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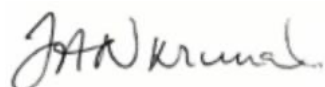
**THE RT. HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
ACCRA.**

Dear Honourable Speaker,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 20 of the National Commission for Civic Education Act of 1993, (Act 452), which enjoins the Commission to submit a report to Parliament annually indicating our operations in respect of the preceding year, I am honoured to submit this report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2020. This is the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Accounts of the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) to Parliament.

Please, accept Honorable Speaker, the assurances of our highest esteem and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Josephine Nkrumah (Ms.)  
Chairman

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## **ABOUT THE NCCE**

The National Commission for Civic Education is one of the Independent Governance Institutions (IGIs) created under Article 231 of the 1992 Constitution and established by the National Commission for Civic Education Act, 1993 (Act 452) of Parliament in June 1993. The Commission makes civic and public education an important strategy for creating awareness on the main values of democratic governance, instilling the spirit of patriotism and enhancing citizens' participation in governance. The NCCE is present in all 16 regions and 263 Districts, Municipalities and Metropolises cross the country.



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**  
*Josephine Nkrumah (Ms.)*

As we entered 2020, the NCCE was optimistic that the year was going to be productive due to the scheduled Presidential and Parliamentary Elections and the political discourse surrounding Ghana's democracy. The Commission outlined activities geared towards engaging the people of Ghana to serve as change agents in their communities as well as ensure the sustainability of the peace, tranquility and tolerance enjoyed as a people over the years, since the inception of the Fourth Republic.

With the annual theme “**The Future of Ghana is in my Hands**”, the Commission sought not only to equip citizens with civic knowledge, skills and dispositions, but to empower them to understand their roles; (actions and inactions which contribute to the growth and development of our democracy). Although the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2019, no one could have predicted the enormity of the calamity that lay ahead of the world.

The year 2020 can be described as one of the most challenging years in recent history. The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in the early part of the year posed a major challenge and setback to humanity and business activities globally, which led to the collapse of many economies.

The NCCE was not left unaffected by this global catastrophe and effective Civic Education delivery was greatly impacted. Face-to-face engagements which in former years helped the Commission to better engage the public and sensitise them through question-and-answer sessions became impossible. However, through technological advancements and the large reach of traditional and new media, the Commission reached wider publics and audiences (citizens) as compared to previous years. The Commission in 2020, undertook one hundred and fifty-one thousand sixty-six (151,066) activities nationwide, which reached fifteen million, eight hundred and seventy-seven thousand, nine hundred and eighty-six (15,877,986) Ghanaians through limited face-to-face engagements in communities, markets, lorry parks among others. A total of seven hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and thirty-nine (723,639) viewers visited the Commission's website ([www.nccegh.org](http://www.nccegh.org)), while seven million, six hundred and sixty-six thousand and ninety-nine (7,666,099) persons engaged the Commission via its social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube and Twitter) in the year under review.

Despite the planned activities of the Commission in the lead up to the 2020

General Election, public education on COVID-19 took center-stage of our activities to help contain the spread of the pandemic, reduce the number of lives lost and achieve impact. I can proudly say that 2020 was a successful year for the NCCE in terms of its civic education delivery. The media played a major role in this success story. The Commission's Annual Citizenship week Celebration was recorded and televised on Ghana Broadcasting Corporation's e-learning television platform to educate pupils at home due to the closure of schools. The educational videos were continuously rebroadcasted and it helped the spread of the messages of the resource persons.

The Commission's Dialogues were also altered from in person discussions to virtual studio discussions, which were also broadcasted via television, radio and live streaming on social media. The NCCE's Inter-Party Dialogue Committees (IPDC) also joined in sensitising the public on peaceful co-existence in the lead up to the 2020 General Election. These engagements and interventions helped curb many conflicts and misunderstandings in communities across the country. The Commission's Social Auditing platform enhanced community members' participation in identifying priority projects, organise fund raising for projects, execution of projects and accountability for utilization of funds to completion of projects. This strengthened accountability and transparency in local governance. Chapter four (4) of this report highlights many successes chalked through the NCCE's social auditing programme and many amenities provided in communities, which hitherto were not available.

The Commission's major flagship programmes and activities were held in

collaboration with relevant stakeholders including the Ghana Education Service, youth groups, Security Services, identifiable groups, major markets, managers of lorry stations and bus terminals, the Ghana Health Service, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Information, Media houses among others. These engagements influenced policies, ensured attitudinal and behavioral change with respect to observance of COVID-19 safety protocols and promoted good citizenship. Report on NCCE's activities through the challenging year are presented in subsequent chapters of this report.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the immense support of both the public and private organisations in this time of adversity to contribute to the work of the NCCE in cash and kind, which enabled the Commission to go beyond its targeted duty. On behalf of the NCCE, I thank the Government of Ghana for its continuous support of the Commission. The NCCE also appreciates the support of the Church of Pentecost (COP), the Ghana COVID-19 National Trust Fund, the Ghana Medical Association, the One Ghana Movement and other civil society organisations (CSOs) who contributed enormously to the work of the Commission in the year under review. The NCCE is grateful to the European Union (EU) for its remarkable support to the Commission over the years.

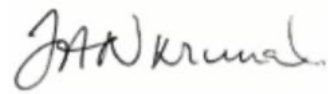
The Commission expresses gratitude to its media partners: Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC), Ghana News Agency (GNA), Graphic Communication Group Limited, Citi FM / Citi TV, Multimedia Group Limited, Despite Media Group, Media General Group, EIB Network and Atinka Media Village for their enormous support during the year. We are truly grateful for the support of other online

portals in Ghana, community radio stations, community information centers and media houses across the country, who continuously support the NCCE with media airtime for our programmes and events in all two hundred and sixty-three (263) Metropolitan, Municipal and District offices. Without the media, the work of the NCCE would not have the desired impact.

The Commission is also indebted to institutions that supported its work including the Information Services Department (ISD) and the Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) across the country for their logistical and financial support. The Commission appreciates the support and patronage of its activities by the good people of Ghana as well as those who participated in its activities and followed, shared, liked and commented on its posts on social media. We are extremely proud of Ghanaians and appreciate their innovativeness in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic in discovering real opportunities in these trying times. The Commission further appreciates citizens who listened to its media engagements and discussions, called in to contribute as well as attend its activities nationwide. The Commission appreciates the engagements and the support accorded it during the year, we also took on board constructive decision to make civic education more effective.

On behalf of the Commission and the Government of Ghana, I say Ayekoo! to the indefatigable Staff of the NCCE across the country for the enormous service rendered to the people of Ghana. Without their selfless commitment and dedication to work, the Commission could not have achieved its objectives set for the year.

We look forward to 2021 as we work hand in hand with Ghanaians to build resilience as we take steps to recover from the effects of the pandemic with much hope and optimism that God will continually bless our homeland Ghana and make us prosperous, great and strong.



**Josephine Nkrumah (Ms.)**  
**Chairman**



## **PART I**

### **GOVERNING BODY OF THE COMMISSION**

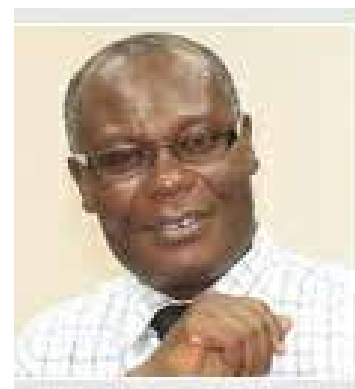
#### **Ms. Josephine Nkrumah Chairman**

Ms. Josephine Nkrumah holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law and French from the University of Ghana and was admitted to the Ghana Bar in February 1997. In 2001, she obtained a Master of Law (LLM) Degree from the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta with a specialization in Maritime Law. Prior to her appointment in Public Service, Ms. Nkrumah served in numerous capacities in the private sector. These included her role as associate lawyer in private law firms for about 5 years. She worked extensively in commercial, corporate and mining law and played company secretarial roles. She was Executive Secretary to the Ghana Association of Stevedoring Companies (GASCO) for almost a decade where she advocated extensively for maritime operations and policy formulation that promoted indigenous port operators. She founded her private law firm after her work with GASCO, lectured at the Regional Maritime University and acted as a maritime law consultant to the International Maritime Organisation in English and French speaking West Africa. She served on a number of public and private Boards including the Ministerial Advisory Board for the Ministry of Transport.



#### **Mr. Samuel Akuamoah Deputy Chairman, Operations**

Mr. Samuel Akuamoah holds a Master's Degree in African Studies from the University of Ghana, Legon and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the same University. He also holds a Diploma in Journalism from the Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ) and a Certificate in Project Management and Strategic Leadership from General Training Consulting (GTC), Putney Bridge London, United Kingdom. Prior to joining the NCCE in 1994, Mr. Akuamoah worked as a Freelance Journalist with a number of media houses including the Ghana News Agency (GNA). He is one of the pioneer staff of the NCCE, beginning his service at the Accra Metropolitan Office and rising through the ranks to become the Director of Programmes and currently the Deputy Chairman in charge of Operations.



**Ms. Kathleen Addy**  
**Deputy Chairman, Finance and Administration**

Ms. Kathleen Addy, Deputy Chairman, Finance and Administration is a Communications and Development professional with over 15 years' experience working in the development sector. Her professional reach covers a wide range of specialisations including Strategic Communications; Corporate Communications; Communications for Research and Policy and Corporate Social Responsibility. She honed her skills over the years working in different organisations including the Center for Policy Analysis (CEPA) as well as the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana)), where she was the Afrobarometer Communications Manager with oversight of seven African countries in East and West Africa. As a renowned activist, Ms. Addy has championed many causes that promote democracy, good governance and human rights and is particularly passionate about women rights. She has a degree in Psychology and a Masters degree in Communication Studies from the University of Ghana, Legon.



**Mrs. Philomina Abena Anyidoho**  
**Commission Member**

Mrs. Anyidoho holds a Masters degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon and a BSc (Land Economy) from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi. She also holds a Post Graduate Certificate in International Higher Education from the Coventry University, UK and from March 2006 to February 2009, she was the Programmes Coordinator at the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), Ghana, a public policy think-tank. She joined the Ghana Technology University College (GTUC) in March 2009 and worked as Coordinator of Research & Consultancy till December 2015. In January 2016, she moved to the faculty of IT Business of the same University as a lecturer, a position she currently holds.



**Mrs. Hajara Mohammed Rufai**  
**Commission Member**

Hajara Mohammed Rufai is a Youth Development Practitioner with over 12 years practical experience in youth leadership training and capacity-building programming and implementation having worked with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung – Ghana Office in the design and implementation of several capacity building programmes for various partner institutions such as Parliament, Electoral Commission, political parties, youth and Women’s groups. Hajara Mohammed is currently working as a managing partner of Young Peace Brigades – Ghana, a local affiliate of United Network of Young Peace-Builders (UNOY) based in the Hague where she coordinates training and development. Hajara is a member of the National Commission for Civic Education Steering Committee member for STAR-Ghana programme and Governing Council member for the new STAR-Ghana Foundation. Hajara Mohammed Rufai obtained her BA (Political Science & Religions) and MPhil (Study of Religions) from the University of Ghana in 2002 and 2010 respectively. She also holds a Master in Public Sector Management (MPSM) from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). Hajara has trained as a Certified ECOWAS/KAIPTC election observer with the Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Centre (2013).



**Mrs. Sylvia Annor**  
**Commission Member**

Sylvia Naa Adaawa Annor holds a Master of Governance and Leadership Degree from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). She is also pursuing a Post graduate Diploma in Public Administration from the same institution. She is a graduate of the Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ). She has undertaken many Gender related and Election management courses. She is a Public Relations Practitioner and an accredited member of the Institute of Public Relations, Ghana. She was a spokesperson for Ghana’s Electoral Commission from 1993 to 2015. Madam Sylvia was the Public Relations Officer for the Consultative Assembly that wrote the 1992 Constitution.



**Victor K. Brobbey**  
**Commission Member**

Mr. Brobbey currently heads Lancaster University Ghana's Department of Law. He also teaches Constitutional Law, Private International Law, and Jurisprudence. His primary areas of research are constitutional law, business and human rights, and comparative law. Mr. Brobbey is a Lecturer and Head of Department at the Faculty of Law, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). He lectures in Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, and Private International Law. He graduated from the University of Ghana with a Bachelor of Laws degree, and subsequently obtained a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School, Cambridge. With over 18 years of experience as a lawyer in both Ghana and the United States, Mr. Brobbey has engaged in advocacy, legal policy formulation and democratic governance advising for public and private entities in a number of African countries. He has also consulted on governance, human rights, and democratic development for a number of international organisations, including the African Union, the African Peer Review Mechanism, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, and the African Development Bank.



**Mr. Kojo Tito**  
**Voegborlo Commission Secretary**

Mr. Tito Voegborlo holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law and Political Science and a Post Graduate Diploma in Communication Studies from the University of Ghana, Legon. He was called to the Ghanaian Bar in October 1989. In 1991 he served as a Research Assistant to the Committee of Experts that drafted the 1992 (Fourth) Republican Constitution. He joined the NCCE in July 1993 as Deputy Director for Research and in May 2006 became the Commission Secretary.



**Our Management**



**Ms. Josephine Nkrumah**  
*Chairman*



**Mr. Samuel Asare Akuamoah**  
*Deputy Chairman, Operations*



**Ms. Kathleen Addy**  
*Deputy Chairman, Finance and Administration*



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*Commission Secretary*



**Mrs. Joyce Benedicta Afutu**  
*Director, Communications and Corporate Affairs*



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*Director, Programmes*



**Dr. Mrs. Henrietta Asante Sarpong**  
*Director, Research and Gender Equality*



**Ms. Monica Mamattah**  
*Director, Finance*



**Mrs. Dora Hammond**  
*Director, Administration*

## PART II: OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION

### Our MANDATE

The National Commission for Civic Education is an Independent, Constitutional Commission established under Chapter 19 (Articles 231-239) of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana and the National Commission for Civic Education Act, 1993, (Act 452).

### Our MISSION

To promote and sustain Ghana's democracy and inculcate in the Ghanaian citizenry, the awareness of their rights and obligations, through civic education.

### Our VISION

The NCCE's vision is to be an effective Independent Governance Institution delivering civic education to all Ghanaians and working towards sustaining Ghana's democracy.

### Our VALUES

#### INTEGRITY. PRESENCE. INDEPENDENCE

We apply *integrity* in all our dealings. We are *present* in every Region, District, Municipality and Metropolis across the country with 270 offices nationwide. We are *independent* in the performance of our work.

### Our STRUCTURE

The Commission is made up of a Chairman, two Deputy Chairmen and four other Commission Members. The seven Commission members constitute the governing body of the Commission. The Commission members are supported by five (5) Line Directors who have direct responsibility for the departments of the Commission. These are:

- Finance
- Administration
- Programmes
- Communications and Corporate Affairs
- Research, Gender and Equality

The Commission has one (1) Head Office, sixteen (16) Regional Offices headed by Regional Directors and two hundred and sixty-three (263) District, Municipal and Metropolitan offices all headed by District, Municipal and Metropolitan Directors who coordinate and supervise the Commission's work in our Regional and District offices nationwide.

### **PART III: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The NCCE's work in 2020 was based on the theme **“The Future of Ghana is in my Hands”** aimed at empowering citizens to see themselves as change agents who can contribute to ensuring peaceful coexistence and a free, fair and transparent general election. Per its constitutional mandate, the NCCE intensified and focused its civic education and public engagements on sustaining Ghana's democratic gains and encouraging participatory democracy.

The 2020 Annual Report presents to Parliament, an update of key achievements and major programmes executed by its Head Office (1), sixteen (16) Regional Offices and two hundred and sixty-three (263) Metropolitan, Municipal and District offices nationwide and challenges faced in its civic education delivery towards enhancing Ghana democracy.

During the year under review, the Commission implemented one hundred and fifty-one thousand, sixty-six (151,066) activities across the country. The citizen-centered activities sought to inculcate in citizens their civic responsibilities and appreciation of their rights as stakeholders in Ghana's governance system as well as equip them to contribute towards the peace and stability enjoyed by the nation over the years. Major channel used in reaching Ghanaians included: radio and television platforms, dawn and dusk broadcast, online portals, community radio stations, community information centers, visits to identifiable groups, schools, communities among others.

The Commission through its activities directly reached fifteen million, eight hundred and seventy-seven thousand, nine hundred and eighty-six (15,877,986) Ghanaians in their communities and face to face engagements. The Commission also had seven hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and thirty-nine (723,639) viewers visiting its website in 2020. Over seven million, six hundred and sixty-six thousand and ninety-nine (7,666,099) persons were reached through several posts and publications uploaded on the Commission's social media handles during the year under review (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube and Twitter). Key accomplishments of the year are outlined in the table below:

**Number of activities undertaken**

ACTIVITIES	NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN
COVID-19 Education with support from Church of Pentecost	8,939
COVID-19 Education with support from the Presidency and the National COVID-19 Trust Fund	75,279
Citizenship Week Engagements (Virtual videos produced)	9
Civic Education Club Activities (CECs) before school closure.	3,442
Media Related Activities	4,366
Community sensitisation on other civic related matters	5,744
Education on Voters Registration Exercise	11,350
Education on Exhibition Exercise	829
Anti-corruption, Rule of law and Accountability Programme (ARAP) Related Community Engagements	7,601
Presidential Candidates Consultations and Debate	8
National Dialogue Series	4
Parliamentary Debates	231
Sensitisation on Presidential and Parliamentary Elections	24,628
Education on Election Observation	5,371
Post-election Education	2,107
Social Auditing Updates	359
Delegation Visits / Courtesy Calls / Donations	14
Inter-Party Dialogue Committee (IPDC) Meeting/Activities	725
Political Party Youth Activists (PPYA) Activities	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,066</b>



## PART IV: ANNUAL FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES

The NCCE instituted flagship programmes to reach specific segment of the populace and channel key messages to these targeted publics nationwide. Over the years, the NCCE has discussed critical civic and national issues with students in schools, security services, faith-based organisations, identifiable groups, key public services institutions among others through the use of lectures, dialogues, seminars, workshops, quizzes and games on the 1992 Constitution and other governance issues. Some of these activities are undertaken annually as part of the Commission's flagship programmes to amplify and create awareness on topics and themes chosen for the year and which are estimated within the Commission's thematic areas. They include Annual Constitution Week, Annual Dialogue Series, Social Auditing, Civic Education Club Activities and Annual Citizenship Week. Details of this and other flagship programmes are enumerated below.

### 1.0. ANNUAL DIALOGUE SERIES

The NCCE through its dialogue series sets the platform for national discourse on pertinent issues. Major national policies have been influenced through these dialogues. In year 2020, four (4) dialogues were organised by the Commission with support from the European Union (EU). All four (4) dialogues were based on the Anti-corruption, Rule of Law and Accountability programme (ARAP). However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the topics for each dialogue were adjusted in relation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, due to the severity of the pandemic in the early part of 2020, three (3) dialogues were held virtually mainly in English and Akan with one (1) held in-person with limited participants.

