Foundation through the various projects and also serve as a feedback loop to hear from the public.

The session will entail a designated representative of a project selected to speak to online users through video on our social media platforms.

This is a way through which the Foundation will Educate, Expose and bring conversations on and about projects to different sects of the public our presence on Social media. This is expected to help capture partners, CBOs, public and private organisations that are not usually present at public engagements we hold.

Thematic Areas



Inclusive and Responsive Governance



Civil Society Strengthening



Rights to Services



Peace and security



Natural Resource Governance and Climate Change

Ghana CSOs Forum



STAR-Ghana Foundation has started preparations towards the 2025 Ghana Civil Society Forum. The Ghana Civil Society Forum is a critical convening platform that unites civil society organisations (CSOs) across Ghana to engage in collective reflection, strategic action, and collaboration. The Forum fosters dialogue on good governance, inclusive development, and long-term sustainability while addressing the growing challenges of development financing and civic action.

Partner Support Visits and Story gathering



STAR-Ghana Foundation plans to conduct partner support visits to Project partners to assess project implementation KPIs and measure successes. These visits aim to ensure alignment with project goals and evaluate the impact of our work with partners efforts.

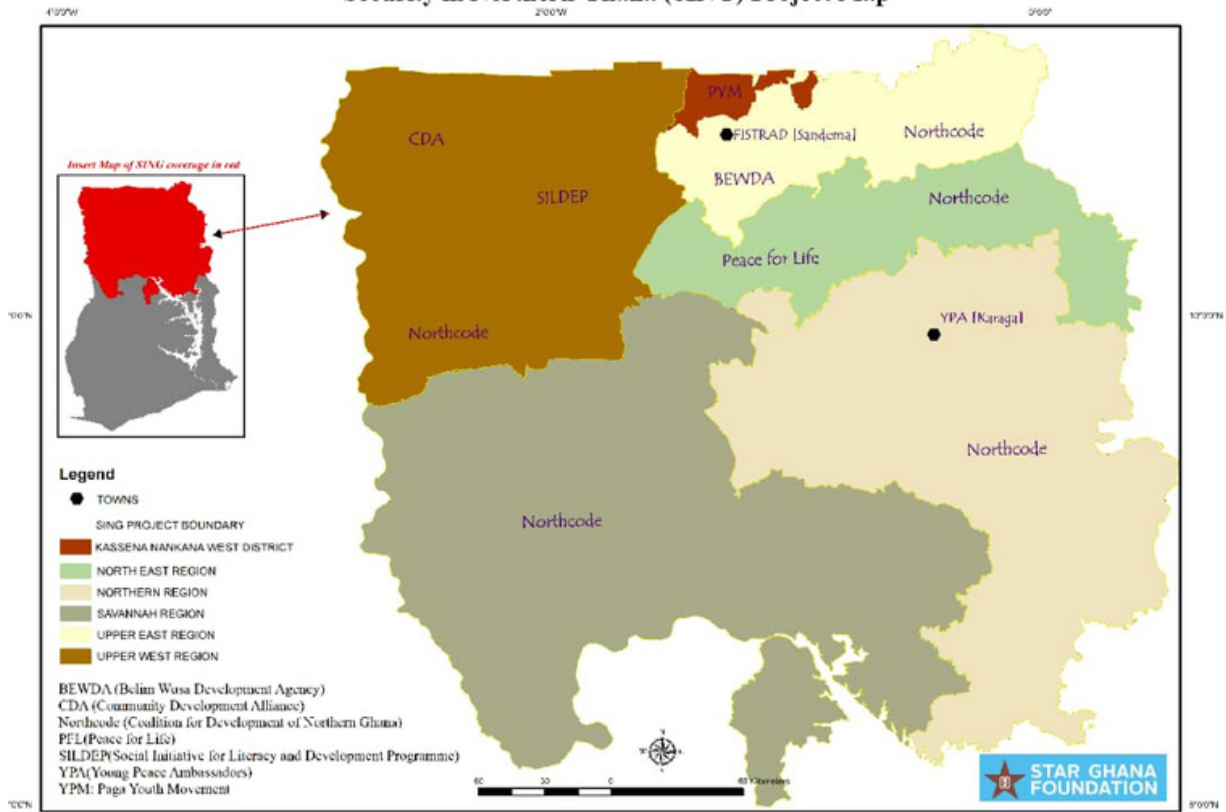


In the coming months, we're also expecting

- **Roll out of expert volunteers' programme to provide capacity strengthening for AVID 2 sub national level partners on advocacy and constituency building.**
- **BOTNAR Board visit to Kofkro**
- **FCDO visit**

PROJECT MAPS

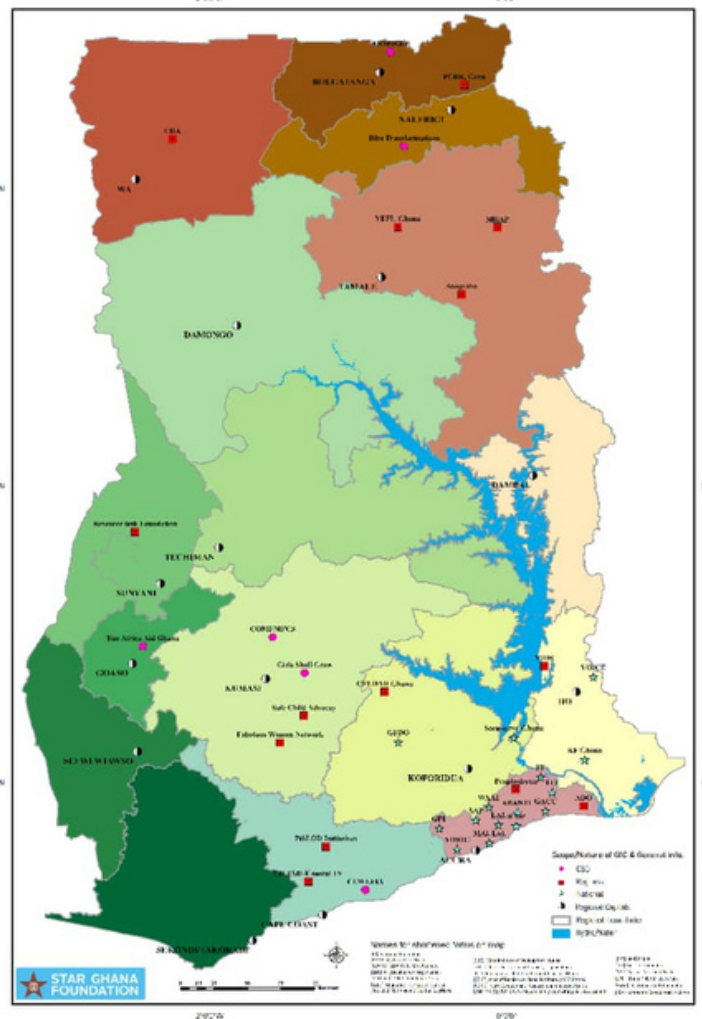
Security in Northern Ghana (SING) Project Map



Actions for Voice and Inclusive Development (AVID) Project Map



Giving for Change (GFC) Project Map



SECURITY CORNER

Police Service Safety Tips

DAILY SECURITY TIP

Make a family emergency plan and ensure all family members understand what to do in case of emergency.

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DAILY SECURITY TIP

Educate your kids about safety rules. That include being wary of strangers and telling them whom to contact if they get lost or feel afraid for any reason

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