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CEWEFIA	Central and Western Region Fishmongers Improvement Association
CRC	Coastal Resource Center
DAA	Development Action Association
DQF	Daasgift Quality Foundation
FtF	Feed the Future
HM	Hen Mpoano
MOFAD	Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
SFMP	Sustainable Fisheries Management Project
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SNV	Netherlands Development Organization
UCC	University of Cape Coast
URI	University of Rhode Island
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

International rural women's day is commemorated on the 15th October in 2008 in honour of rural women involved in agriculture and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty.

In Ghana, 46% of the economic active populations of women are in agriculture. According to the Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS4), a female heads one in every three households but there are distinct differences in terms of location. For instance, while the national average of female-headed households is about 34%, the percentage of female-headed households is about 40% in rural coastal areas. This implies more women are becoming the backbone of families in these areas in terms of being the bread winners.

This year's international rural women's day was held at Mumford in the Central region. The annual celebration recognizes the invaluable role rural women play in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty. As part of this year's celebration, (USAID) through Sustainable Fisheries Management Project brought together stakeholders under the theme "Sea and Land Galamsey: The Impact on Food Security."

The objective was to highlight some of the negative effects of galamsey (or illegal mining) on the sea and on land, as well as encourage women and girls to become change agents in the fight against unsustainable practices in the fisheries sector.

The event brought together over 300 rural women from different parts of Ghana, 30 dignitaries including the District Chief Executive of Gomoa West and the Chief of Mumford. The invited guest addressed the audience on the theme with a call to government to stop illegal practices on the sea.

The keynote address was delivered by the DCE of Gomoa West who reiterated the government's commitment to tackle the menace. The members of DAA, climaxed the event with a role play to demonstrate the detrimental effect of illegal fishing - "sea Galamsey" on fishing households.

There was a poem recital by an adolescent the impact of illegal fishing and mining on agricultural lands and households. A call was made to all present to be change agents on sustainable management of natural resources.

A call was also made to government to prosecute culprits.





## 2. CELEBRATION PROCEEDINGS AND SPEECHES

Some of the invited dignitaries addressed the audience on the theme for the event- below is a summary of their submissions.

### 2.1 Chairperson - Nana Hema Abena Pokua I

The Chairperson Nana Hema Abena Pokua I, called on fisherfolk to use modern responsible methods, devoid of chemicals and other harmful substances to harvest and process fish to ensure the consumption of quality wholesome fish by all. She admonished parents to support their children in their education and not hire them off as labourers.



Figure 2. Nana Hema Abena Pokua – Chairperson for the event delivering her acceptance speech

### 2.2 Chief of party of SFMP – Mr Maurice Knight

The Chief of Party of USAID/SFMP, Mr Maurice Knight indicated that the project has in the last three years supported over 4000 Ghanaians, 3000 of whom are women with requisite skills training to improve on their contributions to the economy.

According to him, galamsey is harmful to and agricultural lands and marine resources, he therefore entreated the community to avoid destroying the environment.

He urged the community to collaborate with government in the fight against galamsey to ensure food security. He advised fisherfolk to desist from using unauthorized chemicals and other materials in the processing of fish.

Mr. Knight, impressed upon all the fisherfolk especially parents to refrain from the using children for any job or activity that affects their physical, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing, but rather invest in their children education.

**“I was raised by a single mother; she didn’t give me all I wanted but gave me what I needed. I am where I am today because of her”**

**Maurice Knight (CoP - USAID/SFMP)**



**Figure 3. Mr. Maurice Knight delivery a solidarity message from SFMP/USAID**

### **2.3 DCE of Gomoa West – Hon. Baisie Nkum**

The DCE of Gomoa West District, Hon. Bismark Baisie Nkum expressed his delight on the theme for the event - ‘Sea and Land Galamsey: Impact on Food Security’ as apt. He mentioned that natural resources are key in the development of any nation. According to him, poor fishing methods have polluted the environment and brought about dwindling stocks, land degradation, water pollution, high cost of living and food insecurity.



**Figure 4. DCE of Gomoa West District, Hon. Bismark Baisie Nkum**

He encouraged the Chiefs, Fishermen, and everyone involved in the fishery sector to adopt



**Figure 5. Representative for the Winneba Municipal Assembly, Mr. Anthony Buckland**

responsible practices for harvesting, processing and preservation of fish to keep the consumers healthy.