#### 1.1. Fifth National Virtual ARAP Dialogue

Under the Anti-Corruption, Rule of Law and Accountability Programme (ARAP), the Commission held four (4) dialogues in the preceding year 2019. As aforementioned, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the fifth, sixth and seventh dialogues were held virtually. The fifth virtual dialogue was on the topic “**Good Environmental Governance and The Coronavirus Pandemic**”. The dialogue was aired live on Joy FM and Joy News in English. Discussants at the fifth dialogue were Dr. Emmanuel Odame, Director of Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation at the Ministry of Health, Ing. Senam Tengey, Manager, Medical Waste Department, Zoomlion Company Limited and Mr. Franklin Cudjoe, Founding President and Chief Executive Officer of IMANI Centre for Policy and Education. Link to the fifth dialogue is below:

<https://www.ncegh.org/news/5th-arap-virtual-national-dialogue-on-the-theme-good-environmental-governance-and-the-coronavirus-pandemic-with-support-from-the-european-union-eu>





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## 5<sup>TH</sup> VIRTUAL ARAP NATIONAL DIALOGUE

THEME:

# “Good Environmental Governance and the Coronavirus Pandemic”

**PANELISTS**

**MODERATOR**






**ING. Senam Tengey**  
 (Manager, Medical Waste Department, Zoomlion)

**Dr. Emmanuel Odame**  
 (Director of Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Health)

**Mr. Franklin Cudjoe**  
 (President of IMANI Africa)

**Lawyer Samson Lardy Anyenini**  
 (Private Legal Practitioner)

Join us via the following platforms:

(ENGLISH)




DATE: 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2020.  
 TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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 TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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## 1.2. Sixth National Virtual ARAP Dialogue

The sixth virtual ARAP dialogue was also on the topic “**Good Environmental Governance and The Coronavirus Pandemic.**” It was aired in Akan on Adom FM and Adom TV in order to reach other segments of the society. Discussants at the sixth dialogue were Ing. Senam Tengey, Manager, Medical Waste Department, Zoomlion Company Limited and Mr. Ebenezer Appah-Sampong Deputy Executive Director of Environmental Protection Agency, Technical Services who joined via zoom. Link to the sixth dialogue is below:

<https://www.nccegh.org/news/6th-arap-virtual-national-dialogue-in-akan-on-the-theme-good-environmental-governance-and-the-coronavirus-pandemic-supported-by-the-european-union-eu>







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**6<sup>TH</sup> VIRTUAL ARAP NATIONAL DIALOGUE**

THEME:

**“Good Environmental Governance and the Coronavirus Pandemic”**

**PANELISTS**

**MODERATOR**

  
**ING. Senam Tengey**  
 (Manager, Medical Waste Department, Zoomlion)

  
**Mr. Ebenezer Appah-Sampong**  
 (Dep. Executive Director Technical Services, EPA)

  
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### 1.3. Seventh National Virtual ARAP Dialogue

The seventh virtual ARAP dialogue was on the topic “**Right to Information.**” Discussants at the seventh dialogue were Hon. Ben Abdallah Banda, Member of Parliament for Offinso South Constituency and Chairman of the Constitutional, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee of Parliament, Mrs. Linda Ofori-Kwarfo, Executive Director, Ghana Integrity Initiative and Ms. Mina Mensah, Director of Africa Office of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative. Link to the seventh dialogue is below:

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**Mrs. Linda Ofori-Kwarfo**  
(Executive Director, Ghana Integrity Initiative)

**Ms. Mino Mensah**  
(Dir., Africa Office of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative)

**MODERATOR**  
Samson Lardy  
**Anyenini**  
(Lawyer and Host of NewsFile)

#### 1.4. Eight National ARAP Dialogue

Towards the end of year 2020, the number of COVID-19 cases had reduced and this allowed the eight dialogue to be organised in-person at the Alisa hotel with limited number of participants and strict adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols. Discussants dialogued on the topic **“Strengthening Our Democratic Institutions”**. Prof. Henry Kwasi Prempeh, Executive Director, Centre for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), a discussant at the dialogue, advocated the need to empower citizens to actively participate in the anti-corruption fight in order to strengthen Ghana’s democratic institutions to curb corruption at all levels. Prof. Prempeh bemoaned the lop-sidedness of the citizen-government or citizen-public institutions relationship in the system, adding that the citizens should be empowered to take action beyond complaining and protesting.

The Head of Governance of the European Union (EU) in Ghana, Maria Louisa Troncoso, noted that the EU will continue to support the Government of Ghana with grants to build the institutional capacity of state institutions in the Governance Sector. Since 2016, the focus of European Union’s support to the NCCE has been in the area of Accountability, Rule of Law, Anti-Corruption and Environmental Governance, a programme termed as ARAP.

Photo gallery



Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Mr. Henry Kwabena Kokofu,



Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye, Chairperson of the STAR-Ghana Foundation



Ms. Maria Louisa Troncoso, The Head of Governance of the European Union (EU) in Ghana



Prof. Henry Kwasi Prempeh, Executive Director Centre for Democratic Development - Ghana



Dais at the dialogue



Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman and Mr. Samuel Asare Akuamoah, NCCE Deputy Chairman Operations at the dialogue

## 2.0 ANNUAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK

The NCCE through its Citizenship Week sensitises and engages pupils in basic schools on their civic rights and responsibilities, and shares with them virtues on how they can contribute to nation building. Citizenship Week celebration is a platform adopted by the NCCE to reach and send particular civic messages on good citizenship to the in-school children across the country. It is a conduit through which eminent personalities who are considered worthy role models in society interact face-to-face and impart virtues of good citizenship to basic school pupils across the country.

However, due to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in year 2020, the Commission adopted a virtual approach by utilizing the Ghana Education Service (GES) E-Learning platform on GLTV of Ghana Broadcasting Corporation, and other E-Learning platforms to reach out to the pupils. The 2020 Virtual Citizenship Week Celebration was on the theme, **“The Future of Ghana is in my hands: My role to fight COVID-19”**. The theme sought to draw the attention of children to the COVID-19 pandemic and engage them to appreciate the magnitude of the situation and how collectively and responsibly they could act to overcome the pandemic.

It further emphasised the role of the child as a change agent to make Ghana a COVID-19 free nation. The relevance of their involvement was premised on the 1992 Constitution, Article 41(g, i) which enjoins citizens to **“To contribute to the well-being of the community where that citizen lives”** and **“to co-operate with lawful agencies in the maintenance of law and order”** respectively as well as **Executive Instruments such as E.I. 61 which declared COVID-19 which a public health emergency in Ghana.**

The Commission sensitised the children of Ghana to understand that they were at risk of psychological distress in times of crisis as well as increased risk of violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect. The virtual discussions urged all children to join in the fight to combat the spread of COVID-19. Through the virtual discussions, the NCCE further intensified and heightened public education of the citizenry on the COVID-19 pandemic, safety protocols and destigmatization of infected persons. The strategy used was video recordings of the issues which were later aired on the aforementioned E-learning platforms. The processes for the Virtual Celebration began in June and ended in early August in 2020. Nine (9) resource persons participated in the virtual celebration. Below are the focus areas discussed by the resource persons.

**Table 1:1 Resource Persons and Focus Areas for 2020 Virtual Citizenship Week**

<b>RESOURCE PERSON</b>	<b>PROFILE</b>	<b>FOCUS AREAS FOR DISCUSSION</b>
Ms. Josephine Nkrumah	Chairman, NCCE	Overview of the 2020 Virtual Citizenship Week Celebration in relation to COVID-19 and the child.
Ms. Kathy Addy	NCCE Deputy Chairman Finance & Administration	The role of children and young persons in the fight against COVID-19.
Mrs. Charlotte Osei	Lawyer and former Chairman of Electoral Commission of Ghana and former Chairman of NCCE.	How children and young persons can serve as change agents, sustain hygienic practices to effect attitudinal and behavioral change in their daily lives during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond?
Mr. Kafui Dey	Public Speaking and MC Coach,	From parent's perspective, how children and young persons can adhere to social distancing and other safety protocols at home and during outdoor activities?  How do children adopt other learning habits while at home?
Mr. Kwame Mensah	Independent Development Consultant/Director of Crosscutting Excellence  (Former Project Manager, ILO)	How safe is the child in this era of COVID-19? (Child abuses under COVID-19) What role can children, family members, community and state institutions play to reduce the incidence of child abuse under COVID-19? Example child marriage and child labour.
Okyeame Kwame	Hip Life Artiste	Discuss how children can use entertainment (non-contact activities) and hobbies to reduce stress, anxiety and fear of COVID-19.
Umaru Sanda Amadu	News Anchor for Eye Witness news on Citi FM	Discuss how children and young persons can make good use of other learning alternatives and not be exposed to illicit materials on the internet.

Ama Korantema Owusu-Darko	Public Health Worker, Ghana Health Service	Discuss the benefits of adherence to safety protocols and how to improve our immune system to fight COVID- 19 (Health and Hygiene).
Nakeeyat Dramani-Sam	Renowned Poet	A call on all children to adhere to the safety protocols.

### 3.0 CIVIC EDUCATION CLUBS (CECS) ACTIVITIES

The primary objective for the introduction of Civic Education Clubs (CEC) by the Commission in schools was to encourage students to learn the Constitution, understand it and apply it in their daily lives. This ties in with the Commission’s mandate **“to create and sustain within the society the awareness of the principles and objectives of the Constitution as the fundamental law of the people of Ghana; and to educate and encourage the public to defend the Constitution at all times, against all forms of abuse and violation”**.

Prior to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Civic Education Club activities by way of routine meetings received the needed attention in schools. All CEC activities were aimed at inculcating good virtues in students on the need to tolerate each other and respect fundamental human rights as enshrined in the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana. These engagements sought to improve civic disposition, achieve behavioral change and ultimately make students change agents in their societies.

Topics discussed during CEC meetings included: the need to acquire National Identification card, Child protection and rights, environmental governance, patriotism, fundamental human rights and freedom, COVID – 19 pandemic, civic and voter education among others. These engagements were predominantly organised in selected schools in the first quarter of the year prior to the closure of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the end of year 2020, a total three thousand four hundred and forty-two (3,442) civic education club activities were undertaken nationwide.



### Photo gallery of CEC activities



Agnes Asantewaa Majisi (PCEO) Regional Office and a teacher of Pentecost School, Koforidua in a group picture with members of the Civic Education Club, after educating them on Patriotism and Fundamental Human Rights and Freedoms.



Engagement with Civic Education Club members of L/A JHS, Akwatia on Ghana Card and Patriotism on 20/2/20 with SavitaAffanyi – Dadzie, (ACEO) in the Denkyemba District



Civic Education Club members of Anglican JHS, Akwatia during Ghana Card and citizenship Education by Pamela Vera Frempong, (CFO) in the Denkyemba District



Daniel Chartey (DD) Akyemansa District sensitising the Civic Education Club members of Ahlu-bait Islamic JHS on the Ghana National Identification card at Akim Ofoase



Mr. Samuel K. Opare (NCCE Director) Ayensuano educating CEC members of Anum Apapam Senior High School on the essence of the Ghana Card as well as its requirements for registration at Anum Apapam



Mr. Joseph Wiafe Boateng (ACEO), educating students of Nsutam SHS on environmental governance and the COVID-19 safety protocols especially on the wearing of nose masks and social distancing in the Fantakwa North District.

**Table 1:2** Number of CEC activities nationwide

REGION	NO. OF CLUBS	NO. OF EXCURSIONS	NO. OF DEBATES	NO. OF MEETINGS	CONSTITUTION GAMES
CENTRAL	378	0	0	152	0
WESTERN	344	0	0	62	0
EASTERN	497	0	0	990	0
BONO	164	0	0	93	4
VOLTA	376	0	0	69	16
NORTHERN	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH-EAST	110	0	0	101	0
SAVANNAH	215	0	0	98	1
GT. ACCRA	844	32	0	346	17
ASHANTI	412	0	0	342	0
UPPER WEST	170	2	2	157	0
UPPER EAST	451	0	13	554	6
BONO EAST	84	2	6	57	0
AHAFO	8	0	0	5	0
OTI	167	0	0	4	0
WESTERN NORTH	178	4	0	307	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,398</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3,337</b>	<b>44</b>

#### 4.0 SOCIAL AUDITING ENGAGEMENTS NATIONWIDE (PHASE II)

The Commission in year 2019 undertook series of engagements with identifiable groups to deepen their understanding of issues related to corruption, its forms, negative effects and linkages with human rights, whistle blowing and environmental governance in collaboration with ARAP Stakeholders. To consolidate the gains made in the sensitisation efforts, Social Auditing engagements were undertaken nationwide to deepen public accountability in Ghana. The second phase of social auditing engagements sought to build upon the gains made in the previous year. These engagements were done in August, 2020 in all two hundred and sixty-three (263) Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs) with support from the European Union (EU).

Social auditing is organised through promoting discourse among citizens and office bearers on planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development projects and programmes. It also gives opportunity for persons outside government operations to influence policy making, implementation and evaluation.

Generally, Social Auditing aims to:

- Promote community ownership of developmental projects and policies
- Increase awareness of the operations of the Local Government
- Empower the citizenry to demand accountability from duty bearers

The Commission carried out Community Durbars/Fora with Duty Bearers, Identifiable Groups, Traditional Authorities/Opinion Leaders, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and students among others. A total of three-hundred and fifty-nine (359) engagements were implemented in this regard.

**Table 1:3 Social Auditing Success Stories and Updates**

REGION	PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN AND UPDATE	NO. OF MEETINGS
CENTRAL	Nine (9) projects are on-going, which includes a borehole at a CHIPS compound, renovation of a public toilet facility, renovation of a deteriorated school building among others.	25
WESTERN	Construction of 6-Unit classroom block in the Yedisele community is on-going.	15
EASTERN	Water and sanitation challenges in Asikuma in the Asuogyaman District has been tackled. In the Fanteakwa North District lack of potable water was identified by the people of Koradaso as a major challenge. Committee is working on finding possible solutions to tackle this challenge.	2
BONO	The Social Audit committee has raised funds in the community to reshape roads from Ahenkro through Kabrono, Kanka, Gbao to Dumpofie. A broken bridge leading to Dormaa Ahenkro health center has been fixed. Culvert on Bongoase road has been completed. Culvert on the Bongoase road has been completed.	12
VOLTA	CHIPS compound renovated with borehole water installed in Sovie, Kpando Municipality.	44
NORTHERN	The Municipal Assembly has provided a three-classroom block for the Wantugu community in the Gushegu municipality. NCCE in partnership with the World Vision organised peace talks between Fulani herdsmen and farmers peacefully co-existence.  Nangun-Nayili community in the Karaga District has repaired a borehole installed by World Vision, which was not in use through community fund raising. The District Chief Executive promised a CHPS Compound. The Gupanarigu community built a maternity block and washroom to serve as a delivery point for pregnant women. This project has enhanced the reduction of maternal and infant mortality rate in the community.	35

GREATER ACCRA	Twenty-five (25) projects were undertaken, which included the provision of toilet facility at Anyamam by community members, Reshaping of parts of the roads in the Anyaa community, fixing of street lights in major communities, provision of water reservoir for NIC community in Anyaa, Dredging of Densu River & construction of opened estuary among others.	58
ASHANTI	The Chief of Amoaman, Nana Kwarteng Ababio and his subjects raised funds to renovate a Primary School block through community levying. The Sekyere Central District Assembly has promised to construct a police post, a toilet facility and a market centre at Amoaman.	43
UPPER WEST	Social Audit committee has held a number of meetings to discuss pertinent issues of concerns. Fund raising and dialogues are being organised to help commence as well as complete major identified projects in the region.	11
UPPER EAST	Fifteen (15) projects were undertaken within the year, which include the renovation of Nyogbare Junior High school, the construction of Day care center at Garu, construction of CHIPS compound at Chania, repair of two boreholes at Chania, continuation of abandoned day care center and 6-Unit classroom block and clinic. Provision of borehole. Construction of public toilet, construction of CHIPS compound for Yipaala Community among others.	36
BONO EAST	Sixteen (16) projects undertaken within the year under review. These include the completion of teachers bungalow at Kintampo South, building of CHIPS Compound, the conversion of a health post to modern CHIPS compound in Nkoranza North, re-roofing of school block in Techiman North, construction of new market in Techiman South among others.	20
AHAFO	Five (5) projects ongoing including, construction of CHIPS compound at Kramokrom, construction of mechanized borehole at Manhyia in Asunafo North Municipal, construction of Aqua PV toilet facility at Goamu in Asutifi North, construction of classroom block at Anwiam in Asunafo South and the construction of a 6-Unit classroom block at New Town, Duayaw Nkwanta.	10
OTI	Five (5) projects ongoing, which include building of Teachers Bungalow and CHPS compound, extension of electricity to some communities, construction of cross bridge, KVIP and school block among others.	8

WESTERN NORTH	<p>The Social Audit Committee with support from the District Assembly and the Forestry Commission provided one hundred (100) pieces of mono desks molded by local carpenters supplied to selected schools.</p> <p>Efforts are being made by the committee to provide a CHIPS Compound and Police Station for the community.</p>	26
NORTH-EAST	<p>In the Chereponi community, the Social Audit Committee has made efforts towards reducing the smuggling of fertilizers meant for farmers.</p> <p>Consultations and dialogue with the Komkombas and Chekosi ethnic groups are still ongoing. The conflict has stalled development and threatens security in the community. The social audit committee is playing a major role in this conflict resolution. In</p>	6
SAVANNAH	<p>Four (4) projects on-going, which include the repair of a broken borehole, construction of teachers 'quarters, construction of school block among others.</p>	8

### *Photo gallery of social auditing success stories*



Connection of Kuku, Dulzugu and Yipeli-Nayili communities to the National grid in the Northern region



Construction of three classroom block and an office at Koshim community in the Northern Region



Construction of Maternity Block with washroom at Gupanarigu Community in the Northern Region



A completed 6-unit classroom block in the Bawku West District, Upper East Region



Construction of 3-Unit Classroom Block with auxiliary facilities at Kotokrom M/A Basic School in Sunyani Municipal, Bono Region



A complete Biodigesta Toilet built at Kwashieman Ablekuma North Municipal



Construction of footbridge at Kubekro No. 1 in Kpone Katamanso Municipality in the Greater Accra Region. Before construction



After construction



The 10-Unit toilet facility for Anpampatia, Atiwa West District, passes footing level



Almost completed Mama-Akura CHPS Compound in Nkwanta North District, Volta Region



Making of one hundred mono desks at Sefwi Ahibenso community in Bodi Dodi District in the Western North Region

## **PART V: COMMUNICATIONS AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

The Communications and Corporate Affairs department manages the external and internal communication, public relations, corporate image building, social media communication, website management, strategic partnership, media relations and information technology support services, visibility actions and other activities. The Department's work complements efforts of stirring up civic consciousness among the people of Ghana through effective communication towards achieving the Commission's mandate of sustaining Ghana's democracy. Activities of the Commission were promoted through media relations, audiovisual content, social media and communicated extensively to the general public to engender attitudinal change in the citizenry.

### **1.0 MEDIA RELATIONS**

In 2020, media related activities highlighted the theme and objectives of the Commission for the year as well as the Commission's operational roadmap for the year.

#### **1.1 Press Briefing**

The Commission organised periodic media briefings to inform, sensitise and educate citizens on key events and activities earmarked for the year. In year 2020, the under listed press briefings were held:

- On January 8, 2020, a press briefing was held to facilitate the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NCCE and the Nation Builder's Corps (NABCO).
- The event highlighted the purpose of the MOU which included among other things, capacity building of NABCO and NCCE staff drawn from the Head Offices of both institutions, Regional Coordinators, Regional Monitors, District Coordinators, Research and Training Corps (RTCs), District Directorates and core Regional offices. The trainers were to serve as facilitators for the training of a pool of 100,000 NABCO trainees across the country to be active and responsible citizens whose conduct would impact on the communities in which they reside. The programme was covered extensively in the media landscape. This contributed to debunking the misconception among the populace that the NCCE did not want to work with NABCO trainees.

*Photo gallery of training*

- On January 9, 2020, a second press briefing was organised to launch and outline NCCE's theme and activities for year 2020. The event highlighted the Commission's activities, strategies and implementation plan. The briefing informed Ghanaians of the Commission's preparedness to execute its mandate. Interestingly, this singular action received massive reportage in print, electronic and online media particularly with mass media attention on the NCCE Presidential and Parliamentary Debates.
- The Commission organised a joint press conference with the Ghana Medical Association (GMA). The press briefing was in two sessions: the first session touched on non-adherence of COVID-19 safety protocols by the general public particularly by political actors during the political campaign season. The second session highlighted issues and concerns of the Commission in the under listed areas of national life:
  - Secessionist attacks by the Western Togoland group in the Volta Region
  - Perception of partisanship by Traditional Authorities and Chiefs
  - Political prophecies by religious leaders
  - Election 2020 activities



*Photo gallery of press briefing with the Ghana Medical Association*



Participants at the press briefing



Dignatiries seated on the dais

Media personnel asking a question



Executives of the NCCE and the Ghana Medical Association at the press briefing

- The NCCE and European Union (EU) jointly launched a project to tackle violent extremism with support from an EU grant contract to sustain peace and prevent pre-election and post-election violence in the Northern and border regions of Ghana. The EU through the project titled “**Preventing Electoral Violence and Providing Security to the Northern Border Regions of Ghana (NORPREVSEC)**,” supported the NCCE with one million Euros to address various security threats in the most vulnerable parts of the Northern and border regions of Ghana for a period of eighteen months (18).

*Photo gallery at the launch*



Mr. Samuel Asare Akuamoah, NCCE Deputy Chairman, Operations receives contract documents from EU Ambassador Diana Acconcia



The 10-Unit toilet facility for Anpampatia, Atiwa West District, passes footing level

Almost completed Mama-Akura CHPS Compound in Nkwanta North District, Volta Region

**1.2. Press Statements**

During the year under review, the NCCE issued Ten (10) press statements. These statements presented the Commission’s position on pertinent national issues and also mark selected relevant democracy enhancing events happening around the world. Titles of the press statements included:

- NCCE Joins Ghanaians To Mark 2nd Constitution Day
- Rejoinder: “Deputy Minister ‘Lied’, No Logistics Received From Government Yet - Ashanti Region NCCE
- Church of Pentecost Support to NCCE Intact
- Non-Adherence to Safety Protocols Negating Public Education Efforts
- Recent Political Violence and the Voter Registration Exercise
- NCCE Condemns Terrible Murder of Nanabaa (90 year old woman accused of witchcraft)
- NCCE Condemns Rampage in Some Senior High Schools
- Fostering Tolerance for Peace and Stability
- Whittle Down Intemperate Language and Avoid Fake News
- Guard Ghana’s Peace by eschewing Violence

### 1.2.1 In-house Publications and feature articles

Aside press statements issued through the press, the Commission also published feature articles through print and online media as well as the NCCE website on major activities. They included:

- Silencing COVID-19 Stigma with Civic Strokes
- Embracing the Reality of the New Normal
- Demystifying Myths surrounding COVID-19
- Efforts of NCCE to educate in COVID-19 times

### 1.3. Media Tracking

In the year under review, the Commission tracked and filed news stories on NCCE activities nationwide in the print media and online news portals. A total number of three hundred and fifty-eight (358) media coverage reports and news stories were recorded.

#### *Photo gallery of newspaper tracking*





**Table 1:1 Number of stories tracked**

MEDIA PLATFORM	NUMBER OF STORIES RECORDED
Newspaper	138
Online	105
TV	62
Radio	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>358</b>

**1.4. Media Coverage**

As part of our information and communication strategies, the Commission ensured coverage of its major activities at the Head Office in the broadcast media (radio, television, online and print) and social media. Major media houses were invited to cover the following activities:

**Table 1:2 Media coverage of events**

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF MEDIA HOUSES INVITED FOR COVERAGE</b>
Press conference on the Commission's 2020 activities	11
NCCE / NABCO Memorandum of Understanding	8
8th ARAP Dialogue	13
NCCE/EU Media Advocacy Workshop (Northern, middle and southern zones)	39
Handing over of COVID-19 National Trust Fund vehicles to NCCE	33
COVID -19 Human Billboard Campaign	12
COVID-19 Community and street education-	10
Joint Press Conference by The National Commission for Civic Education, NCCE and The Ghana Medical Association on Covid-19 on Matters Arising	8
Launch of Matters of Concern to the Ghanaian Voter	17
Launch of EU Grant contract "Preventing Electoral Violence and Providing Security to the Northern Border Regions of Ghana (NORPREVSEC)"-	7
Move to the beat of Peace Dance Campaign (Kizomba)	6
NCCE/EU Encounter with News Editors	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>

*Photos of coverage of activities*



**1.5 Media Engagements**

In order to increase media visibility for NCCE activities, the Commission reached out to the general public through seven eight (78) media engagements at its Head Office and four thousand three hundred and sixty-six (4,366) media engagements nationwide through three thirty-two (332) media houses. These included live in-studio television and radio discussions, telephone interviews and organised interviews with Management and staff of the Commission.

*Photo gallery of media engagements*



Ms. Kathy Addy, NCCE Deputy Chairman In a studio discussion on Nyce FM, Winneba



Staff of the Commission in a studio discussion

**Table 1:3** Number of radio / television discussions & interviews

REGION	NUMBER OF RADIO STATION / COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTER	NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES / EDUCATION	TOPICS COVERED
CENTRAL	45	500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ NIA Registration</li> <li>➤ Child protection</li> <li>➤ SDGs</li> <li>➤ Aftermath of DLEs 2019</li> <li>➤ COVID-19 safety protocols, de-stigmatization</li> <li>➤ Political tolerance, vigilantism and related offences</li> <li>➤ Voter Exhibition.</li> <li>➤ Citizen's Participation in Local Government</li> <li>➤ Education on the role of traditional authorities /traditional bodies in election 2020</li> <li>➤ Election education</li> <li>➤ COVID-19 preventive measures and adherence to safety protocols and stigmatization</li> <li>➤ Voter Registration Exercise and Voter Exhibition</li> <li>➤ Peace before, during and after the General Elections</li> <li>➤ The Electoral processes, sanctions and offences</li> <li>➤ IPDC</li> <li>➤ Debate for youth in politics</li> <li>➤ Parliamentary Candidates' Debates</li> <li>➤ Polio Immunization</li> <li>➤ Tax Education</li> <li>➤ Ghana Card</li> <li>➤ Covid-19 Safety Protocol</li> <li>➤ Voter Education (C1127)</li> <li>➤ Article 41</li> <li>➤ Peaceful Co-Existence/ Tolerance</li> <li>➤ Youth forum</li> <li>➤ You &amp; the Law</li> <li>➤ Matters of Concern to the voter</li> </ul>
WESTERN	33	247	
WESTERN NORTH	6	227	
EASTERN	20	309	
BONO	38	350	
AHAFO	20	301	
BONO-EAST	16	756	
VOLTA	6	1,054	
OTI	16	344	
NORTHERN	5	96	
GREATER ACCRA	64	0	
ASHANTI	10	41	
UPPER WEST	18	0	
UPPER EAST	25	0	
NORTH-EAST	5	71	
SAVANNAH	5	70	
-	332	4,366	-

## 1.6 Media Advocacy Workshop

Media in many jurisdictions serves as the Fourth Estate and the major channel through which publicity about any information, product or service can reach the masses. The media also serve as gate keepers and watchdogs for citizens of many democracies by playing a surveillance function on the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary. The NCCE has over the years partnered the media to ensure citizens are equipped with the right civic knowledge, civic skills and civic dispositions to play their roles effectively in nation building. The NCCE with support from the EU periodically organises Media advocacy workshops for media practitioners to dialogue on ways to achieve strengthened democracy through effective media partnership. In 2020, the focus was on environmental governance and anti- corruption laws.

The Commission engaged sixty (60) key journalists and media practitioners from 16 regions to train them on how to report issues related to environmental governance and anti- corruption laws. The NCCE with support from the European Union tutored participants on “Effective Public Education on Environmental Governance and Amendment of Relevant Constitutional Provisions in Relation to Anti-Corruption Laws.” The media encounter and dialogue empowered media personnel to intensify public education on the Anti-Corruption, Rule of Law and Accountability Programme, ARAP.

### Photo gallery of media advocacy workshop



Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman delivering her remarks at the workshop



Mr. George Sarpong, Executive Secretary National Media Commission (NMC) delivering his presentation at the workshop

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Mr. Samuel Asare Akuamoah, NCCE Deputy Chairman, Operations giving his remarks at the workshop



Ms. Kathy Addy, NCCE Deputy Chairman, F&A giving her remarks at the workshop



Section of participants at the workshop



Some participants at the workshop



Lawyer Sampson Anyenini, a private legal practitioner and resource person at the workshop

### 1.6.1 Encounter with News Editors

The NCCE in order to leverage media platforms to enhance citizen participation and accountability in Governance, the NCCE with support from the European Union (EU) organised an Encounter with Editors on November 28, 2020 at the Coconut Grove Hotel, Accra. The evening Encounter with Editors on the theme: “*Enhancing Citizens’ Participation and Accountability in Governance Beyond Elections: Role of the Media*” was part of the Media Advocacy engagements programme by the NCCE with support from the European Union (EU). The programme was under the Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme (ARAP), with the objective among other things to enhance citizens’ active participation in governance. The activity brought together fifteen (15) Editors and Senior Journalists across the media spectrum.

Delivering the opening remarks, the Deputy Chairman, Operations, Mr. Samuel Asare Akuamoah, stated the objective of the Commission to engage the editors was on the need to encourage citizen participation in the democratic processes beyond the elections, and promote greater accountability in the country.

Professor Kwame Karikari, Board Chairman of the Graphic Communication Group Ltd. and facilitator at the Encounter, noted among other things that the media had a vital role in sustaining participatory democracy. He expressed the need for the media to set agenda on the pertinent issues of national importance to the citizenry and particularly the voter and consider how they have prepared the citizenry for the 2020 General Election.

The Deputy Chairman, Finance and Administration, Ms. Kathleen Addy, closing the engagement expressed the desire for the sustenance of the alliance between the NCCE and the Media to strengthen our democracy and enhance our social development.

As part of the programme, Mr. Akuamoah on behalf of the Commission presented awards to Mr. Francis Ameyibor of the Ghana News Agency, Mr. Kobby Asmah, Editor of the Daily Graphic and Mr. Samson Lardy Anyenini, Legal Practitioner and Host of News File on Joy FM, for their enormous contributions to civic education in the country.

### *Pictures from the Editors Encounter*



Some participants at the workshop



Lawyer Sampson Anyenini, a private legal practitioner and resource person at the workshop



Mr. Francis Ameyibor of the Ghana News Agency being presented an award by Mr. Samuel Asare Akuamoah, NCCE Deputy Chairman, Operations

## **2.0. PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

In the year under review, the Commission produced numerous educational materials on key activities and campaigns. All NCCE's information, communication and educational materials (Info-graphics, posters, stickers, jingles, animations, e-fliers and illustrations) were conceptualized, developed and produced for public sensitisation via media channels including out-of-home media (human billboards, flyers, stickers, posters), broadcast media (radio, television, newspapers) and social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, website and WhatsApp).

During the year 2020, six (6) jingles were produced. Four (4) were on COVID-19 and two (2) on Presidential and Parliamentary elections. These jingles were recorded in English and translated into nine (9) local languages (Akan, Ewe, Nzema, Hausa, Dabganli, Dagaari, Ga, Dangme, Kusaal) and were aired via multiple channels nationwide. The Commission also produced three animations in English and translated into nine (9) local languages (Akan, Ewe, Nzema, Hausa, Dabganli, Dagari, Ga, Dangme, Kusaal). Two animations were on Presidential and Parliamentary elections and one on COVID-19.

Sign language interpretation was incorporated in all animations and videos produced by the Commission in order to reach out to persons with hearing impairment. A total number of three hundred and twenty-three (323) electronic educational materials were produced for social media.

NCCE COVID-19 jingles produced were aired nationwide. Below is a table with details on airing of the jingles.

**Table 1:4 Airing of COVID-19 jingles across the country**

REGION	RADIO STATIONS	COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTERS
HEAD OFFICE	9	0
CENTRAL	8	70
WESTERN	9	0
WESTERN-NORTH	4	0
EASTERN	1	206
BONO	11	6
BONO EAST	16	8
AHAFO	2	20
VOLTA	6	0
OTI	2	15
NORTHERN	4	0
GREATER ACCRA	5	0
ASHANTI	0	104
UPPER WEST	9	1
UPPER EAST	13	4
NORTH-EAST	5	0
SAVANNAH	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>435</b>

**Table 1:5 Airing of 2020 General Election jingle**

REGION	RADIO STATIONS	COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTERS
CENTRAL	12	110
WESTERN	15	0
WESTERN-NORTH	7	0
EASTERN	1	136
BONO	12	10
BONO-EAST	15	13
AHAFO	2	20
VOLTA	6	0
OTI	2	0
NORTHERN	5	0
GREATER ACCRA	2	30
ASHANTI	11	54
UPPER WEST	8	4
UPPER EAST	9	7
NORTH-EAST	5	0
SAVANNAH	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>384</b>

**Table 1:6 Number of educational material produced**

NO.	CREATIVE TYPE	NUMBER PRODUCED
1.	Production of Jingles on COVID-19 and 2020 General Election in English and translated into 11 local languages	6
2.	Production of Motion Graphics on COVID-19, voters registration and 2020 General Election	8
3.	Production of animations and vox pop	4
4.	Graphic designs for printing and social media	300
5.	Social Auditing Success Story Documentary	1
6.	International Women's Day videos and vox pop	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>

In year 2020, the educational materials developed and produced were on the following campaigns:

- COVID-19 Pandemic
- Voters' Registration Exercise
- Voters' Exhibition Exercise
- Presidential and Parliamentary Elections
- UN International Days
- National Holidays and Commemorations
- Collaborations with NABCO, Ghana Medical Association, etc.

Excerpts of graphic design works produced are below:

- COVID-19 Pandemic



**It's a face mask. NOT a chin mask.**

**Face mask is meant for the face NOT THE POCKET!**

**COVID-19 FACTS**

•What is Coronavirus(COVID-19)?  
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome. The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19.

•How does Coronavirus Spread?  
People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus. The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces around the person. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Source: World Health Organization(WHO)  
Case Management Surveillance Helpline: 0502221004/3  
Helpline: Contact Number Helpline: 0509427700/0504270884

**Eat Immunity Boosting Foods. SLEEP WELL AND EXERCISE REGULARLY.**

**COVID-19 PREVENTION**

**Avoid touching your face: eyes, nose, mouth, and ears.**

Source: World Health Organization

**COVID-19 DO I HAVE COVID-19 IF I AM COUGHING OR SNEEZING? NO!**

- Sneezing alone or coughing alone are not official symptoms of the virus.
- However, continuous coughing for close to 3 hours, having a high temperature or fever and shortness of breath are symptoms of the virus.
- When these symptoms show, do not panic. Do not go to any hospital. Stay at home and call the numbers below for assistance.

Direct all information/enquiries on COVID-19 to:  
Helpline: 050 942 7700 / 050 427 0884  
Case Management Surveillance Helpline: 050 222 1004/3  
Helpline: Contact Number Helpline: 0509427700/0504270884

**SEPARATE Infectious Waste from general waste.**

Logos for ECHO, WHO, UNICEF, and AAP are visible at the bottom.

**Do not hang facemasks in your vehicle, it could spread COVID-19.**

Logos for WHO, UNICEF, and AAP are visible at the bottom.

**COVID-19 Help stop the spread**

In this lockdown period we must:

- ✓ Stay home
- ✓ Go out only when it is absolutely essential such as to buy food and medication.
- ✓ When you are out, cooperate with Officers of Security Services by providing necessary information.
- ✓ When you get home make sure to sanitize or wash your hands with soap under running water.

Article 41(2) "Comply with lawful requests in the interests of law and order"

Logos for WHO, UNICEF, and AAP are visible at the bottom.

**FOR HELP ON COVID-19**

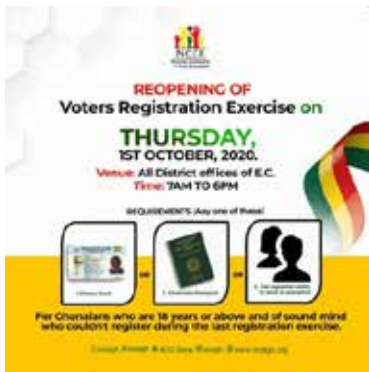
Please CALL the following numbers for ASSISTANCE

- 712
- 377
- 0507 011 410
- 433 885 551 971
- 0522 722 004
- 0562 222 065
- 0505 807 790
- 0554 438 848

For more information on COVID-19 (the lockdown period):  
www.pharmalifeonline.org - Ghana Health Service (GHS)  
www.moi.gov.gh - Ministry of Health (MOH)  
www.who.int - World Health Organization (WHO)  
www.cdc.gov - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Logos for WHO, UNICEF, and AAP are visible at the bottom.

- Voters' Registration and Exhibition Exercise



- 2020 General Election Education







- UN International Days and National Holidays / Commemoration

The NCCE on selected United Nation International days joins the national and international community to observe and create awareness on specific themes and objectives of these days. This offers the Commission platforms to educate the public on their civic rights and responsibilities with regards to the specific activity and day. It further enhances the reach and visibility of the Commission as well as engendering global citizenship.

In year 2020, the NCCE marked the following international and national days: National Constitution Day, Independence Day, May Day (World Labour Day), Easter, Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Founders' Day, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day and Farmers Day. Internationally, the Commission commemorated the International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), International Women's Day, World Girl Child Day, World Ozone Layer Day, World Environment Day, World Water Day, World Day Against Child Labour, International Peace Day, World Tolerance Day, International Day of Democracy, International Day of Persons with Disabilities among others.



3.0. WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The NCCE website and social media platforms serves as major news portals and archival platforms for the Commission's electronic work and news stories. Through these platforms, the NCCE engages, educates and sensitizes the Ghanaian public and the rest of the world on civic related activities undertaken across the country as well as give visibility to its work. The Commission has over the years received thousands of visitors, readers and viewers on its social media and website platforms.

### 3.1 Website

The website is one of the Commission's online communication platforms. In summary, a total of two hundred and five (205) stories were published on the NCCE website with seven hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and thirty-nine (723,639) views, visitors and readers. Publications centered on EU/ARAP programmes, capacity building workshops, NCCE/NABCO ToT training, International Women's Day campaign, International Day of Zero Tolerance for female Genital Mutilation, Independence Day celebration, Coronavirus (COVID-19) sensitization, donations of PPEs from Corporate Institutions, NGOs and Government of Ghana, World Environment Day, World Day against Child Labour, World Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> NCCE/EU Dialogue, NCCE/EU Media Advocacy Workshop, International Youth Day, World Environment Day, World Ozone Day, International Day for Democracy, Founders Day, Eid-Ul Adha, NCCE/EU Launch of grant contract to tackle violent extremism, Launch of Research Report on Matters of Concern to the Ghanaian Voter, NCCE / media editors collaborations, peaceful message by politicians, NCCE/ GBC Presidential Debates, consultations with former Heads of State, political parties and stakeholders, Rally Round the Flag and NCCE/EU Capacity Building for newly recruited staff among others. Others include NCCE Chairman's speaking engagements, stories from NCCE Regional and Districts offices across the country and coronavirus (COVID-19) sensitisation.

**Table 1:7 Number of posts per month and number of views on the Website**

MONTHS	NUMBER OF POSTS	NUMBER OF VIEWERS
JANUARY	10	8,232
FEBRUARY	10	6,691
MARCH	24	14, 597
APRIL	24	8,603
MAY	8	4,514
JUNE	15	3,591
JULY	17	286,772
AUGUST	37	91,257
SEPTEMBER	23	119,663
OCTOBER	25	94,442
NOVEMBER	8	93,716
DECEMBER	4	6,158
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>723,639</b>

### 3.2 Social Media

The rapid growth in telecommunication has promoted a corresponding usage for millions of people across the world. Social Media and other online platforms are effective spaces for civic education communication. On daily basis, two to three posts are shared on the three (3) major platforms of the Commission to sensitise the public on their civic rights and responsibilities as well as inform them on pertinent national and the Commission's activities. In year 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Commission used its three main social media handles to engage thousands of citizens in Ghana and the diaspora. Through the NCCE's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages, citizens and communication staff interacted, shared experiences, commented, liked and even shared some messages from the Commission. Currently, the NCCE has one hundred and thirty-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (135,878) organic followers on its three major social media platforms. Details are as follows:

**Table 1:8 Social Media following**

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM	NUMBER OF FOLLOWING 2019	NUMBER OF FOLLOWING 2020
Facebook	80,045	125,796
Twitter	2,330	5,097
Instagram	2,256	4,985
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,631</b>	<b>135,878</b>

In the year 2020, the Commission's followers on all its social media handles increased tremendously. From January 2020 to December 2020, the number of following on NCCE's Facebook followers increased from **80,045 in 2019** to **125,796**. Twitter increased from **2,330** to **5,097** and Instagram from **2,256** to **4,985**. In all, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram gained **45,751; 2,767** and **2,729** new followers, representing **36%, 54%** and **55%** growth respectively.

#### 4.0. LAUNCH OF MAIDEN ACTIVITIES

In the year 2020, the Commission, aside its multiple avenues of educating the public, introduced maiden activities in addition to its regular civic education awareness campaigns. These strategies were directed at pushing civic messages to Ghanaians wherever they were located; leaving no stone unturned in the quest to champion and equip citizens with the required civic knowledge in their daily activities.

#### 4.1. Human Billboards Education on COVID-19

In August 2020, the Commission used human billboards on the streets to educate the populace with civic messages on COVID-19 in order to reach masses. NCCE Staff were engaged to serve as human billboards by hanging miniature billboards around their necks (placards), which had civic messages written on them to educate pedestrians, vehicle occupants and drivers. These were fused with airing of COVID-19 jingles through a cinema van as well as public sensitisation via public address system as the team moved from one location to the other. The following locations in the Greater Accra Region were used for the exercise: Tesano, Abeka junction traffic light Madina market, Nima market, Ridge Roundabout, 37 Hospital, Lapaz, AMA Head Office, Osu, High Street, Dome market, Christ the King school street, Airport traffic light, Lapaz, Kasoa and Achimota.

*Photo gallery of civic on the streets via human billboards*



NCCE staff in streets of Accra sensitising the public



Mr. Samuel Asare Akuamoah, NCCE Deputy Chairman, Operations in a media interview



NCCE Chairman in a dialogue with Ms. Rita Amparbin, NCCE Deputy Director Communications and Corporate Affairs



NCCE Deputy Chairman, F&A with NCCE Deputy Director, Human Resource, Ms. Peace Kondo



Ms. Kathy Addy, NCCE Deputy Chairman, F&A



Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman

#### 4.2. Move to the Beat of Peace Dance Campaign on peaceful co-existence in Election 2020

In the lead to the 2020 General Election, the Commission adopted innovative ways in public education through the use of dance fused with human billboards and public sensitisation via public address systems at the same location. The Commission contracted the services of Kizomba Dance Company to train its staff to learn three (3) choreographies which was fused in public education campaign to serve as crowd pullers. The objective of this was to use the dance to mobilise people in selected locations, lorry parks, markets and communities to educate them on election related issues. The theme for the campaign was titled “**Move to The Beat of Peace Dance Campaign.**”

Performers were clad in T-shirts of the twelve (12) registered political parties to symbolize unity. As a people, despite our varied opinions, we are one and need peace to strengthen our democracy. Two (2) official videos were produced for the campaign. These videos were shared via the Commission’s social media platforms and website.