## 2.4 Winneba Municipal Assembly Representative – Mr Anthony Buckland

The representative for the Winneba Municipal Assembly, Mr Anthony Buckland expressed his gratitude to USAID/SFMP for improving the livelihoods of fish processors along the coast. He emphasised on the harmful effects of galamsey and the use of chemicals to fish on the environment

## 2.5 Women in Agricultural Development Representative (WIAD) – Mrs Esther Akomaning

Mrs Esther Akomaning, also reiterated the immense contribution by of women in the homes and communities. She entreated rural women to use modern methods of processing fish, adopt new technologies and raise awareness about the benefits of these methods.



Figure 6. Mrs. Esther Akomaning delivering her solidarity message

### 3. ADVOCACY ISSUES AND ROLE PLAY

Madam Florence Nartey, who represented the Fish Processors Association admitted that Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing has been one of the major reasons for the dwindling fish stocks and the impoverishment of fisherfolk. She therefore urged the central government to arrest and prosecute all those who flout the laws on fishing.

Mrs. Agnes Quansah, the president of the Anchovies (Amoni) Dryers' Association testified about the new technology introduced by DAA in collaboration with the Gomoa West District Assembly to dry Amoni. According to her, the dried fish processors in her community do not dry fish on the bare floor anymore, but on solar drying racks which are hygienic and improves the quality of the dried fish.

The Mumford fish processors association performed a drama to educate the audience on the harmful effects of illegal fishing methods and its consequences on the marine life and humans who consume the fish.



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#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

As we laud the presidential initiative to ban “galamsey” rural women can only hope that it not be a short term measure, but will be followed up with strong policies and enforcement.

Fisherfolk should adhere to all the fisheries laws, especially those on IUU and the proposed closed season.



**Figure 11. Traditional leaders at Mumford appreciating the "the thank you tour led by the Executive Director of DAA.**

## 5. PHOTO GALLERY AND EXHIBITION



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# Women

## World Rural Women's Day highlights women's roles

*"Women producers in Ghana are the same as men producers, and the yield of sectors of production in cereals has most women."*  
 — Soraja Rodriguez Ramos, Spanish Secretary of State for International Development

By Shirley Asiedu-Addo, MUMFORD

**T**HE significant role of women in the agricultural sector in Ghana was acknowledged during the 3rd European Forum on Rural Development held in Palencia, Spain on March 29, 2011.

In her presentation during the opening session as the chairperson, the Spanish Secretary of State for International Development, Soraja Rodriguez Ramos, who stressed the significance of women in ensuring the global vision of food security, reportedly stated that: "Women producers in Ghana are the same as men producers, and the yield of sectors of production in cereals has most women."

### Lives of women

Recognising the significant role of rural women in the nation's development, speakers at a durbar to mark the World Rural Women's Day at Mumford in the Central Region have called on the government to implement sustainable measures to protect the lives of women in the agricultural sector and the fisheries industry.

They noted that the majority of rural women who were engaged in fishing

were in danger of losing their incomes through threats posed by illegal fishing, while those in agriculture were threatened with the loss of productive farmlands, hence the need for drastic measures to immediately halt the menace.

Speaker after speaker underscored the worrying effects of the use of illegal



• Mr Knight addressing the durbar

Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing methods and illegal mining, which were making women, who constituted a larger per cent of workers involved directly or indirectly in these sectors, poorer.

They observed that illegal fishing practices were having serious effects on fish stocks, making fishing communities poorer and threatening the food security of the nation in general.

### Change agents

The programme was organised by the Sustainable Fisheries Management Programme (SFMP) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), in collaboration with the Coastal Resources Centre and the Development Action Association (DAA) on the theme, "Sea and Land Galamsey: Impacts on Food Security."

The day was to commemorate the important roles women played in

society and to highlight the power they possessed in changing the lives of generations.

Several women's groups and organisations attended the durbar.

Rural women farmers, for instance, constitute 41 per cent of women living in rural areas and they produce 70 per cent of the nation's food crops.

The speakers called on the government to declare a moratorium on "galamsey on the sea" followed by strong government actions to support food security and livelihoods, particularly of rural women.

### Illegal activities

The Chief of Party of the SFMP, Mr Maurice Knight, said while it was important to stress the need for efficient fish processing practices, as well as improve sanitation and hygiene in fishing communities among others, it was essential for the government to work to fight the illegal activities on the

sea to better the lives of the people whose lives depended on it.