The campaigns were undertaken in four (4) regions of Ghana; Greater Accra, Central, Eastern and Ashanti regions. Locations in Accra included: 37 Hospital, 37 lorry station, Circle lorry park, Adabraka, Makola Market, Rawlings Park, James Town, Dome Market, Nima Market, Airport Police Station. In the Central Region: Winneba roundabout, Winneba Community Center and Kasoa Township. In the Ashanti region: Kejetia market, Bantama post office and Bantama market and in the Eastern region: Koforidua market, Effiduase traffic light among others.

*Pictures of music / dance performances and human billboards education*





### 4.3. Rally around the Flag Campaign

The NCCE collaborated with the Security Services (Ghana Police Service, Ghana Armed Forces, CEPS-GRA, Ghana Prisons Service, Ghana National Fire Service and the Ghana Immigration Service), the National Ambulance Service, National Intelligence Bureau and the Electoral Commission to organise a mobile peace match dubbed “**Rally Round the Flag.**” The central objective of the exercise was to reassure the general public and potential miscreants of unity among the security agencies and their preparedness to provide the needed security for peaceful elections on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

Prior to election 2020, the political atmosphere was charged as political actors adopted a fierce approach in their campaigns and rallies to garner votes to enhance their political fortunes despite the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many campaigns were characterised by the use of threats, acrimony, intimidation, insults, accusations and counter accusations by the two (2) dominant political parties (NDC and NPP). Thus, the march was to reassure the public that the Security Services were prepared to provide the needed security for peaceful elections, to encourage public support for peace – rally round the Ghana flag and to show force to potential trouble makers.

The event was replicated across the country in all 16 regional capitals of Ghana on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. The Greater Accra region had five (5) routes which targeted all the four corners of the region concurrently. The national parade used the following routes:



Route 1: Independence Square – Liberation Rd. – 37 – N1 – Weija – Kasoa – Oboom Road – Amasaman – Sowutuom – N1 - 37 Giffard Road;

Route 2: Independence Square – Ako Adjei Int – Circle – Tesano – Achimota – Pokuase – Nsawam – Amasaman – Aburi – Frafraha - Madina – Legon;

Route 3: Independence Square – Osu – La – Nungua – Lashibi – Sakumono – Comm19 – Spintex Road – Tetteh Quarshie – East Legon – Adjiriganor – Ashaley Botwe;

Route 4: Independence Square – Accra Central – James Town – Agbogbloshie – Korle Bu – Saprobic – Dansoman – Kaneshie – Circle – Nima – Adabraka; and

Route 5: Tema, Michel Camp – Gbetsele – Afienya – Dahwenya – Tsofoli – Ningo – Prampram – Kpone – Tema – New Town – Ashaiman.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the peace march was a mobile peace walk with vehicles of the security services and the organisations that participated in the exercise. These engagements and flash mobs enabled the Commission educate citizens with civic messages on peace through dance performances, floats, human bill boards and music. These activities also gave huge visibility to the Commission on social media and mainstream media (radio, television, radio and online).

*Photo gallery of rally around the flag peace march*







Mr. Wilberforce Zangina, NCCE North East Regional Director, Staff of the Commission with some Security Agencies on the Peace walk to ensure violent-free elections 2020 at Nalerigu

### 5.0. GUEST RELATIONS (DELEGATION VISITS AND COURTESY CALLS)

Over the years, the NCCE Ghana has received several guests and delegations from similar civic education institutes and other governance bodies in Africa and the world who visit the Commission to understudy its operations. The Commission on 29th October, 2020, hosted a joint 9-Member delegation from the United Nations (UN) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). The delegation paid a courtesy call on Management of the NCCE as part of their preparatory activities in the lead to the December 7, Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

The Commission on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, also hosted a 3-Member delegation from the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM). The delegation paid a courtesy call on Management of the NCCE as part of their preparatory activities for the December 7, Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

#### *Photo gallery of delegation visit*



NCCE Management with Members of European Union Election Observation Mission (EU-EOM)

- Courtesy Calls

The Late Flight Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings, former President of the Republic of Ghana in year 2020 lost his mother and Commission paid a courtesy call to mourn with the family.

*Photo gallery at the residence of the Late President H.E. Jerry John Rawlings*



Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman signs the book of condolence. Beside her is NCCE Commission Member, Mrs. Hajara Mohammed Rufai



NCCE Management in a group photograph with the bereaved family



Family of Former President Rawlings



NCCE Chairman in dialogue with President Rawlings

## 6.0 DONATIONS

The COVID-19 pandemic came with lots of misfortunes and hardships. Irrespective of these challenges, many organisations partnered with the NCCE and donated items and cash in support of the Commission’s work. The Commission enjoyed goodwill from both private organisations and individuals as well as public institutions.

- Loaned vans from the Church of Pentecost for COVID-19 education

The Church of Pentecost loaned 12 vans with drivers and fuel to the NCCE to support its nationwide COVID-19 sensitisation in the awake of the pandemic. The vans were

loaned to the Commission for a period of about six (6) months and were distributed across the country according to the former regional demarcations. The Greater Accra and Ashanti regions received two (2) vans each due to their population and the endemic nature of the disease, while the other eight (8) regions received a van each.

### *Photo gallery of engagements*



- ATC-Ghana

ATC-Ghana, a licensed Company providing telephone infrastructure services, donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the Greater Accra Regional office of the NCCE. The gesture was in recognition of the work of civic educators as frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19. The items included; 100 bottles of liquid soap, 150 bottles of hand sanitizer (50 ml), 10 veronica buckets, 100 pieces of tissue papers and 500 boxes of face masks.

Mrs. Lucille Hewlett-Annan, NCCE's Greater Accra Regional Director received the items on behalf of the Commission.

- National Youth Committee of PSWU

The National Youth Committee of the Public Services Workers' Union (PSWU) donated Personal Protective Equipment to the Greater Accra Regional Directorate of the NCCE.

The PPE included fifty (50) pieces of liquid soap, eight (8) boxes of hand sanitizer, one hundred and fifty (150) pieces of face masks and paper tissue to support the Commission's anti-COVID-19 public education campaign.

Mr. Bernard Adjei, the PSWU General Secretary said the Greater Accra Regional Directorate was chosen because of the high number of cases recorded in the Greater Accra Region, which put the staff at a higher risk of infection compared to the other regions.

Mr Adjei also noted that the PSWU donated to the COVID-19 National Trust Fund through the Trades Union Congress, adding; "We pray that the NCCE will be one of the institutions to benefit from the Fund". Mrs. Lucille Hewlett-Annan, the NCCE Greater Accra Regional Director, received the items on behalf of the Commission.

- CAMFED Association Supports NCCE with PPE

CAMFED Association, an Alumni network of over 32,745 young women donated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and a sum of Five Thousand Ghana cedis (GH¢5,000.00) to support the NCCE in its fight against the COVID -19 pandemic. The PPE included twenty (20) boxes of liquid soap, twelve (12) boxes of hand sanitizer, fifteen (15) packs of paper tissue and three hundred (300) pieces of face masks.

Ms. Angela Menyah, the Regional Treasure of CAMFED Association presented the items to the Commission. CAMFED Association decided to support NCCE to help staff of the Commission to protect themselves adequately during their public and civic education engagements. Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, Chairman of the NCCE, expressed her gratitude to CAMFED Association for their support to the Commission. Ms. Nkrumah assured the Association that the support would facilitate the Commission's public education in the fight against the Covid-19.

- Donation of PPE from Ministry of Health to enhance capacity in the fight against Covid-19

The NCCE in accordance with the directive by the President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, in his 9<sup>th</sup> address to the nation, received supplies from the Ministry of Health to help the Commission further educate and disseminate information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) to the general public.

The Chairman of the Commission, Ms. Josephine Nkrumah received on behalf of the Commission ten thousand (10,000) face masks, ten thousand (10,000) examination gloves, forty (40) gallons of hand sanitizer, forty (40) gallons of rubbing alcohol, twenty (20) thermometer guns, three hundred and sixty (360) pieces of cocoa powder and ninety (90) packets of tissue from the Deputy Health Minister, Dr. Benard Okoe Boye on behalf of the Minister of Health, Honourable Kwaku Agyeman Manu. The Deputy Minister extended his thanks to the NCCE for being innovative and proactive rather than reactive in the fight against COVID-19: "I hope this will go a long way to support you in your drive to help Ghanaians observe the protocols; wash their hands and keep the distance," he said.

Ms. Nkrumah, thanked the Ministry of Health and said, “We will go out in the public space to educate and sensitise people. If we go out and we’re not adequately protected, two things are likely to happen: we do not only risk exposing ourselves to the dangers of the infection, in our mind regarding any fear, it doesn’t make us as effective as we ought to be,” she said.

*Photo gallery of donation exercise*



Dr. Benard Okoe Boye, Deputy Health Minister presenting the items to Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCCE Chairman



Mrs. Joyce Afutu, NCCCE Communications and Corporate Affairs Director, some participants and media personnel at the presentation

- Donation from the Law Class of 1993

The Ghana School of Law, Class of 1993, of which the Chairman of the NCCCE, Ms. Josephine Nkrumah is a member, donated an amount of ten thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢10,000.00) to the NCCCE to support its work in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

- NCCCE Receives COVID-19 Relief Items from Yinson Production West Africa Limited

The NCCE received six thousand (6,000) pieces of face masks from Yinson Production West Africa Ltd., an Oil and Gas company in Ghana to help further NCCE's education on the novel coronavirus. In his presentation to the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Edward Mensah, a representative of the organisation said the donation was to equip NCCE staff in recognition of their work in sensitising Ghanaians on the pandemic.

### *Photo gallery of donation exercise*



Mrs. Joyce Afutu, NCCE Communications and Corporate Affairs Director, some participants and media personnel at the presentation

- European Union donates Cinema Van to NCCE

The NCCE received a major boost in its community sensitisation from the European Union under the Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-corruption Programme (ARAP), implemented by the Spanish public foundation FIIAPP. The Commission was provided with a state of the art mobile cinema van to extend its educational campaign across the country.

In her speech, the Head of the EU Delegation to Ghana, Ambassador Diana Acconcia highlighted NCCE's key role in mobilizing society on matters of concern to citizens, in raising awareness for political participation and in giving voices to the voiceless. The Ambassador remarked that the EU is proud of its partnership in supporting the Commission over the years. She was optimistic that the vehicle was going to meet the educational needs of the populace, particularly in the urban and peri-urban settlers.

Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, Chairman of NCCE outlined the fruitful collaboration between the European Union and NCCE Ghana and thanked the EU for their support. The procurement of the Cinema Van for the NCCE is meant to augment the audio-visual capacity of the Commission to reach out to the populace using documentaries, films, and audio-recordings such as jingles, pre-recorded voice messages and live street or community announcements in its sensitisation programmes. The audio-visual Cinema Van is specially designed as a robust vehicle which can traverse the local terrain in Ghana. It is appropriate for operations in all parts of the country. It is fully stocked with the needed equipment that will make usage possible in all terrains and operational situations.



*Photo gallery of handing over ceremony*



Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman signs the book of condolence. Beside her is NCCE Commission Member, Mrs. Hajara Mohammed Rufai



NCCE Management in a group photograph with the bereaved family



Mrs. Ana Sánchez, Team Leader of ARAP, Ms. Diana Acconcia, Head of EU Delegation to Ghana and Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman



Executives of NCCE with EU Delegation

- Donation from Vivo Energy Ghana

Vivo Energy Ghana, an Oil Marketing Company in the Western Region presented a banner of fuel coupon to the Western Regional office of the NCCE at the Regional office in Sekondi.

Presenting the banner, Madam Juanita Boakye Dankwa, the Territory Manageress of Vivo Energy Ghana said the gesture forms part of Vivo Energy’s support to the NCCE to continue its public and community sensitisation on the COVID-19 disease in the Western region. Receiving the fuel coupon banner, Mr. Justice Ennin, Western Regional Director of NCCE thanked Vivo Energy Ghana for the support.

- Donation from the National Security

The NCCE received 50 Isuzu vehicles from the President, H.E. Nana Akufo Addo through the Office of the Chief of Staff to support the Commission’s public education campaign on COVID-19. The vehicles were loaned to the Commission for temporal use to enhance its work.

Chairman of NCCE, Ms. Josephine Nkrumah during a brief handing over of the vehicles to beneficiary regional and district offices was thankful to the President, H.E. Nana Addo

Dankwa Akufo-Addo for personally taking interest in the work of the Commission. She said President Akufo-Addo had shown goodwill to resource the NCCE, a gesture the Commission and members of staff appreciated. She noted the lack of resources and tools remain a setback for the Commission to reach out to the larger population.

She took the opportunity to thank Civil Society Organisations in Ghana, the media and the people of Ghana who passionately advocated that NCCE be resourced to educate citizens on COVID-19 and more importantly intensify civic education in Ghana.

### *Pictures of the donation exercise*



Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman and Mr. Samuel Asare Akuamoah, NCCE Deputy Chairman, Operations at the ceremony

- Donation from the COVID-19 National Trust Fund

The COVID-19 National Trust Fund (the Fund) donated a sum of Two Million, Five Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢2,500,000.00) to facilitate the work of the Commission on COVID-19 across the country. With approval from the Fund, the cash donation was used to procure the following items:

- ten (10) cross country Nissan public education vans
- fifty (50) public address systems to be mounted on the vehicle
- one hundred (100) manual megaphones for street public education
- four (4) graphic design and production equipment
- twelve (12) laptops and accessories

The Commission also received funding for collaboration with Ghana Medical Association and the Ministry of Health for research work among other logistics to enhance civic education delivery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The vehicles were for the NCCE's permanent use.

At a brief handing over ceremony in Accra, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the COVID-19 National Trust Fund, former Chief Justice Sophia Akufo, endorsed NCCE's capacity to engage citizens on COVID-19, to correct the myths and disbelief associated with the global pandemic. The Chairman expressed gratitude and noted that the funding structure catered for all implementation and logistical needs for sustained and effective engagement.

*Photo gallery at the donation exercise*



Former Chief Justice Sophia Akufo presents cheque and vehicles to NCCE Management



Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman delivering her remarks



Dummy cheque, computers and other logistics



## PART VI: PROGRAMMES

The Programmes Department of the NCCE has oversight in the implementation of NCCE's activities at the grassroots level in communities, districts, municipalities and metropolises nationwide. This chapter of the report encompasses activities undertaken by the Programmes Department from the perspective of the sixteen (16) regions under the Commission's theme, **"The Future of Ghana is in my Hands"**. In year 2020, the activity report is grouped under four (4) thematic areas; **COVID-19 Education, Voter and Election Related Education, Democracy Education and Education on Civic Duties and Responsibilities.**

### 1.0 COVID-19 EDUCATION

Ghana recorded its first COVID-19 cases on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. Prior to March, limited engagements were done based on limited information available from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Ghana Health Service (GHS). As a matter of urgency, the Commission in the month of March and April embarked on a sensitisation drive to arm the citizenry with necessary information to help curb the spread of the virus. The community sensitisations were aimed at creating awareness about the virus, its mode of transmission, symptoms and prevention.

#### 1.1. Sensitisation on COVID-19 Phases I - IV

The first phase of public sensitisation was from Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. Messages churned out sought to answer the following questions:

- What is COVID- 19?
- What is its mode of transmission?
- What are its symptoms?

The public was sensitised on the following preventive measures:

- Avoid hand shaking
- Wash hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap under running water
- Avoid touching your face, mouth, ears and nose
- Wipe and disinfect your phones, hands and exposed surfaces with alcohol-based sanitizer
- Cover your nose and mouth with disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze. Immediately dispose the tissue into a covered bin.
- Avoid spitting in public, at best cover the spittle
- Physical distancing of at least one meter
- Drink water frequently
- Do not practice self-medication. Contact health facility or personnel through provided contact numbers: +233 55 843 9669, +233 50 949 7700, Emergency line, 112, General information, 311

The second phase of the exercise took place from 24<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. Though the campaign reiterated the messages of phase one, it however stressed on major preventive measures in the Greater Accra Metropolis, Kumasi Metropolis, Tema and Kasoa, which were partially locked down as one of the measures to contain the spread of the disease. The sensitisation among others emphasised the following:

- Go out only when it is absolutely essential such as to buy food and medication otherwise stay at home
- Whilst out, co-operate with law enforcement officers by providing necessary information
- Reduce human contact and observe social distancing
- Adopt cashless transactions such as mobile money or electronic banking to avoid virus transmission
- Intra-city commercial vehicles (trotros and taxis) must reduce the number of passengers in order to observe appropriate social distancing
- Market women were admonished to observe social distancing (at least a metre apart), while customers were advised to sanitise their hands before touching food items they purchased from the market or supermarkets
- Instilling calm among the citizenry to avoid panic buying and general anxiety
- Disseminating facts on the virus to dispel myths about the virus

During the third phase of sensitisation, which was from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, the campaign reiterated the previous messages in phases one and two and also stressed on the 'WHY' or the reasons outlined for the observation of the safety protocols as laid down by the Ministry of Health and the Ghana Health Service as well as the restrictive measures outlined by the Government. Under the Imposition of Restriction Act, 2020 (IRA) and various Executive Instruments, the third phase also tackled the emerging issue of stigmatisation.

The Commission reiterated the reasons for the protocols with in-depth explanation of the restrictive measures to let the public understand and deeply appreciate the issues at stake so as to act accordingly were given.

## **1.2 Sensitisation on COVID-19 in collaboration with the Church of Pentecost (COP)**

Following the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases, the Church of Pentecost (COP) came on board to support the NCCE with logistics to aid its work. The Church of Pentecost, Ghana collaborated with the NCCE and made available twelve (12) Evangelism Cinema Vans, drivers and fuel to augment the public education and sensitisation campaign on COVID-19 in all sixteen (16) regions of the country. The Greater Accra and Ashanti regions were given two vans due to their high population densities and increasing number of COVID-19 cases, while the other regions had one van each based on the former regional demarcation. The campaign targeted the general public at various locations, including lorry stations, principal streets and markets.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person and face-to-face engagements were limited. Thus, vans were parked at vantage points in communities for a period of time. Staff of the Commission sensitised the public via public address systems and played COVID-19 jingles provided by Ministry of Health and Ghana Health Service to relay messages. The NCCE later produced its own jingles in different Ghanaian languages on COVID-19 to further deepen its sensitisations.

A total of **eight thousand, nine hundred and thirty-nine (8,939)** communities and identifiable groups were visited with the educational campaign supported by the Church of Pentecost. A total number of **one million, five hundred and seventy-seven thousand, one hundred and sixty-five (1,577, 167)** citizens were reached.

*Photo Gallery of COVID-19 Engagements*



Community sensitisation in Wenchi District



Demonstration of hand washing

Airing of jingles via mounted horns on vehicle



Demonstration of hand washing

Airing of jingles via mounted horns on vehicle

**Table 1:1 COVID-19 Education with support from the Church of Pentecost**

REGIONS	NO. OF COMMUNITIES TARGETED	NO. OF COMMUNITIES	PARTICIPANTS
<b>CENTRAL</b>	737	568	261,210
<b>BONO</b>	300	115	5,397
<b>BONO EAST</b>	1,388	1,220	38,636
<b>WESTERN</b>	320	322	20,808
<b>AHAFO</b>	80	97	6,110
<b>GREATER ACCRA</b>	498	501	138,459
<b>NORTHERN</b>	300	270	118,470
<b>ASHANTI</b>	1,045	1,045	36,575
<b>WESTERN NORTH</b>	84	94	24,000
<b>OTI</b>	233	233	82,979
<b>VOLTA</b>	637	536	648,869
<b>UPPER WEST</b>	285	285	12,643
<b>UPPER EAST</b>	1,348	1,120	43,997
<b>SAVANNAH</b>	176	160	3,939
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	344	163	27,760
<b>EASTERN</b>	4,164	2,210	107,313
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,939</b>	<b>8,939</b>	<b>1,577,165</b>

### 1.3 Sensitisation on COVID-19 with Support from the Presidency and the COVID-19 National Trust Fund (Phases 1 - 6)

With financial and logistical support from the Presidency and the National COVID-19 Trust Fund, the NCCE embarked on a vigorous street campaign in hot spot areas of the Greater Accra region, the epicenter of the pandemic in Ghana and across the country. The Presidency released funds and loaned the NCCE with fifty (50) vehicles to aid in the COVID -19 educational campaign. The COVID-19 National Trust Fund on the other hand supported the NCCE with a donation of ten (10) pick-up vehicles geared towards the sensitisation campaign among other logistical support.

The sensitisation campaign had similar objectives and implementation strategies similar to that of the Church of Pentecost. However, the Commission modified its educational strategies due to the lessened restrictions, which encouraged face-to-face engagements and stressed on the need for strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols. The Commission's target was to teach citizens to adopt positive attitudinal and behavioural lifestyles as well as observe the safety protocols outlined by the Government and the Ghana Health Service (GHS). Activities implemented were twofold:

- Street announcements with the use of ten (10) pick-up vehicles fitted with Public Address systems which were donated to the Commission by the COVID-19 National Trust Fund for the exercise



- The use of human billboards to draw attention of the general public to dangers of the virus and for citizens to continue to observe the safety protocols
- Media sensitisations on community radio station, major radio and television stations

In addition, the under listed strategies were adopted to sensitise the citizenry on the COVID-19 pandemic and how they could also contribute to halt the spread of the virus. These were done whilst respecting all COVID-19 prevention protocols. They were:

- Engagements with Identifiable Groups
- Engagements with Faith-based Organisations (FBOs)
- Outreaches with educational Institutions (First and Second cycle institutions)
- Community engagements
- Discussions on TV, Radio and community information centres

Educational messages for the campaign included but were not limited to the following:

- Adherence to FDA approved face masks
- Safety protocols
- Importance of preventive education and practices against COVID-19
- Destigmatization

These sensitisations were done from June to November, 2020 covering six phases of the exercise. A total of **seventy-five thousand two hundred and seventy-nine (75,279)** activities were executed in this regard.

**Table 1:2 Public Education on COVID-19 with support from the National COVID-19 Trust Fund**

REGIONS	NO. OF COMMUNITIES TARGETED	NO. COMMUNITIES / IDENTIFIABLE GROUPS VISITED	PARTICIPANTS
CENTRAL	4,057	5,689	579,380
WESTERN	4,083	4,183	132,656
EASTERN	15,142	22,505	675,150
BONO	2,209	2,471	75,758
VOLTA	5,480	3,554	1,052,998
NORTHERN	600	961	187,223
GREATER ACCRA	25,158	10,167	1,175,061
ASHANTI	10,238	10,238	601,022
UPPER WEST	2,151	2,204	77,961
UPPER EAST	3,636	3,869	305,059
BONO EAST	1388	1220	84,962
AHAFO	1,855	1,932	47,700

OTI	1,752	1,499	623,799
WESTERN NORTH	3,278	3,278	57,591
NORTH-EAST	2560	1,509	72,220
SAVANNAH	1, 648	1, 648	6,417
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83,587</b>	<b>75,279</b>	<b>5,754,957</b>

#### **1.4 COVID-19 anti-stigmatization campaign: Ghana Psychological Association trains 314 NCCE staff with support from the COVID-19 Private Sector Trust Fund.**

Three hundred and fourteen (314) staff of the NCCE were trained by the Ghana Psychological Association, as part of the COVID-19 Private Sector Fund's efforts to reduce incidents of stigmatization against COVID-19 recovered persons and provide support for COVID-19 stigmatization victims. Staff were equipped with requisite psychological knowledge to educate Ghanaians across the country.

This initiative formed part of the awareness campaign dubbed 'Let Love Lead, End the Stigma' which sought to change public perception and mindset about COVID-19 and debunk myths and misconceptions about recovered persons and their families. It also sought to reduce fear, provide support for frontline workers and encourage citizens to play their role in the fight against stigmatization. Another goal was to reduce fear of seeking medical attention when a person presented COVID-19 symptoms for fear of stigmatisation.

The three-day virtual training focused on general knowledge on COVID-19 related psycho-social challenges and the most appropriate way to sensitise Ghanaians across the country. Coordinators and trainers for the Anti-Stigma Campaign were Dr. Collins Agyeman, Dr. Acquah Coleman, Dr. Wiafe-Akenten all of the Ghana Psychological Association.

## **2.0 VOTER EDUCATION AND ELECTION RELATED MATTERS**

Intensive voter education and campaign for peaceful conduct of the 2020 general election was undertaken across the country. The electorate was sensitised on the electoral processes, voting procedures, promote political tolerance and issue-based campaigns, Political Parties Code of Conduct and the Public Order Act, 1994, (ACT 491) among others. The activities were aimed at promoting inclusiveness and high participation of the voters in the 2020 General Election. It was also intended to deepen Constitutional democracy in an atmosphere of peace and tolerance through civic education.

The electorate was educated to understand that tolerance and peace are key elements of a developing democratic dispensation. It emphasized that the people of Ghana ought to tolerate one another during the electioneering period since opinions, beliefs and customs differ from person to person.

Topics discussed during the engagements included the following:

- Political tolerance to promote democracy
- COVID-19 Pandemic and election related matters
- The need for Peace before, during and after the 2020 Elections.
- Common causes of Electoral Disputes
- Role of Polling Station Officials (EC officials, Party Agents, Security Officers)
- Electoral offences and its associated sanctions
- The Right to vote and the voting processes
- Challenges and threats to democratic practice
- Voter and civic education on the role of the voter at the polling station
- Ways to reduce rejected and spoiled ballots
- Dos and Don'ts of 2020 General Elections
- Consequences of Electoral Violence

Engagements undertaken across all the 263 administrative metropolis, municipalities, districts, sub-metros and 16 Regional offices of the NCCE nationwide took the form of one-on-one interaction with Identifiable groups including Faith-based Organisations (FBOs), Women and Youth Groups, Artisans, Persons living with Disability (PWDs) among others. Other strategies used were dawn and dusk broadcasts, radio, TV and Information Centre engagements, some senior high schools and collaborations with civil society organisations.

### 2.1. Voter Registration Exercise

To complement the mandate of the Electoral Commission, the NCCE embarked on voter registration sensitisation to ensure all eligible voters exercise their franchise during the 2020 General Elections.

The goal of the campaign was to:

- Deepen public awareness about the new Voter Register
- Encourage the citizenry to register because it is their civic duty
- Encourage the citizenry to comply to COVID-19 safety protocols during the registration process

The thrust of the civic message during the sensitisation bordered on the date and time of the registration and eligibility criteria which included; being a citizen of Ghana, being of a sound mind, age of the voter and residence of the voter in an electoral area.

A total of **eleven thousand three hundred and fifty (11,350)** activities were organised reaching a total of **one million three hundred and fourteen thousand, five hundred and twelve (1,314,512)** citizens nationwide.

*Photo gallery of some engagements*



Mr. Muniru Alenga, District Director of Bawku West sensitising registrants on the electoral laws in Zebilla



Upper East Regional Director, Mr. PP Apaabey Baba sensitising women and youth at Tilli in the Bawku West District



Madam Monica Akpanaba (SCEO) of Bolgatanga Municipal office sensitising citizens at the Bolga market



District Director Mr. Muniru Alenga educating artisanal women and youth at Natinga Community weaving centre



The District Director of Nabdam, Mr. Austine Akugri sensitising SHS 2 students at Kongo SHS School



Mr. Robert Dampare of Kassena-Nankana in a Paga community educating voters on registration exercise

**Table 1:3 Education on Voters' Registration Exercise**

REGIONS	EDUCATION ON VOTERS' REGISTRATION EXERCISE	PARTICIPANTS
CENTRAL	851	167,278
WESTERN	307	12,280
EASTERN	1,627	48,810
BONO	361	10,307
AHAFO	52	6,434
VOLTA	733	280,141
OTI	780	330,167
NORTHERN	862	33,074
GREATER ACCRA	1,883	200,379
ASHANTI	1,240	40,290
UPPER WEST	81	4,321
UPPER EAST	570	76,667
BONO EAST	342	33,953
NORTH-EAST	196	30,640
SAVANNAH	137	10,471
WESTERN NORTH	1,328	29,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,350</b>	<b>1,314,512</b>

## 2.2. Exhibition of Provisional Voters' Register

Staff of the NCCE from 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, sensitised the citizenry on the need to visit their registration centres to verify their names and other details in the provisional register during the Exhibition of the Provisional Voters' Register. This complemented efforts of the Electoral Commission of Ghana to achieve its mandate in having a clean voters register in the lead to the General Elections.

The sensitisation activities were carried out to increase public awareness about the exhibition of the new voters' register, the date and time for the exhibition exercise whilst encouraging the citizenry to participate in the exhibition exercise.

All registered voters were encouraged to visit their polling centres to:

- Confirm their names appeared in the register and effect corrections where details captured were wrong.
- Object to the inclusion of unqualified names in the register on grounds that the registrant is either a minor or non-Ghanaian
- Verify polling centre details ahead of the general election
- Help remove names of dead individuals from the register

A total of **eight hundred and twenty-nine (829)** sensitisations were carried out in community and face-to-face engagements.

*Photo gallery of some engagements*



NCCE Upper East Regional Office observing proceedings at an Exhibition Centre

**Table 1:4 Education on Exhibition of Voters’ Register**

REGIONS	EDUCATION ON EXHIBITION OF VOTERS’ REGISTER
CENTRAL	23
WESTERN	442
EASTERN	33
BONO	12
AHAFO	95
VOLTA	18
OTI	9
NORTHERN	18
GREATER ACCRA	35
ASHANTI	47
UPPER WEST	11
UPPER EAST	53
BONO EAST	11
NORTH-EAST	6
SAVANNAH	7
WESTERN NORTH	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>829</b>

### 2.3. Cinema Van Education on Peaceful 2020 Elections

The Commission again embarked on sensitising the citizenry to eschew violence and tolerate one another before the 2020 Presidential and Parliamentary elections using movies and videos from the Cinema Van. The film shows were screened in districts and communities identified as hotspots in the lead up to the 2020 General election.

The objectives focused on raising public awareness on the need for peace, tolerance and violent-free 2020 General Election especially in the hotspot communities.

Movies screened communicated the following issues:

- The proliferation of small arms and light weapons
- Use and abuse of media in vulnerable societies
- Provocation and violent actions by political parties and supporters
- Electoral Fraud among other

#### *Photo gallery of some engagements*



A film show in Mile 15, a community near Jacobu in Amansie Central of the Ashanti region



A film show on 2020 Peaceful Elections in the Guabuliga Community in the West Mamprusi District of the Northern region

A cross-section of viewers in the Jakayili Community in Tamale, Northern region

## 2.4. Stakeholders Consultations on need for Peaceful Elections

Under the 1992 Fourth Republican Constitution of Ghana, registered voters go to the polls every four years to elect representatives for the office of the President and legislature for Parliament as per Article 66 and Article 113 respectively. Ensuring peaceful coexistence before, during and after the General Elections is paramount in maintaining the tranquility in this country. Thus, the NCCE over the years organises stakeholder engagements and consultations with selected institutions and bodies to dialogue on collective contributions and efforts to promote Ghana's democracy.

Despite elections being a key democratic feature, it can be conducted in an atmosphere of acrimony and conflict. This phenomenon is a paradox of democracy which is meant to open up the political space through inclusive competitive participation. Armed with this knowledge, the NCCE organised constructive civic engagements with the presidential candidates, members of parliament, former presidents, political party executives and governance enhancing institutions.

The engagements provided the Commission the opportunity to elicit the support and thoughts of stakeholders on matters of concern particularly, critical issues affecting the 2020 elections including peace before, during and after the elections. In the pursuit of the agenda, the Commission sought to:

- Draw the support of the presidential aspirants and the political party leadership for its programmes at the national and district levels;
- Encourage the political parties to accept the Presidential Dialogue as proposed by the NCCE and to further appoint a representative to serve on a planning committee;
- Seek the thoughts and perspectives of former Presidents of Ghana on the political environment and advice on engagements to ensure peaceful and credible elections;
- Identify, share and exchange ideas about the elections with Identifiable Groups, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in order to explore areas for collaboration to avoid duplication and ensure effective and efficient implementation of programmes towards peaceful and credible elections; and
- Make the political campaigns of the aspirants and the political parties, issue-based.

The underlisted topics were discussed during engagements at Inter-Party Dialogue Committee meetings and Political Party Youth Activists Programmes.

- Vigilantism
- Secessionist Activities
- Civic and Voter Education
- Presidential Debates
- Parliamentary Candidates' Debates
- Update on COVID-19
- Perceived Partisanship of Traditional Authorities



The Commission engaged thirteen (13) key institutions and political parties in dialogue over the 2020 General election. The political parties engaged were:

- National Democratic Congress (NDC),
- All People's Congress (APC)
- Great Consolidated Popular Party (GCPP)
- National Democratic Party (NDP)
- People's National Convention (PNC)
- New Patriotic Party (NPP)

The other institutions and individuals engaged were:

- National Media Commission (NMC)
- Ghana Armed Forces (GAF)
- Judiciary
- Ghana Police Service
- Christian Council of Ghana (CCG)
- H.E. J. A. Kufuor, Former President
- Catholic Bishops' Conference

#### *Photo Gallery of Stakeholder Consultations*



NCCE Management in consultation with the Catholic Bishops' Conference



NCCE Management in consultation with Former President H.E. John Agyekum Kufour



NCCE Management in consultation with the Ghana Armed Forces (GAF)



NCCE Management in consultation with the Ghana Police Service (GPS)



NCCE Management in consultation with the Chief Justice, His Lordship Justice Kwasi Anin-Yeboah and Lady of the Supreme Court as well as Senior Management of the Judicial Service

## 2.5 Presidential Candidates' Encounters

The NCCE and the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) organised series of meetings with political parties on the General Election to agree on the modalities for the encounters and the presidential and parliamentary debates. It was made clear to the representatives of the political parties that participating in the encounters also included participating in the debate. The following parties participated in the in-studio one-on-one encounters organised in the studios of the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC):

- Independent Candidate - Alfred Kwame Asiedu Walker
- GCPP - Dr. Henry Herbert Lartey
- PPP - Ms. Brigitte Dzogbenuku
- LPG - Mr. Percival Kofi Akpaloo
- PNC - Mr. David Apasera
- APC - Mr. Hassan Ayariga
- GFP - Madam Akua Donkor
- CPP - Mr. Ivor Kobina Greenstreet
- GUM - Rev. Christian Kwabena Andrews

### *Photo gallery of consultations with political parties*



NCCE'S consultation with Executives of All People's Congress (APC)



NCCE'S consultation with Executives of National Democratic Congress (NDC)



NCCE'S consultation with Executives of National Democratic Congress (NDC)

## 2.6 Presidential Candidates' Debate and Debate on NCCE Research Report "Matters of Concern to the Ghanaian Voter"

The NCCE in partnership with GBC held the presidential debate on November 30, 2020 at the Christ the King Parish Hall. The objective of the debate was to provide a platform for the electorate to engage with candidates seeking the people's mandate to govern; to enable the electorate to make informed voter choices and to create the platform for the electorate to hold their political leaders accountable.

Even though the debate was organised with twelve (12) presidential candidates in mind, only five (5) candidates participated. The participating candidates included the following:

- Ivor Kobina Greenstreet (Convention People's Party- CPP)
- Akua Donkor (Ghana Freedom Party- GFP)
- Dr. Henry Herbert Lartey (Great Consolidated Popular Party- GCPP)
- Dr. Hassan Ayariga (All People's Congress- APC)
- Percival Kofi Akpaloo (Liberal Party of Ghana- LPG)

### *Photo Gallery at the Presidential Debate*



Presidential Candidates seated on the dais



Aerial view at the debate



Participants at the debate



Presidential Candidates with NCCE Executives

## 2.7 Parliamentary Candidates' Debates

The Commission, with the support of the European Union (EU) and in collaboration with the Electoral Commission organised Parliamentary Candidates' Debates in all 275 Constituencies of Ghana. The NCCE's Parliamentary debates were to create an avenue for Parliamentary Candidates to meet and dialogue with their Constituents and make their needs known to them. Interactions between Members of Parliament (MPs) and their Constituents is vital to pushing the people's interests in Parliament and further make elected MPs more accountable to the electorate.

The questions for the debates were drawn from key findings of the NCCE's Research titled 'Matters of Concern to the Ghanaian Voter' conducted in 2020. The debates were undertaken in the month of November with the support of the Inter-Party Dialogue Committees (IPDCs).

The targeted audience for the debates included but was not limited to the following:

- All Parliamentary Candidates in the 275 constituencies nationwide
- Political party supporters
- Political party youth activists
- Identifiable groups such as Faith-based Organisations (FBOs), Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), Persons with disability (PWDs), Women's groups among others

However, some constituencies could not execute the debates while others were aborted just before they started. Varied reasons accounted for the aforementioned including the under listed:

- Tension between the 2 main political parties - NPP and NDC
- Failure of any of the Parliamentary Candidates to attend the debate on the scheduled date and withdrawal of Aspirants at the last minute before the commencement of the debates

A total of **two hundred and thirty-one (231)** constituencies executed the debates successfully with some aired live on partner radio stations.

*Photo gallery from some Parliamentary Debates*



Presidential Candidates seated on the dais



Aerial view at the debate



Madam Faustina Kwakye Yeboah, Independent Parliamentary Candidate addressing the audience at the debate in the Fantekwa North District in the Eastern Region

**Table 1:5 Parliamentary Debates Held**

REGION	NO. OF CONSTITUENCIES WHERE DEBATES WERE HELD	NO. OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTY		POLITICAL PARTY
		M	F	
CENTRAL	22	7	1	NPP, NDC, GUM, CPP, NDP, GUM, PPP and LPG
WESTERN	17	7	2	NPP, NDC, GUM, PNC, APC, PPP, Independent Candidate, GCPP and CPP
WESRTERN NORTH	6	6	-	CPP, NDC, NPP, GUM, Independent Candidate and PPP
EASTERN	22	4	2	NPP, NDC, PPP and GUM
BONO	19	4	1	NDC, NPP, GUM and PPP
BONO-EAST	11	4	-	NDC, NPP, GUM and NDP
AHAFO	4	5	1	NPP, CPP, NDP GUM, LPG and NDC
VOLTA	18	5	-	NDC, GUM, NPP, PPP and Independent Candidate.
OTI	7	6	-	NPP, NDC, PPP, NDP, PNC, Independent Candidate
NORTHERN	11	9	-	NDC, NPP, GUM, PPP, GCPP, LPG, CPP, NDP, PNC
GREATER ACCRA	18	9	-	NPP, NDC, GUM, LPG, NDP, CPP, LPG and Independent candidate
ASHANTI	44	4	-	GUM, CPP, NDC, NPP
UPPER WEST	9	6	-	NPP, NDC, LPG, PNC, CPP and GCPP
UPPER EAST	15	7	3	NPP, NDC, CPP, LPG, Independent Candidate, PPP, PNC, NDP, GUM and APC
NORTH-EAST	3	4	-	GCPP, NPP, LPG and NDP
SAVANNAH	5	5	-	NPP, NDC, Independent Candidate, PNC, and NDP

## 2.8 Sensitisation on Presidential and Parliamentary Elections

In the lead up to the 2020 Presidential and Parliamentary elections, the Commission carried out a total of twenty-four thousand, six hundred and twenty-eight (24,628) activities nationwide and reached one million nine hundred and ninety-four thousand and four (1,994,004) citizens with its educational messages through face-to-face engagements. The Commission also participated in media engagements, produced a jingle which was translated into local languages and aired radio and community information centers as well as public announcements through dawn and dusk broadcast to sensitise the public.

**Table 1:6 Education on Presidential and Parliamentary Elections**

REGIONS	COMMUNITY BASED		SCHOOL BASED SNR. HIGH SCHOOL		FAITH BASED	
	PROG.	PARTICI- PANTS	PROG.	PARTI- CI-PANTS	PROG.	PARTICI- PANTS
CENTRAL	1,153	169,418	71	9876	589	51845
WESTERN	721	11,681	41	5,597	231	13,998
EASTERN	1,130	21,150	15	359	2,034	97,060
BONO	583	28,244	37	5,803	301	25,458
VOLTA	825	142,238	58	10,552	2491	32,074
NORTHERN	477	159,967	121	1,609	304	2,637
GT. ACCRA	2,273	95,398	96	1,866	721	30,463
ASHANTI	971	85,621	251	12,157	514	41,935
UPPER WEST	37	1,201	2	168	11	8,268
UPPER EAST	1,618	96,872	102	29,579	408	80,412
BONO EAST	160	7,549	36	5,603	278	25,535
AHAFO	268	15,855	30	3,405	215	13,603
NORTH-EAST	697	29,572	22	2,753	198	14,380
SAVANNAH	68	3,823	16	1,546	98	3,529
WESTERN NORTH	2,832	200,471	115	1,009	734	79,706
OTI	354	182,978	18	37,120	303	92,101
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,167</b>	<b>1,252,038</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>129,002</b>	<b>9,430</b>	<b>613,004</b>



## 2.9 Reactivation Meetings of Inter-Party Dialogue Committees (IPDCS)

As part of activities to ensure peaceful elections towards the 2020 General Elections, the NCCE's reactivated Inter-Party Dialogue Committees held engagements in all 263 MMDAs and 16 regions nationwide.

The goal of the engagements was to:

- Promote peace and resolve conflicts before, during and after the 2020 General Election in order to enhance political, economic and social progress, cohesion and stability.
- Discuss the upcoming Parliamentary Candidates' Debates

Generally, the IPDC platforms offered the Commission and its Stakeholders the opportunity to engage with the electorate on issues concerning the 2020 Presidential and Parliamentary Election. The IPDCs are solely tasked to monitor breaches of the rules and regulations regarding the electoral process, investigate case of abuse of the rules and regulations and resolution of petty conflicts. Other functions include issuing of joint statements on political issues to defuse tension and misunderstandings affecting the electoral process.