Mr Knight noted that over 4,000 people, including about 3,000 women, had benefited from various programmes under the SFMP, which is a five-year food security project that seeks to rebuild targeted marine fish stocks (which are depleted but important to the local economy), through the adoption of sustainable fishing practices and exploitation levels.

He, therefore, called on the government and other stakeholders to work to protect the sea and land resources for future generations.

### Illegal mining

The District Chief Executive for Gomoe West, Mr Bismark Baisie Nkum, said the destruction of farmlands by illegal miners was seriously degrading the nation's arable lands, rendering them infertile.

He said the chemicals used in these activities did not only pollute water bodies but also affected soil fertility, and that, he said, was sure to lead to food shortages and price hikes.

Miss Esther Akumanyi of Women in Agricultural Development said the role of women in the food production chain could not be overemphasised, and called for training in post-harvest handling to reduce post-harvest losses.

An officer with the Fisheries Commission Department, Mr Kwabena Baiden, warned that anyone caught using IUU methods of fishing would not be spared, and urged participants to join efforts to restore the sea's resources.

The participants also observed with worry the effects of illegal mining on farmlands and their effects on farmers, particularly women farmers.

They said it was important to save the sea from the effects of IUU and save the livelihoods of the people, especially women.

## Quick Read

Speakers at the durbar observed that illegal fishing practices were having serious effects on fish stocks making fishing communities poorer and threatening the food security of the nation in general.



• Women play important roles in agriculture

**APPENDIX 2: KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY DCE OF GOMOA WEST DISTRICT, HON. BISMARK BAISIE NKUM**

**ADDRESS DELIVERED BY HON. BISMARK BAISIE NKUM, DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF GOMOA WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ON OCCASION OF WORLD RURAL WOMEN'S DAY ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017 AT MUMFORD.**

MR. CHAIRMAN — *Nana Chairperson - Nana Pobua*  
THE EXECUTIVES OF SFMP — *Chief of party*  
FISH MONGERS — *Maurice Hart*  
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
THE MEDIA  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

It is with great desire that I stand before you today with this invitation to help celebrate this year's World Rural Women's Day here in Mumford.

My utmost appreciation goes to the organizers of this program for choosing Mumford to host this International celebration. This clearly shows that, Mumford is highly recognized for its fishing activities. The evidence of this is that, since the inception of the National Farmers and Fishers Day Celebration, Mumford

Community <sup>has</sup> (have) been able to win the National Best Fisherman award on four (4) occasions nationwide and this is highly commendable.

I would like to use this occasion to commend the Chief Fishermen, all the Chairmen of the Landing Beaches in the district as well as all fish mongers whose efforts have resulted in the provision of fishes to feed all the communities in the district as well as other districts in the country.

Nananom, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, the theme for this year's celebration "**Sea and Land Galamsey, Impacts on Food Security**" is an excellent one for this occasion. Natural resources are very important for development and production processes however, they can never be substituted for agriculture, food and farmlands. Galamsey activities seem to be taking the place of farming activities and in the process rendering the lands and water bodies unproductive and not usable.

The result of Galamsey operations within the District, Country and the World as a whole has in many ways affected the livelihood of the people by displacement, relocation and even resettlement. The socio-economic, environment, and the lives of the inhabitants of the catchment areas are adversely affected by Galamsey activities which has led to food shortages, land degradation, water pollution, high cost of living, food price hikes and many other factors.

The most common problems associated with Galamsey operations are physiological disorders and bacterial diseases followed by scorch and fire outbreaks. This is mostly because of the pollution caused by the chemicals used in the mining processes. The chemicals pollute the soil, water bodies and even the air leading to poor crop growths. Due to the vast nature of this illegal mining, many trees are cut down making the place bare for easy wind and water erosion thereby reducing soil fertility that has led to poor crop cultivation. \* *add illegal mining*

Galamsey' does not only pollute rivers and other water bodies but also leaves death traps for miners themselves and other farmers

within the mining communities. These activities contribute to hunger because, vast farm plantations like cocoa, palm, coconut, oranges are being destroyed and the top soils which is the main sources of nutrients to plant that has taken several years to gain are also being removed and therefore making our arable land infertile.