A total of **seven hundred and twenty-five (725)** IPDC activities were undertaken

### *Photo gallery of some IPDCs engagements*



P.P. Apaabey, Upper East Regional Director addressing IPDC at RCC Conference Hall workshop



Nana Kwame Oppong-Owusu III, Chief of Jumapo addressing IPDC Members to maintain peace in the elections at New Juaben North District



His Lordship Justice Franklin Glover, Anyinam Circuit Court Judge swearing IPDC Committee members into office in the Atiwa East District, Eastern Region.

**Table 1:7 Number of Inter – Party Dialogue Committee (IPDC) Engagements**

REGION	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	No. OF MEETINGS HELD
CENTRAL	323	38
WESTERN	329	24
EASTERN	177	67
BONO	313	23
VOLTA	69	33
NORTHERN	454	78
GREATER ACCRA	1,120	240
ASHANTI	456	44
UPPER WEST	394	22
UPPER EAST	720	41
BONO EAST	121	54
AHAFO	280	7
OTI	130	21
WESTERN NORTH	240	12
NORTH-EAST	160	7
SAVANNAH	120	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,406</b>	<b>725</b>

## 2.10 Workshops for Political Party Youth Activists (PPYAS)

The European Union (EU) supported the NCCE to undertake engagements with Political Party Youth Activists (PPYAs) on tolerance and non-violence in **sixty (60)** selected Districts across the country. The goals of the engagements were to ensure a violent-free election, transparent and peaceful political environment before, during and after the elections.

The workshops were held under the theme “**Empowering the Youth to Stand Up for Ghana for a Peaceful Election 2020**”. There were **forty (40)** participants in a session who were drawn from the youth wings of all the registered political parties present in each selected constituency or district. The workshops began with the screening of a film or documentary on the consequences of electoral violence, which was followed by three (3) presentations and discussion sessions. Engagements unfolded as follows:

- Tone setting with the film show and discussions on the film screened
- Public Order Act and Election 2020; prospects and challenges, facilitated by the District Police Commander
- The Electoral Process: Electoral offences and sanctions. Overview of Public Elections Regulations (C.I. 127), facilitated by District Director of Electoral Commission

The workshops were held in collaboration with the Regional Peace Councils (RPCs), Regional Houses of Chief (RHCs) and community Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in the sixty (60) flashpoint constituencies between Thursday, 26th November to Friday 4th December, 2020.

### *Photo gallery of some PPYAs workshops*



The Municipal Electoral Officer, Mr. Hamid Kodie Fisa leading discussions at the Political Party Youth Activists Workshop on the Electoral Processes and Procedures in the Kwahu South District, Eastern Region



A.S.P. Samuel Yaw Berko, from the District Police Command addressing the Political Party Youth Activists' on the Public Order Act (491) at the Church of Pentecost Central Assembly, Asesewa



The Volta Regional Executive Secretary of the National Peace Council, Mr. David Normenyo addressing the Political Party Youth Activists at the workshop



PPYAs Workshop at Ketu South, Aflao in the Volta Region.

## 2.11. Election Observation

The Commission observed the situational issues on the ground in two thousand three hundred and forty-one (2,341) polling stations from 275 constituencies across the 16 regions of Ghana during the 2020 Presidential and Parliamentary elections. The information was collated by staff of NCCE who visited selected polling stations across the country using a standard checklist. The checklist was a questionnaire designed by the Commission's Research, Gender and Equality department to help staff solicit information from the field and resubmit for analysis and findings online.

During the observation exercise, on-site information on when polls were opened with particular emphasis on availability of voting materials, upsurge of any violent activities of vigilante groups and observation of COVID-19 protocols at polling centres were monitored.

Again, the observation exercise also gathered information on the period during polls. It captured information on whether voting queues were orderly and the reasons why polls were disrupted if there was any disturbance. It also provided information on the category of security personnel present at various polling stations, observer groups present and COVID-19 related issues.

Report on the end of polls period provided feedback on time when polls ended, endorsement on the statement of poll and declaration of results form by Presiding Officers and Party Agents at Polling Stations as well as activities of vigilante groups.

The Commission at the Head office established a "Situation Room" where information from the field was transmitted through an online portal for analysis by the Research, Gender and Equality department. The observation was done nationwide by staff of the Commission on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

A total number of **five thousand three hundred and seventy-one (5,371)** polling stations were visited by staff of the NCCE. However, situational reports were taken from two thousand three hundred and forty-one (2,341) polling stations.

Similarly, the NCCE was a key partner in the West Africa Network for Peace's (WANEP's) National and Regional Election Response Groups & Election Situation Rooms (ESR), which was a component of a broader project titled, "Electoral Violence Monitoring, Analysis and Mitigation (EMAM)" funded by the European Union and was implemented in partnership with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS). The ESR was coordinated by the West Africa Network for Peace building (WANEP) and its partner, the National Peace Council (NPC). The ESR monitored, reported, analyzed and responded to violent threats during and the immediate aftermath of the presidential and parliamentary elections held on December 7, 2020. (EMAM) supported the monitoring and reporting of incidents/situations of physical violence, hostile communication, conformity to the rules and principles of good governance as well as other irregularities that could affect the integrity of the election. WANEP deployed 350 accredited observers who were buffered by NCCE staff in prioritised risk areas and over 3,000 polling stations across the 16 regions of Ghana. Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, supported by Imurana Mohammed, a Deputy Director, represented the NCCE in the ESR. The report from the field observers of WANEP was supported by the observation reports by NCCE officers at the various polling stations.

The "Decision Room" comprised eminent persons with good office to influence response to identified threats. They consisted of the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director of WANEP, Chairperson of National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), board members of the National Peace Council (NPC), gender expert from STAR Ghana Foundation, representatives of the Electoral Commission (EC) and the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), and the Executive Director of Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG). These eminent persons in Accra engaged in preventive actions with relevant stakeholders and their interventions partly contributed in preventing and mitigating potential electoral threats across the country. Furthermore, the eminent persons engaged relevant stakeholders at national, regional and international levels as well as the Election Management Bodies (EMBs) in monitoring the impending elections. The eminent persons received reports from the satellite situation rooms at Kumasi, Tamale and Ho and determined appropriate action to address specific threats at the regional level.

The Eminent Persons in the Decision Room received visits from international observer missions, which included the ECOWAS, AU, Commonwealth and the EU.

*Scenes from the field on Election Day*



**Table 1:8 Election Observation Sensitisation**

REGION	NO. OF POLLING STATIONS TARGETED	NO. OF POLLING STATIONS VISITED
CENTRAL	701	674
WESTERN	240	234
EASTERN	800	645
BONO	199	42
BONO EAST	208	171
AHAFO	120	120
VOLTA	493	347
NORTHERN	370	381
GREATER ACCRA	603	623
ASHANTI	910	910
UPPER WEST	230	230
UPPER EAST	345	416
NORTH-EAST	114	95
SAVANNAH	155	137
OTI	179	179
WESTERN NORTH	170	167
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>5,371</b>

### 2.12 Post-Election Engagements

Following the rejection of the results by one of the contesting political parties, the Commission in all its 260 districts and 16 regional offices continued with intensive post-election sensitisation to engender tolerance and peaceful co-existence and also to sustain the peace and non-violent atmosphere enjoyed in the country before and during the general election. Citizens were encouraged not to take the law into their own hands but rather allow the Supreme Court to resolve election dispute.

A total number of **two thousand one hundred and seven (2,107)** activities were undertaken across the country with **one hundred and thirty-nine thousand and forty-five (139,045)** citizens reached.

**Table 1:9 Number of Post-Election Engagements**

REGIONS	COMMUNITIES VISITED	MEDIA SENSITISATIONS	PARTICIPANTS
CENTRAL	79	14	8,448
WESTERN	67	0	7,045
WESTERN NORTH	0	0	0
ASHANTI	337	115	17,477
EASTERN	495	127	24,697
BONO	0	0	0
BONO EAST	63	23	4,828
AHAFO	0	0	0
VOLTA	23	38	8,173
OTI	12	9	1,230
NORTHERN	374	43	51,987
GREATER ACCRA	30	4	1,715
UPPER WEST	4	0	334
UPPER EAST	144	9	9,259
NORTH-EAST	0	0	0
SAVANNAH	93	4	3,852
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>139,045</b>

### 3.0 EDUCATION ON CIVIC RELATED ISSUES

#### 3.1. NCCE and NABCO Collaborative Workshop

The National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) and the Nation Builders Corps (NABCO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train **one hundred thousand (100,000)** NABCo trainees across the country on the core values of nation building.

Five (5) core values defining the Ghanaian were selected with reference to national instruments such as the 1992 Constitution, National Pledge, National Anthem and Patriotic songs.

- Integrity – uncompromising adherence to a prescribed or personal code of conduct.
- Patriotism - allegiance and loyalty to one's country
- Discipline - acceptable standards of conduct at any given time.
- Hard Work – diligence and conscientiousness
- Punctuality – promptness and timeliness



The objective of the capacity building programme was for the trainees to imbibe and practice these values and exhibit same as model citizens. Based on the MoU, the NCCE with financial support from NABCO organised “Training of Trainers” workshops for NCCE District Directors, District Coordinators of NABCO, NCCE Regional Programme officers, NABCO Monitors and Regional Coordinators. The workshops ran from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020. The workshops were held in the Eastern, Ashanti and Northern regions.

### 3.2. Sensitisation of Identifiable Groups on ARAP Issues, Phase III

ARAP is a joint anti-corruption initiative between the Government of Ghana (GoG) and the European Union (EU) which integrates the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP) in its design. The objective of ARAP is to promote good governance in Ghana by reducing corruption and improving accountability and compliance with the rule of law. Under ARAP, the NCCE is required to campaign, advocate and lobby for increased accountability and a reduction in corruption in Ghana.

In collaboration with other stakeholders, the Commission continued its sensitisation on the Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme (ARAP) after successful engagements with identifiable groups in 2018 and 2019.

The third phase of engagements was on the theme “**Environmental Governance and COVID-19**”. The engagements sought to sensitise the citizenry on Good Environmental Governance practices necessary to combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, with the aim of empowering citizens to demand greater public accountability in the management of the environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The programme was supported by the European Union (EU) and was undertaken in July, 2020.

During the educational campaigns, the citizens were encouraged to maintain good environmental practices such as appropriate disposal of used Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as nose masks, hand gloves, medical overalls and tissue among others to help contain the spread of the virus.

The issue of child safety with regards to the prevention of children from playing with used PPE was also emphasised. The populace was also encouraged to classify and segregate household and workplace waste since they are all suspected infectious waste according to the Public Health Act, 2012 (Act 851).

Again, the safe transportation and conveyance of public waste with emphasis on the covering of communal and household refuse containers before and during transportation and its disinfection afterwards was also given prominence in the sensitisation campaign.

Furthermore, the public was charged to hold public institutions such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drugs Authority, Ghana Health Service, District Assemblies, Sanitation Officers accountable in the discharge of their public duties since they are directly involved in the maintenance and enforcement of good environmental policies and practices.

Finally, the citizenry were educated on the Food and Drugs Authority's standard for producing locally manufactured nose masks and other locally manufactured PPEs and charged them to demand strict compliance.

Beneficiaries of the engagements included Identifiable Groups such as Faith Based Organizations, Women's and Youth Groups, Persons with disability (PWDs), Artisans among others.

A total of **seven thousand six hundred and one (7,601)** activities were executed.

**Table 1:10 Public Education on Anti-Corruption Rule of Law and Accountability Programme (ARAP) Environmental Governance**

REGION	STAKE-HOLDER MEETINGS	COMMUNITY DURBAR	FOCUS GROUPS DISCUSSION/ FORUM	RADIO/ INFO. CENTER	DUSK / DAWN BROAD- CASTS
CENTRAL	409	24	-	70	72
WESTERN	292	16	-	52	0
EASTERN	40	1,003	25	12	0
BONO	32	52	152	59	0
VOLTA	41	152	255	43	0
NORTHERN	60	87	114	66	0
GREATER ACCRA	2,768	68	46	47	0
ASHANTI	43	43	0	17	0
UPPER WEST	220	11	0	10	0
UPPER EAST	128	34	30	28	0
BONO EAST	32	21	0	60	0
AHAFO	60	18	0	11	0
OTI	45	78	13	79	0
WESTERN NORTH	31	230	0	6	0
NORTH-EAST	229	7	0	14	0
SAVANNAH	7	24	0	15	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,437</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>72</b>

### 3.2.1. Cinema Van Operations on Environmental Governance (ARAP)

Another key pillar under ARAP is good environmental governance. In line with this, the Commission embarked on cinema van shows to raise awareness and inculcate in the citizenry, good environmental practices.

### 3.3. Sensitisation on NIA Mass Registration Exercise

The National Identification Authority (NIA) in the quest to establish a Multipurpose National Database that contains the personal data of every Ghanaian citizen living in Ghana and abroad including all legally and permanently resident Non-Ghanaian Nationals in the country began a Mass Registration exercise across the country. This was a continuation of the exercise which started in 2019.

The National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) was tasked to sensitise the citizenry ahead of the mass registration exercise. The purpose of the sensitisation was to create awareness on the Ghana Card which will in the near future serve as a proof of citizenship of the card holder.

The education also sought to inform the public that the Ghana Card was to consolidate all other cards currently in use. It was thus necessary for all eligible Ghanaians to register and obtain the Ghana Card. It was again meant to raise awareness among the citizenry, especially Ghanaian citizens fifteen (15) years of age and above.

Citizens were educated on the following:

- The NIA, its functions and powers;
- The rationale for the NIA mass registration;
- Qualification of registrants;
- Registration requirements – mandatory, the vouching process, the approved categories of persons allowed to vouch for registrants and the secondary requirements;
- The registration process/steps, registration challenges and processes involved;
- Registration offences and associated sanctions; and
- Importance of the Ghana Card to the holder.

In preparation for the outreach activities, a one-day training was organised for NCCE staff at the regional by the National Identification Authority (NIA) to kick start the mass education towards Ghana Card registration.

During the training, staff were taken through the following subject areas:

- The legal framework of the National Identification Authority;
- Citizenship and communications strategy;
- Technical overview of the Ghana Card;
- Operational steps at the registration center; and
- Overview of the process and call to work.

Activities carried out for the mass education were in diverse forms namely; Community education, visits to faith-based organisations, dawn to dusk broadcasts, use of Radio, TV and Community information centres and markets, lorry parks announcements and education.

In all, **four thousand, five hundred and fifty-three (4,553)** activities were executed successfully in the Central, Eastern, Western North, Ashanti and Western regions in the year under review.

### 3.4. Child Rights and Protection Issues

The year 2020 saw education on provisions as enshrined in the 1992 Constitution (Article 28) and the Children's Act, 1998 (Act 560). During the sensitisation, emphasis was placed on early and forced marriage, defilement, teenage pregnancy, child trafficking, child delinquency, child labour, child neglect and female genital mutilation (FGM), which negatively affect the Ghanaian child. The citizenry were tasked to eliminate violence and harmful practices against children. A total of **six hundred and fifty-six (656)** activities were executed in this regard.

### 3.5. Duties of a Citizen

There were educational campaigns to sensitise the populace on their duties as citizens as stipulated in Article 41 of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana. The citizenry were made to appreciate the fact that the enjoyment of rights and freedoms were inseparable from duties and obligations.

Citizens were enjoined not only to insist on their rights and freedoms but also perform their civic duties such as to work conscientiously in their lawfully chosen occupation, to protect and preserve public property, expose and combat misuse and waste of public funds and property. Others include contribution to the well-being of the community where they live, defending Ghana and rendering national service when necessary, declaring their income honestly to the appropriate and lawful agencies and to satisfy all tax obligations. They were also charged to exercise their franchise in the forth-coming elections since that also constitutes an important civic duty. A total of forty-one (41) activities were successfully executed in selected regions across the country.

## 4.0. DEMOCRACY EDUCATION

Constitution Day, January 7 of every year is commemorated to acknowledge Ghanaians' collective efforts at ensuring that the tenets of democracy, rule of law and principles of constitutionalism are upheld.

Staff of the Commission during the sensitisation tasked the public to strictly adhere to the principles and objectives of the Constitution at all times especially in the lead to the 2020 general election in order to consolidate our democratic gains.

Education on other provisions of the 1992 Constitution such as the Fundamental human rights and freedoms, the Directive Principles of State Policy in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Disability Rights featured prominently.

Activities implemented yielded a total of **thirty-six thousand and seventeen (36,017) activities** were executed, which reached **five million, seventeen thousand nine hundred and ninety-five (5,017,995)**.

**Table 1:11 Democracy Education**

REGION	TOTAL NO. CARRIED OUT	PARTICIPANTS
CENTRAL	474	47,719
EASTERN	11,606	348,180
WESTERN	1,114	80,335
BONO	3,265	132,103
VOLTA	6,856	1,753,072
NORTHERN	3,495	33,766
GREATER ACCRA	3,230	1,501,677
ASHANTI	676	53,404
UPPER WEST	314	15,318
UPPER EAST	453	60,635
BONO EAST	776	21,077
AHAFO	189	7,254
OTI	2,558	867,261
WESTERN NORTH	1,174	66,240
NORTH-EAST	433	17,338
SAVANNAH	262	12,616
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,017</b>	<b>5,017,995</b>

#### 4.1 Secessionist Activities in the Volta Region and the Role of NCCE

Over a period of time, the Volta Region of Ghana in particular has experienced secessionist activities which has generated political interest and discussions nationwide. There is an established secessionist insurgent movement with clear leadership, operating in the Volta Region of Ghana. The activities of the secessionist group created concern and fear especially in the lead up to the 2020 general election.

The NCCE organised special sensitisation activities in the Volta region as part of efforts to curb this national threat. The regional directorate of the Commission used its public education engagements to urge unity, national integration, patriotism among the citizens of the region, especially, the youth. The youth were also educated on the need to defend the Constitution of Ghana at all times underscoring the cardinal point of Ghana being a unitary republic.

As part of the Commission's peace and voter education, the NCCE used the Public Order Act and the Vigilantism and Related Offences Act, as well as, the 1992 Constitution of Ghana to create the necessary awareness across the region alongside peaceful violence-free 2020 general elections.

*Secessionist activities in pictures***5.0 COLLABORATIONS**

There were nationwide collaborations with Faith Based Organisations (FBOs), National Peace Council, CODEO, TV/ Radio Stations, Security Services, Political Parties, Electoral Commission, District Assemblies, CHRAJ among others that provided platforms which aided effective implementation of the Commission's activities geared towards a peaceful election. COVID-19 sensitisation activities were undertaken in collaboration with the Ghana Health Service, Information Services Department, Ghana Medical Association, Ghana Psychological Association, Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs), Media, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other relevant stakeholders involved in the nation's response to the coronavirus pandemic. **A total of eighteen thousand, four hundred and twenty-one (18,421) collaborative activities were undertaken during the year under review.**

**Table 1:12 Partnership / Collaborative Activities**

REGION	NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES	TITLE OF PROGRAMME
CENTRAL	1,885	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ghana Card Mass Registration</li> <li>➤ Awareness creation of polio immunization</li> <li>➤ Education on polio and yellow fever vaccination</li> <li>➤ Tax Education</li> <li>➤ Stakeholders Meeting: Briefing on upcoming Census</li> <li>➤ Child Protection</li> <li>➤ Sensitization of District Oversight Committees</li> <li>➤ Vigilantism.</li> <li>➤ LEAP</li> <li>➤ Adverse effect of bush fires</li> <li>➤ Sanitation and health</li> <li>➤ Child abuse and teenage pregnancy</li> <li>➤ Roles of Parliament, local authorities and participatory governance for community development.</li> <li>➤ Registration/ Screening of Food Venders.</li> <li>➤ Adwumapa project in Child and Gender protection programme in cocoa growing areas.</li> <li>➤ Engagement with 16 Paramount chiefs on vigilantism and other related offences Act 2019 Act,999</li> <li>➤ Activating community watch on Child trafficking in Northern Ghana “Get up speak out” (GUSO).</li> <li>➤ Public education and sensitization with customers of GCB on important National issues with Ghana Commercial Bank.</li> <li>➤ Voter education and peace sensitization for passengers on board the V.I.P bus in collaboration with the VIP Bus Company.</li> </ul>
WESTERN	2,158	
WESTERN-NORTH	606	
EASTERN	6,966	
BONO	152	
BONO-EAST	260	
AHAFO	533	
VOLTA	1,177	
OTI	307	
NORTHERN	120	
GREATER AC-CRA	749	
ASHANTI	332	
UPPER WEST	1,642	
UPPER EAST	457	
NORTH-EAST	606	
SAVANAH	471	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,421</b>	

## **PART VII: RESEARCH, GENDER AND EQUALITY**

The Commission through the Research, Gender and Equality (RG&E) department carries out the research function specified in section 2 (e) of the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) Act, 1993 (Act 452). In line with this, the Commission undertakes social researches on diverse topics including governance and electoral studies, assessment of state institutions, gender and marginalized groups studies among others. The usefulness of the Department's research work is seen in its contribution to the design and development of strategy and content for the Commission's public and civic education activities. In addition to the research function, the Department works to mainstream gender and equality into the activities of the Commission, as well as undertake monitoring and evaluation (M&E) exercises to assess how the Commission is working to achieve its objectives.

In the year 2020, the Commission carried out activities under the 3 thematic areas namely: Research, M&E, and Gender & Equality.

### **1.0 RESEARCH ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

Four (4) research projects undertaken in 2020 were:

- i. Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) under the Community Performance-Based Financing (cPBF) pilot project.
- ii. Survey on Election 2020: Matters of Concern to the Ghanaian Voter
- iii. End-line survey on the Anti-corruption, Rule of law, and Accountability Project (ARAP)
- iv. 2020 General Election Observation

#### **1.1. Community Satisfaction Survey under the Community Performance-Based Financing Pilot project**

The Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) was a collaborative activity between the NCCE and the Ghana Health Service (GHS) under the World Bank funded community Performance-Based Financing (cPBF) pilot project.

The cPBF project sought to incentivize community health providers to increase access and usage of Maternal New-Born Child Healthcare (MNCH) services at the Community Health Planning Services (CHPS) level. The Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) fulfils a key design component of the cPBF pilot project, which sought to ascertain usage and access clients' feedback on satisfaction or otherwise with services received at the CHPS. The GHS and the NCCE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in April 2019 to carry out quarterly CSS from the second quarter of 2019 to the second quarter of 2020.



Due to delays with the release of funds in the first quarter of 2020 coupled with the restrictive measures instituted by Government to curb the spread of COVID-19, activities scheduled for first quarter 2020 were suspended. Therefore, field data for the fourth quarter of 2019 CSS in treatment zones originally scheduled for January 2020 was collected in June 2020.

The report for fourth quarter 2019 CSS in treatment zones were submitted to the GHS together with that of the qualitative study of Community Perceptions on Health Care Provision by CHPS. Facilities and Barriers to Accessing Services in cPBF Project Sites was submitted in August 2020. Primary data for the qualitative study was collected in October 2019.

## **1.2. Election 2020: Survey and launch of research report on Matters of Concern (MoC) to the Ghanaian voter**

Since 2004, the NCCE continues to carry out surveys towards every General Election to ascertain the Matters of Concern (MoC) to the Ghanaian citizen, especially the eligible voter. The 2020 edition is the 5<sup>th</sup> in a row following its successful implementation in 2004 with subsequent reports in 2008, 2012, and 2016.

In addition to exploring issues of concern to the voter, the fifth edition of the survey addressed two additional issues. First, it assessed citizens' assessment of the performance of successive governments in addressing recurring concerns (education, health, and employment) identified in the 2012 and 2016 surveys. The 2020 survey also assessed public awareness of emerging violent trends, use of arms and its contribution to electoral violence.

As part of measures put in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Commission used in- person and virtual channels for the nationwide training of 275 (two hundred and seventy-five) research assistants for field work.

The pre-election survey conducted by the NCCE, identified education, health, and employment as the topmost concerns of Ghanaians that ought to be addressed. The survey, conducted in September 2020, had 21.2% of the respondents from 15 out of the 16 regions, (with the exception of Western Region) mentioning education as their pressing need, which must be prioritised by political parties.

The survey was funded by the Government of Ghana and European Union, with One Ghana Movement supporting the launch of the survey report. The survey examined issues of concern to the Ghanaian voter and perceptions on the performances of previous governments in addressing key developmental issues of the country. The research report was reviewed by independent validators in the persons of Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye (PhD), Chairperson of STAR-Ghana Foundation and Professor Justice Nyigmah Bawole of the Department for Public Administration and Health Services Management, and Dean of the University of Ghana Business School, Legon.

The study found nineteen (19) broad issues respondents wanted to be addressed which included; women and children's needs, youth development, corruption, social services such as sanitation, provision of KVIP and potable water, agriculture and sports.

The rest were roads and infrastructure, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), environment and climate change, social intervention policies, rule of law, peaceful co-existence, and patriotism. At the launch, the findings of the study were presented by Dr. Henrietta Asante-Sarpong, the Director of Research, Gender and Equality department at the NCCE.

Ms. Josephine Nkrumah, Chairman of the NCCE delivering her opening remarks at the launch of the report said "ultimately, democracy is about the welfare of the citizenry and this document actually provides that compass that allows Government to drive interventions that best suit the welfare of Ghanaians." Ambassador Diana Acconcia, the Head of EU Delegation to Ghana, launched the Report and commended the NCCE for the survey and assured it of the EU's support to deliver on its mandate. The launch of the research report was supported by the European Union and One Ghana Movement, a thought leadership and social action non-profit organisation.

Mr. Senyo Hosi, Chief Executive Officer of the Ghana Chamber of Bulk Oil Distributors, in his remarks at the launch said the NCCE as a civic education body played a critical role in nation building, especially during election periods, and thus their adequate funding must be paramount to the State. Speaking at the launch, Mr. Hosi expressed his utmost disappointment in the fact that the Ghanaian institution had been left for foreign development partners to fund their activities, and urged Government to take charge of its own.

"Unfortunately from the budget we have seen and provisions that have been made, there are challenges with the contributions that as a country we have made to the NCCE and I think that must change. We can't have an NCCE that is so underfunded. Funds are not released on time for it to drive the programmes that can shape right the fabric of our society. We cannot sustain our country, we cannot drive and dive our country into a strong citizenry and that is the responsibility of the NCCE. In our cooperate institutions, it is easy for us to support all kinds of programs. We shouldn't be waiting for an AU or any foreign donor to come and fund effectively one of the custodians of the fabric of our society," he said.

*Photo gallery*



Face-to-face training of RAs on the use of the PDAs for data collection for the 2020 MoC to the Ghanaian Voter



RA collecting data from a study participant for the 2020 MoC to the Ghanaian voter



Ms. Joesphine Nkrumah, NCCE Chairman in a media Interview at the launch



Mr. Senyo Hosi C.E.O for the Ghana Chamber of Bulk Oil Distributors at the launch



H. E. Ambassador Diana Aconcia, Head of European Union (EU) Delegation to Ghana launches the report



Professor Justice Bawole, a reviewer at the launch.



Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye, Chairman of the STAR-Ghana Foundation presenting her review Comments of the research report.



Mr. Samuel Asare Akumoaah, NCCE Deputy Chairman, Operations, delivering his remarks at the launch.



Dr. Mrs. Henrietta Asante Sarpong  
Director, Research, Gender and Equality

### 1.3. End-Line Survey on the State of Corruption, Public Accountability and Environmental Governance

As a follow up to the baseline study on the Anti-Corruption, Rule of Law and Accountability Programme (ARAP) in 2017, the Commission carried out an end-line survey on Public Perception on the State of Corruption, Public Accountability and Environmental Governance in Ghana.

As part of preparations for the end line survey, the Commission trained 130 (one hundred and thirty) Research Assistants on the objectives, methodology and interview process to ensure the collection of quality data. The trainings were carried out in smaller groups in order to observe social distancing protocol at workshop sessions organised in Koforidua, Kumasi and Tamale concurrently from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. This facilitated the successful data collection exercise, carried out from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, for analysis.

Results from the study indicated that, there is a high level of awareness and knowledge of the concept of corruption which is similar to the baseline study. Bribery, favoritism

and fraud were specific acts of corruption commonly cited by respondents and majority of them perceived acts of corruption in the country to be high as was found in the baseline study. The provision of essential service by some state institutions was cited by most respondents as the reason for such institutions' susceptibility to acts of corruption.

Comparative to the baseline study, there was a slight decline on the knowledge of respondents about the state institutions established by law to tackle corruption in the country. Close to half (49.0%) of the respondents at end-line knew about such state institution(s) compared to 53.0% at the baseline. The National Commission for Civic Education was rated positive in terms of its performance and educational campaigns on the thematic areas such as anti-corruption, public accountability and environmental governance. The report highlighted the need for further cooperation and collaboration between the Commission and key stakeholders to utilize the findings of the study to consolidate the gains made through the education provided to the citizenry on the aforementioned thematic areas.

### *Photo gallery*



Group picture of Research Assistants at the Training Workshop for data collection.



Research Assistants working in language groups to translate key words and concepts in the data collection instruments into the local dialects at the training workshop for RAs.

### **1.4. 2020 General Election Observation Exercise**

As part of the NCCE's 2020 General Election observation exercise, the Commission created a checklist designed using Google Form Application to cover election processes at various polling stations nationwide and process the data on happenings during the elections. Three (3) links to the Google forms were sent out to staff of the Commission across the country to be used for data collection. The forms were filled and submitted electronically to the Election Observation Centre at the Head Office of the Commission. The data received from the observation exercise were subsequently produced into NCCE's preliminary election observation report. The report captured major and minor incidents at various polling stations. The report showed that, aside from isolated cases of violence that occurred in some polling stations, the 2020 presidential and parliamentary elections were generally peaceful. It recommended that steps be taken to avoid future occurrence of such acts of violence.

## 2.0. MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) ACTIVITIES

During the 2020 working year, two (2) reports for M&E exercises carried out in 2019 were finalized. Three (3) M&E exercises were carried in 2020. Details of these M&E exercises are presented in the next sub-sections.

- i. M&E report on NCCE's public education on the 2019 District Level Elections (DLEs)
- ii. M&E report on Inaugural IPDC meetings
- iii. M&E report on Capacity Building Workshop for District Directors of NCCE
- iv. M&E report on Capacity Building Workshop for selected senior staff of NABCO and NCCE
- v. M&E on NCCE's Awareness Raising Campaign on COVID-19

### 2.1. M&E Report on NCCE's Public Education on the 2019 DLEs and Referendum

The Commission in 2019 carried out nationwide citizens' education and awareness raising campaigns on the District Level Elections (DLEs) which took place on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and a Referendum which was later cancelled. The public education and awareness raising campaign formed part of the Commission's contribution towards the successful implementation of the DLEs and the Referendum. Apart from educating citizens on the DLEs and the Referendum, the campaign sensitised registered voters to participate in the elections.

The data for the assessment was collected in December, 2019 however, the monitoring and evaluation report was finalized in January, 2020. The Commission assessed the implementation and immediate outcome of activities carried out during the awareness raising campaign on the DLEs. The monitoring and evaluation exercise was carried out in all sixteen (16) Regions of Ghana and involved sixty-five (65) Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies (MMDAs); representing 25% of the national total of two hundred and sixty (260) proportionately selected from each region. The monitoring and evaluation exercise was to ascertain citizens' knowledge on the DLEs and the Referendum to amend article 55(3) of the 1992 constitution and to assess the approaches and content of education provided by the NCCE.

The evaluation results showed that, majority of Ghanaians were fully aware of the DLEs and close to 91% knew about the referendum leading to the creation of the new regions in Ghana. Generally, the public awareness of the DLEs and acceptance for the creation of new regions were high.

The result of the evaluation exercise showed that there was diversity in the types of engagements adopted by the Commission in carrying out the education campaigns as monitored in the sixty-five (65) districts. These types of engagements meetings with identifiable groups, community durbars, in-school youth and engagement with faith based organizations. The report showed that the NCCE has done an extensive work through the public sensitization campaigns which culminated in the success of the DLEs.

## 2.2. M&E Report on Inaugural IPDC Meetings

As part of efforts to ensure peace before, during and after the 2020 General Election, the Commission with support from the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) reconstituted the Inter Party Dialogue Committees (IPDCs) in the former ten (10) regions of Ghana. An extra six (6) IPDCs were setup in the 6 newly created regions. In December 2019, Inaugural meetings were held for the Committees in all sixteen (16) regions. However, the Commission monitored and evaluated ten (10) out of the sixteen (16) regional inaugural meetings.

The purpose of the evaluation was to ascertain whether the IPDCs constituted could serve as platforms to promote peace, resolve conflicts and provide strategies aimed at achieving a free, fair and peaceful Presidential and Parliamentary elections in December 2020. The evaluation exercise also assessed the composition of the Committees and knowledge gained by the participants. The evaluation revealed that, the IPDCs were duly constituted. However, few members had reservation about the composition of the Committees citing non-representation of all identifiable groups as reason for their concerns.

Generally, the IPDCs were observed to have had the capacity to resolve conflict, promote peace and act as a unifying body in the December 2020 presidential and parliamentary elections. Overall, participants had gained substantial knowledge on mechanisms towards managing conflicts and election related offences. About 65% of the participants were aware of NCCE as the organizer of the IPDCs inaugural program and almost 78% of them knew UNDP as the sponsor of the program. The evaluation report highlighted the need for future membership composition of the IPDCs to make conscious effort to increase women and youth participation.

## 2.3. Monitoring and Evaluation of Information Sharing and Capacity Building Workshops for District Directors

In January 2020, the Commission with support from the European Union (EU) organized an Information Sharing and Capacity Building Workshops for all NCCE District Directors and selected Regional and Head Office Staffs. The purpose of the workshops was to update the knowledge of the Commission's frontline staff on its mandate.

The workshops therefore provided opportunity for participants to receive refresher knowledge on the principles and objectives of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana and the legal framework of the Commission (Chapter 19 of the 1992 Constitution and the Act 452), its organizational reporting and communication structures.

The workshop was evaluated to assess the organization as well as participants learning and intended application of knowledge acquired. Overall, participants mentioned that the workshop has made them gained more knowledge in relevant areas of civic education. The evaluation revealed that the workshops provided opportunities for the

District Directors of the Commission and other critical staff to apprise themselves with the working tools of the Commission.

The evaluation exercise further revealed that, participants were more willing and committed to share new knowledge gained with other staffs and apply same in the design and delivery of civic education to the citizenry. Additionally, majority of the participants rated the workshop positive in terms of the start and closing time of daily activities, length of interaction and the entire program organization. Further, participants alluded that the workshop presentations were comprehensive and detailed on the subject, and appropriate for civic education as well as for engagements under the ARAP.

#### **2.4. Monitoring and Evaluation of Training of Trainers Workshop for NCCE/ NABCO officers**

The NCCE and Nation Builders Corp (NABCo) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which mandated the Commission to organize Training of Trainers Workshops for NCCE/NABCo staff. The purpose of the training was to equip core staff of NCCE/ NABCo with knowledge and skills on Nationalism, Ghanaian Values, Global Citizenship Education, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Peace Building and nation-building, to enable them to also train the 100,000 NABCo recruits in the two hundred and sixty (260) MMDAs across Ghana. There was an end-of-activity evaluation requesting all participants to complete an evaluation form. The monitoring and evaluation report showed that, the workshop has achieved its intended objective of inculcating in the trainees Ghanaian values for nation building, and the principles and objectives of the 1992 constitution of Ghana. Participants indicated that, the knowledge acquired by them would enhance their civic education engagements in their offices and communities and help them in upholding the core values of the nation such as punctuality, nationalism, discipline and hard work. Overall, most of the participants rated the workshop positive in terms of the start and closing time of daily activities, length of interaction and the entire program organization. Finally, the evaluation revealed that, the presentations at the workshop were comprehensive and provide detailed information on the subjects, and appropriate for civic education as well as for the NABCo trainees.

#### **2.5. Monitoring and Evaluation of Awareness Raising Campaign on COVID-19**

As part of the implementation of the NCCE's Awareness Raising Campaign on COVID-19 in June 2020, an M&E exercise was undertaken to ascertain adherence to the implementation strategy and assessed its immediate outcome. The M&E exercise was carried out in fifty-two (52) MMDAs selected from all sixteen (16) regions of Ghana representing 20% of the total number of MMDAs. The exercise also covered activities carried out by all regional offices. Primary data collection for the M&E exercise was undertaken by staff of the Research, Gender and Equality department from 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.



The survey evaluated public's knowledge, awareness of measures and directives put forward by the government in response to the pandemic, public attitudes towards COVID-19 infected or recovered persons, the content of the information provided by the NCCE on COVID-19 and the general public's understanding and appreciation of the education content, and assessed the education strategies adopted by the Commission in carrying out its awareness-raising campaign.

Generally, the public knowledge about the COVID-19 was high and majority (98%) of the respondents attributed the improved public knowledge to the NCCE's educational campaigns about the pandemic. On the whole, participants demonstrated an impressive knowledge of COVID-19 and government directives on combating it but the adherence to the safety protocols by the general public was less impressive. The monitoring and evaluation revealed that, the Commission's educational campaigns included broadcast by vehicles mounted with public address systems, engagement with identifiable groups and with worshippers at places of worship among others.

## PART VIII: HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Administration department of the NCCE has oversight of the Human Resource, Transport, Estates and Records Units of the Commission's offices across the country. The department provides support to all the frontline Departments as well as the Regional and District Offices.

### 1.0 HUMAN RESOURCE

#### 1.1. Staff Strength

The Commission in 2020 had staff strength of 1,517, which is an improvement of 240 over 2019 figures. In spite of this appreciable increase, the number still falls below the Manpower Ceiling of 1,767 allotted the Commission by the Head of Civil Service in 2007.

The current ceiling was given to the Commission at a time the population of Ghana was approximately 22 million. The country at the time was divided into 10 regions and 173 districts. In 2020 the population had risen to approximately 30 million with 6 new regions created and a total of 263 districts. This situation requires a review of the 2007 ceiling to reflect current realities.

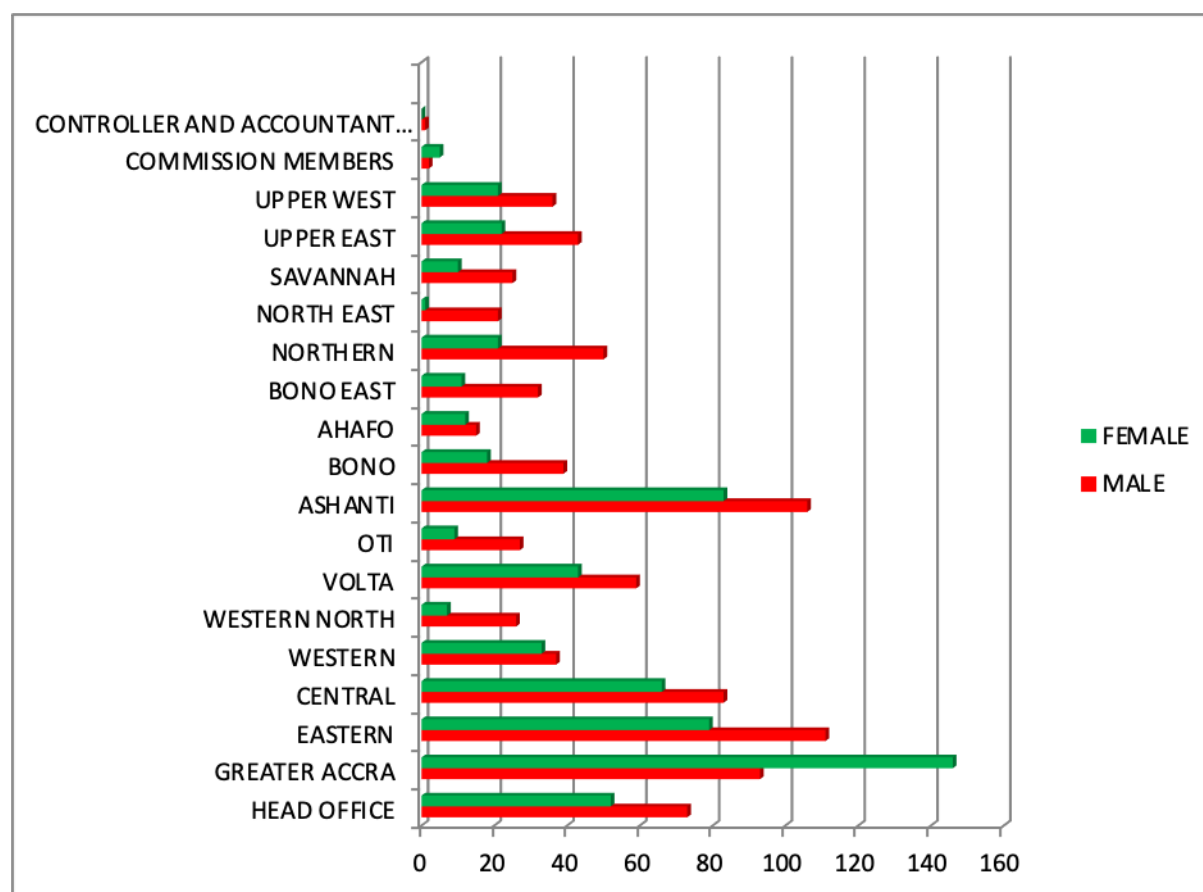
With the increase in the incidence of novel situations in the public domain, necessitating the intensification of civic education, as happened with the outbreak of Covid-19 and the Secessionist uprising in the Volta region among others, it is imperative that the Commission has adequate number of staff to effectively carry out its mandate. An analysis of the Regional distribution of staff as depicted in the diagram below, reveals huge manpower deficits in all 6 new regions as well as Western, Bono and Northern regions.