Nananom, no one can deny the fact that the operations of Galamsey which has become a national plague has left numerous acres of land and water bodies across the country especially Central, Ashanti, Western and Eastern region wild and degraded. The lands and water bodies are also polluted, making it weak for Agricultural purposes. Chemicals used for extracting gold for instance, mercury, cyanide and other complex chemicals are discharged into the soil and water bodies and these have dispossessed the land and the affected water bodies of its natural properties to perform its natural functions to mankind.

We are so grateful to the government of Ghana for setting up operation Vanguard to help curb this menace in the country.

In addition, the government through the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development has put in place the necessary measures to ensure constant supply of premix fuel to all the fishing communities on regular bases. All these signify the government's commitment in supporting fishing activities in Ghana.

*— We also have received letters from the ILO through the Ministry for Fisheries to ~~ensure~~ <sup>ensure</sup> there is no illegal fishing.*  
I would like to indicate that, the District Assembly is prepared to support fishing activities in the district since that is the major occupation in the district.

I congratulate all fishermen and fishmongers in the <sup>region</sup> district for your role in the fishing business and wish you a successful celebration.

*Thank you*

*Talk about sanitation, environmental problems associated with processing of fish in filthy conditions - May cause a problem for our marketing*

### APPENDIX 3: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE WRWD CELEBRATION

Media House	Type	When	Where	Language	Who
GTV	15 Minutes Discussion Morning Show	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Accra	English	Grace Quaye & Emelia Nortey.
Radio Peace	15 Minutes Discussion on Radio Peace's morning show	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Winneba	Twi/Fante	Grace Bondzie Anthony Appiah
Ahomka FM	15 Minutes Discussion on Ahomka FM's morning show	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Elmina	Twi/Fante	Nii Adamafio Nassam Ibrahim Florence Nartey
Peace FM	Pre-event and post interview	November 12 & 14, 2017	Accra	Twi	Lydia Sasu,



# APPENDIX 4: ISSUE BRIEF FOR THE WORLD RURAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



## ISSUE BRIEF

### World Rural Women's Day - 2017

#### Theme: "Sea and Land Galamsey: Impact on Food Security"

Rural women farmers constitute 41% of women living in rural areas and they produce 70% of the nation's food crops, whilst men produce cash crops.

The rural women farmers presence is felt throughout the value chain of crop and livestock production from decision making to land preparation, nursery management, transplanting, planting, harvesting, processing, storage, marketing as well as food preparation for family. Rural women are also the main aggregators of agriculture produce from farm gates as retailers and wholesalers.

In 2013 the European Commission showed Ghana a 'yellow card' for its fish exports to the EU market due to the country's failure to control Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) fishing practices. The ban was lifted in 2015 when the country showed some commitments in tackling IUU fishing in the country.

The threat of IUU fishing practices to the sustainability to fishery resources which will in turn affect livelihoods of which majority will be rural women cannot be underestimated.

Farmlands which can serve as alternative livelihood support to rural fish mongers during lean season or during implementations of prudent fishery management measures such as close season continue to face major threat from the "land Galamsey" menace which plagues the nation. This has led to the loss of fertile farming lands by rural women who can supplement family incomes and livelihood supports.

The chosen theme, "Sea and Land Galamsey: Impact on Food Security" highlights some of the challenges facing rural women in their quest to fulfill their multiple roles in this country. The negative effect of 'galamsey' on our sea and land is affecting food security in our homes and the nation at large.



A Sketch of a fisherman practicing 'light' fishing



Aerial photograph of River Pra showing the harmful effects of 'Galamsey'

## KEY ISSUES

Many rural fisher folks of whom majority are women stand in danger of losing their major income generating activities and other supporting livelihood through IUU fishing (sea Galamsey) practices and "land Galamsey activities. Some major underlying factors include:

- The use of chemicals such as DDT, Dynamite, carbide, under mesh size nets and light by fishers in Ghana water have led to dwindling stock of fish catches over the years. Many rural women fish processors have lost their livelihood due to the use of these illegal fishing and processing methods.
- IUU fishing practices is a modern day "Galamsey of the Sea". "Saiko" fishing is an illegal system where trawlers stay on fishing but catch unapproved fishes by-catches are sold to other local fishermen on the high seas.
- Low compliance and weak capacity for law enforcement within this sector have increased the challenge of fighting this menace.



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- The recent uncontrolled mining of precious minerals across the length and breadth of the Ghana has led to the ruined and destruction of many water bodies and farm lands, especially those of cash crops. Many rural families (single women family led) have lost their basic source of livelihood leaving many of these families "landless". Many rural women are unable to cultivate food crops for family consumption and income, therefore a threat to food security.
- Changing use of land for non-agricultural purposes is posing constant challenge to food security in the country. Areas that used to supply food stuffs such as cassava, vegetables, maize, etc. have all been converted to estate lands for housing. Many of these areas have been re-zoned and marked for residential development. This has led to decrease in farm land available to women farmers who used to farm on these lands without any proper training for other diversified and alternative livelihood support for them.
- Urbanization and "Galamsey" leading to smaller size and the continual cultivation on the same piece of land results in great nutrients loss, some women cannot afford the cost of the right guarantees of fertilizers that they need. They are not able to practice land rotation which leaves land to fallow and therefore replenish nutrients naturally. Pest attack on crops also leads to low yields for example the devastating effect of the fall army worm. Mining of minerals, sand wining and urbanization has also taken over livestock grazing fields. Even water bodies that were used by grazing animals are all contaminated. Livestock's are dying of thirst especially during the dry seasons. Some livestock farmers are feeding their stock maize and wheat bran or the cereals which is quite expensive.

## THE WAY FORWARD

- While we welcome the Presidential initiative on the placement of moratorium on "Galamsey" in the country, it is our hope that this is will not be a short term measure and be followed up with strong policies and enforcement that will sustain this measure.
- Laws being put up by the fisheries commission must be adhered to. These include some months of closed season for certain fish species. Right mesh net size to allow small fish to grow bigger and have the chance to spawn at least once before being caught must be enforced. Reinforce ban on light fishing and the use of chemicals in fishing.
- Traditional leaders need to be on guard against developers that will propose sites for hotels, upscale residential development and industrial facilities that will displace fishing communities and erode fishing as a way of life and as an important heritage that should be preserved and protected for future generations of Ghanaians to enjoy.
- Local government and other agencies need to strictly enforce laws against illegal sand mining that is causing downstream impacts in communities and increasing their susceptibility and vulnerability to flooding and erosion placing lives and livelihoods at risk.

*Women, especially single female headed households, often have difficulty securing farm land that can help feed their families and secure income that allows them to keep their children in school and out of the hands of child traffickers.*

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## APPENDIX 5: PROGRAMME OUTLINE



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### **PROGRAM OUTLINE WORLD RURAL WOMEN'S DAY (WRWD)**

Venue: Mumford, Central Region  
Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Theme: "Sea and Land Galamsey, Impact on Food Security"**

8:00am	Arrival/ Registration (Exhibition & Musical Interlude)
9:15am	Opening Prayer
9:20am	Introduction of women groups/ Welcome address
9:40am	Introduction of Chairperson
9:45am	Chairperson's response
9:55am	Musical Interlude
10:00am	Why WRWD - Statement
10:15am	Musical Interlude
10:20am	Role play – Drama and Advocacy Issues (Emerging Issues Affecting Food security)
11:20am	Musical Interlude
11:25am	Solidarity Messages
	<b>USAID/SFMP</b>
	FC/MOFAD Central Region
	MCE – Efutu Municipal Assembly
	Paramount Chief (Mumford, Apam and Ankamu)
	Chief Fishermen/Konko Hema/Traditional Authorities
	YARA
	FAO
	NAPFTA
	Ghana Industrial Trawlers Association
	Ghana Inshore Fishermen's Association
12.25 pm	Musical Interlude
12:30 pm	Key Note Address – "Sea and Land Galamsey: impact on food security?" (DCE Gomoa West D.A)
01:00 pm	Musical Interlude
01:05 Pm	Chair's closing remarks
01:15 pm	Vote of thanks
01:20 pm	Closing Prayer
01:25 pm	Closing, Refreshment, Exhibition and Departure

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## APPENDIX 6: CELEBRATION BANNER AND T-SHIRT FOR THE CELEBRATION



# WORLD RURAL WOMEN'S DAY (W.R.W.D)

**Theme:** “Sea & Land Galamsey: Impact on Food and Security”

Venue: Mumford, Gomoa West District, Central Region.

Date: November 14, 2017

**Special Guest of Honor: Hon. Bismark Baisie  
District Chief Executive, Gomoa West.**



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