**Table 1:1 Staff Distribution across the Regions**

N0.	OFFICE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1	HEAD OFFICE	73	52	125
2	GREATER ACCRA	93	146	239
3	EASTERN	111	79	190
4	CENTRAL	83	66	149
5	WESTERN	37	33	70
6	WESTERN NORTH	26	7	33
7	VOLTA	59	43	102

8	OTI	27	9	36
9	ASHANTI	106	83	189
10	BONO	39	18	57
11	AHAFO	15	12	27
12	BONO EAST	32	11	43
13	NORTHERN	50	21	71
14	NORTH EAST	21	1	22
15	SAVANNAH	25	10	35
16	UPPER EAST	43	22	65
17	UPPER WEST	36	21	57
18	COMMISSION MEMBERS	2	5	7
19	CONTROLLER AND ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT STAFF (CAGD) ON SECONDMENT	0	0	1
	<b>GRANDTOTAL</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1518</b>

**Figure 1. Staff distribution across the country**



### 1.1.2. Staff Attrition

The Commission lost sixty (60) employees in year 2020. Reasons for these are listed in the table below:

**Table 1:2**

S/N	CAUSE	NO.
1.	Compulsory Retirement	45
2.	Voluntary Retirement	1
3.	Resignation	4
4.	Dismissal	1
5.	Death	9
	Total	60

At current levels of operation, the Commission requires at the barest minimum 2,440 staff for optimum performance. This figure translates into an average of 8 at district and sub –district levels, 15 at the regional levels and 150 at the Head office.

The Commission further needs to strengthen its Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Unit for better reporting outcomes to Parliament and as a result needs to hire specialised skill currently unavailable in-house.

In addition to the M&E Unit, the Commission has begun the process of creating a Department for Human Resource, presently a Unit under Administration, due to its size and in line with best practices. These processes would require an expansion in our Manpower size.

The Public Services Commission would be engaged in 2021 for an expansion in our ceiling and we would require Parliament's support in that bid.

## 1.2 Manpower Development

In order to ensure that members of staff are equipped with the requisite knowledge and skill set required for effective civic education delivery, 640 employees including 240 new ones were taken through various forms of training.

### 1.2.1 Anti-Corruption, Rule of Law and Accountability Programme (ARAP).

The objectives of this training were to:

- To deepen the capacities of District Directors and beneficiary Staff to effectively spearhead planning, implementation and reporting of ARAP and related actions.
- To provide participants with a set of tools and resources that will enable them to transfer the knowledge acquired to the rest of their team in their respective districts.

The National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) is a key implementing partner of ARAP. The overall objective of ARAP is ***to promote good governance in Ghana by reducing corruption and improving accountability and compliance with the rule of law.***

The Programme, which is supported by the European Union (EU) requires that the Commission, through its civic education mandate undertakes nationwide campaigns, advocate and lobby for increased accountability and a reduction in corruption.

The Information Sharing Sessions covered 400 Staff nationwide. The overall impact of the capacity building initiative is to have a selected group of NCCE staff across the country endowed with the foundations of anti-corruption theory and practice. This will ultimately enable NCCE to have more informed engagements with Ghanaian citizens.

### 1.2.2. New Employee Training

The Commission received clearance from the Ministry of Finance to recruit 240 new employees. In order to ensure they are adequately prepared to carry out work effectively, the new members of staff were taken through training. Funding support was from the European Union Grant to the Commission.

### 1.2.3. Field Staff

Training programmes for 220 Field Staff were held in 5 batches from 11<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. The thrust was to equip them with knowledge of the 1992 Constitution as well as the Commission's Civic Education Handbook and Manual, which are the key tools of work.

Specific Content included:

- Constitutional history of Ghana
- Constitutional Provisions
- Community Entry Skills
- Civic Education Delivery
- Social Marketing Concepts
- Adult Learning Principles
- The Collective Agreement of NCCE

### 1.2.4. Driver Training

The Commission recruited 20 new drivers in 2020 after it acquired new vehicles. The main objective of this training was to ensure the availability of well qualified crop of drivers, imbued with Commission values, who would ensure a well maintained fleet as well as contribute to the achievement of the Commission's mandate.

The Training was held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020 for the newly employed drivers. Training content included the following:

- Organisational Knowledge (Mission, Vision, Values and functions of the NCCE)
- High Way Code
- Defensive Driving
- Communication & Customer Care
- Fire Fighting Management
- First Aid
- Tyres Management

### 1.2.5 The Ghana Psychological Association and NCCE Collaboration

The Association organised a training event for NCCE Line, Regional and District Directors on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Resource Persons were Dr. Collins Agyeman, Dr. Wiafe Akenteng and Dr. Acquah Coleman.

The virtual training had the objective of building the capacity of NCCE staff to sensitise the public on COVID-19 to mitigate its spread in the country and to curb stigmatisation of recovered patients.

The five (5) key areas of the presentations were:

- Understanding COVID-19
- Facts and Myths about COVID-19
- Stigmatisation of COVID-19 patients
- Work and COVID -19
- Psychological Impact of COVID-19.

### 1.2.6 Annual Review Meeting

The annual end-of-year review meeting for Management was held at Rosapearl Hotel, Kumasi from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.

The forum afforded Management the opportunity to review its activities and strategies for 2020, plan for the ensuing year as well as equip Managers with the requisite tools to administer their respective jurisdictions. It was attended by the Chairman, two Deputy Chairmen, Commission Members, Line Directors, Regional Directors and Deputy Directors.

Line and Regional Directors reported on their activities for the year, shared their successes, challenges and projections for the ensuing year.

The theme for the Commission's public education direction for 2021 'We are One, Ghana First' was adopted at the forum.

## 2.0 ESTATES

During the year under review, the Commission operated from 279 offices nationwide.

In order to reduce its rent burden, the Commission encourages its officers to endeavour to secure accommodation in the premises of the various Regional Coordinating Councils, Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies. As a result, out of the 279 offices occupied by the Commission, only 20 are rented.

During the year under review, the following institutions provided space for the following offices:

- Kade - Kwaebibirem Municipal Assembly
- Winneba - Ghana Water Company
- Kpone - Kpone Katamanso Municipal Assembly (Zonal Council offices at Michel Camp, Zenu and Oyibi)
- Adaklu - Adaklu Municipal Assembly

### 2.1. State of Offices

Lack of adequate working space is a major issue for the Commission. The Head Office shares offices with the Electoral Commission and occupies only 12 rooms in the Complex. Staff of the Administration, Finance, Communications and Corporate Affairs Departments as well as Audit Unit numbering over fifty (50), share cramped spaces with serious health implications especially in a COVID-19 era.

Across the regions and districts, most of the offices are in various states of disrepair. The Commission has adopted a strategy of renovating a specified number of offices each year, as its budget would permit.

In view of this, three (3) offices, namely Effutu, Ajumako and the North East Regional offices were refurbished in the year under review. Pictures depicting the state of the offices prior to and after repairs are below.

Overseas Company Ltd, a cold storage company in Tema West, refurbished 2 rooms allocated to the office in the district by the Assembly.

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*Photo Gallery of Refurbished Offices*



- NCCE North East Regional offices before renovation





- NCCE North East Regional offices after renovation



- Ajumako District office before renovation



- Ajumako District office after renovation



- Effutu District office before renovation



- Effutu District office after renovation



## 2.1. Logistics Acquisition

In 2020, the Commission acquired the following office equipment with funding from Government of Ghana.

**Table 1:3**

ITEMS	NUMBER PROCURED
Office Desks	64
Office Chairs	62
Steel Cabinet	87
Air Conditioners	16
Laptops	16
Printers	82
UPS	87
Desktop Computers	76
Photocopiers	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>499</b>

## 2.2 Donations Received

The Commission also received substantial donations from Government and other public and private institutions for its COVID-19 education. The Institutions and their donations are as follows:

### 2.2.1 COVID-19 National Trust Fund

- Specialised Laptops - 2
- Regular Laptops - 12
- Vehicle Mount P.A System - 60
- Megaphones - 100

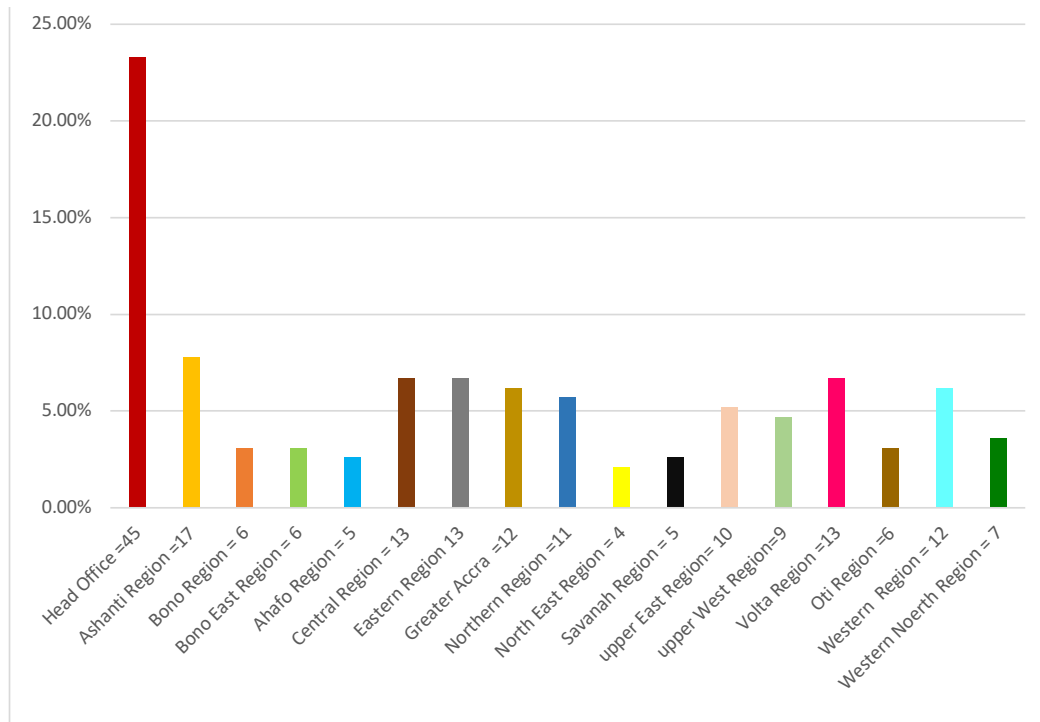
### 2.2.2 Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) Donations

- Presidency (through the Ministry Of Health)
- Church Of Pentecost
- Yinson Company
- CAMFED
- Donated Items
  - Nose Masks - 16,700pcs
  - Face Shields - 1,000pcs
  - Tissue - 500 pcs
  - Tissue (Table) - 90pkts
  - Gloves - 10,000pcs
  - Cocoa Powder - 432pcs
  - Thermometer Gun - 20pcs
  - Sanitizer & Rubbing Alcohol
  - Liquid Soap

### 3.0 TRANSPORT

The Transport Unit is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Commission’s vehicular fleet of 193 cars and 54 motor bicycles in 2020. Regional car distribution is depicted in the chart below:

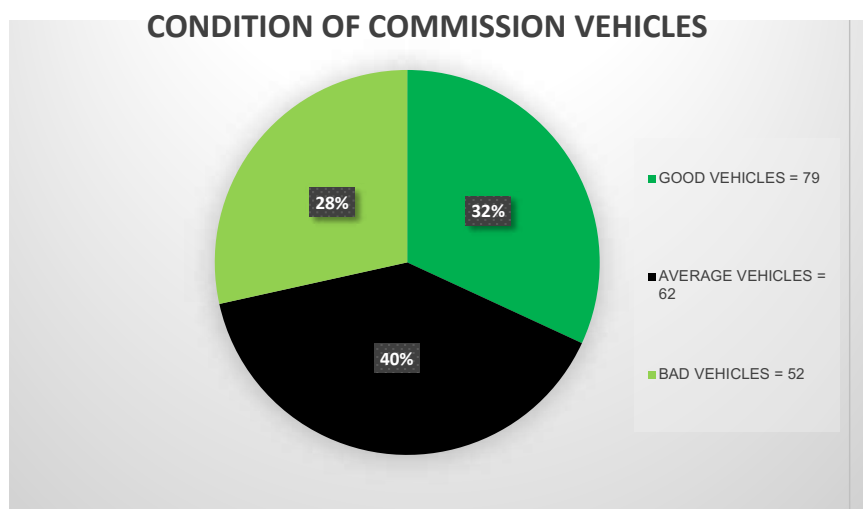
**Figure 2.**



### 3.1. Condition Commission Fleet

The state of the Commission’s fleet is depicted in the diagram below:

**Figure 3.**



**Table 1:4 Vehicle Acquisition / Donation 2020**

The Commission received funding to purchase fifty-three (53) vehicles to augment its fleet. Details of purchase and beneficiaries are as follows:

TYPE	QUANTITY	FUNDING SOURCE	END USERS
Nissan Pick-Up	10	COVID-19 Trust Fund	Regional Offices
Nissan Patrol V8	1	COVID-19 Trust Fund	Chairman
Toyota Land cruiser V8	2	GoG	Deputy Chairmen (Finance & Administration / Operations)
Nissan Pick Up	34	GoG	District Offices
Mitsubishi Pajaro Sports	6	GoG	Line Directors

### 3.2. Justification for Distribution

- The chairman hitherto the purchase was using an 8 year old vehicle that was previously used by her predecessor and was constantly breaking down.
- The Deputy Chairmen did not have official vehicles and were using European Union Project vehicles.
- The Commission Secretary and 5 Line Directors were also previously using 8 -year old Mitsubishi Pick-Ups that had major mechanical challenges.

### 3.3. Presidential Support

At the peak of Covid-19 infection in 2020, the Presidency released 50 Isuzu vehicles to support the Commission's sensitization efforts. This intervention was significant to the successes chalked in the education of Covid-19 and other education activities carried out by beneficiary district offices.

Twenty-five (25) of the vehicles have since been withdrawn by the Presidency for other state assignments.

### 3.4. Unserviceable Vehicles

The Chief of Staff gave the Commission approval to dispose of 76 unserviceable cars and 47 motor cycles. Out of this figure, 24 cars were actually disposed off and 52 retained to enable respective offices undertake sensitization on Covid-19, 2020 General Election and other planned activities.

## PART IX: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

### INTRODUCTION

The National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) is an independent governance institution who receives its subvention from the Government of Ghana (GoG) for its operational activities. As a public institution, the Commission operates under the budget system based on the Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) with the objective of ensuring proper Financial Management. The Commission prepares its Financial Statements in compliance with the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921).

In fulfilling the Commission's mandate, the Finance Department which provides support services ensures improvement in resource mobilization, financial management and reporting, warehousing and distribution of logistical needs and educational materials nationwide for effective civic education delivery.

The department comprises finance, accounts, treasury and stores at the Head Office, sixteen operational regional offices headed by ten regional accountants who also oversees the financial administration in the two hundred and sixty Metropolitan, Municipal and District Offices.

### OPERATIONS

The Commission in the year under review submitted an operational budget of GH¢101,943,190.00 which comprises Goods and Services GH¢34,568,150.00 and Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) GH¢67,375,040.00 for effective civic education delivery in accordance with its mandate. However, a total of GH¢18,062,627.00 was approved; Goods and services GH¢ 17,062,627.00 and CAPEX GH¢1,000,000.00 with adverse variance of GH¢83,880,563.00.

Appropriation for the year under review is tabulated below:

S/NO.	ITEM	AMOUNT GHC
1	Compensation of Employees	53,641,043.00
2	Goods and Services	17,016,420.00
	Goods and Services-DP(MoF)	46,207.00
3	Capital Expenditure	1,000,000.00
	<b>Total GoG</b>	<b>71,703,670.00</b>
4	Potential Partners (Corporate)	2,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>73,703,670.00</b>

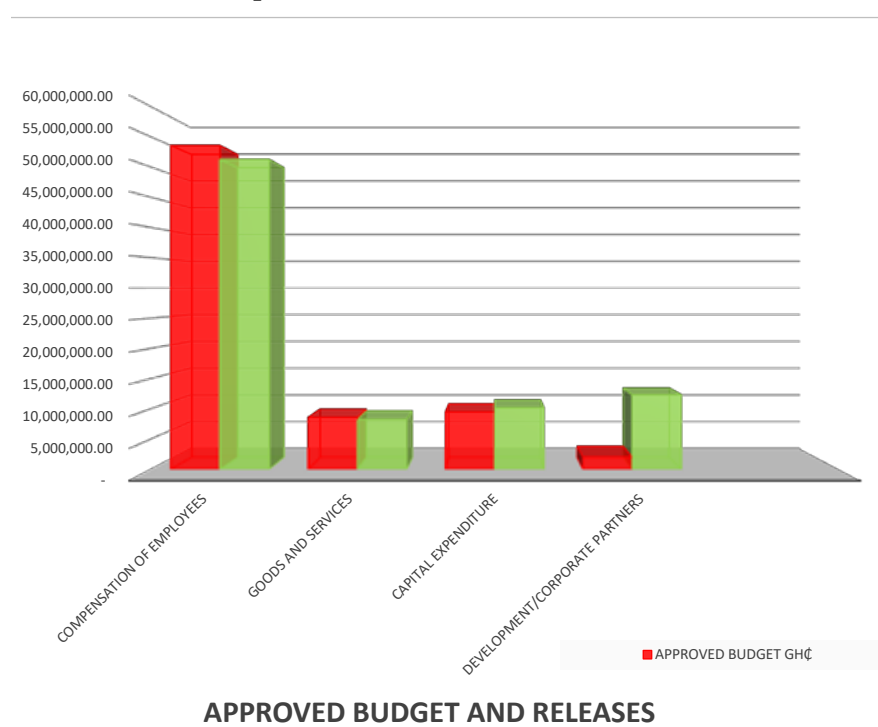
A request for virement was sought from Goods and services to procure capital expenditure items for the 2020 general elections sensitization and the Ministry of Finance granted such approval. The budget was realigned as Goods and Services GH¢8,579,802.30 and Capital Expenditure of GH¢9,482,824.70.

Due to the limited funding from Government of Ghana and the need for the Commission to be relevant and deliver on its mandate as enshrined in the 1992 Constitution, the Commission partnered with both International and Corporate Institutions in its service delivery.

Summary of approved budget and actual releases from Government of Ghana and Development Partners are shown below:

S/NO.	ITEM	APPROVED	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	%
		BUDGET	RELEASES	GHC	
		GHC	GHC	GHC	
1	Compensation of Employees	53,641,043.00	51,322,577.02	(2,318,465.98)	95.7
2	Goods and Services	8,579,802.30	8,234,208.52	(345,593.78)	96.0
3	Capital Expenditure	9,482,824.70	10,166,445.96	683,621.26	107.2
<b>Total GoG</b>		<b>71,703,670.00</b>	<b>69,723,231.51</b>	<b>(1,980,438.49)</b>	<b>97.2</b>
4	Development/ Corporate Partners	2,000,000.00	12,322,619.44	10,322,619.44	616.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>73,703,670.00</b>	<b>82,045,850.95</b>	<b>8,360,282.95</b>	<b>111.3</b>

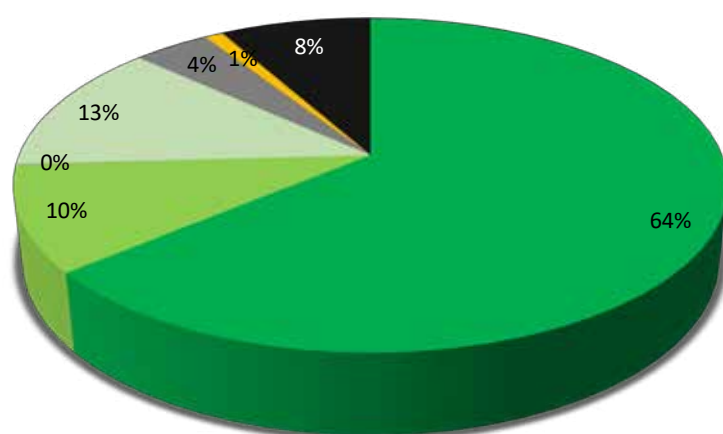
Actual amount released under CAPEX exceeded the approved budget by GH¢711,736.24 due to 2019 CAPEX arrears paid in 2020.



**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31 2020**

ITEM	BUDGET GHC	ACTUAL GHC
<b>Revenue</b>		
Compensation of Employees	53,641,043.00	51,322,577.02
Goods and Services	8,533,595.30	8,188,001.52
Goods and Services-DP(MoF)	46,207.00	46,207.00
Capital Expenditure	9,482,824.70	10,166,445.96
<b>Development Partners</b>		
European Union (Violent Extremism)	-	5,434,990.14
Corporate Partners	2,000,000.00	6,887,629.30
<b>Other Income</b>	-	18,102.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>73,703,670.00</b>	<b>82,063,952.94</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Compensation of Employees	53,641,043.00	51,322,577.02
Goods and Services	8,533,595.30	8,188,001.52
Development Partners (MoF)	46,207.00	46,207.00
Capital Expenditure	9,482,824.70	10,166,445.96
<b>Development Partners:</b>		
European Union (ARAP)	-	3,310,719.47
European Union (Violent Extremism)	-	787,530.58
Corporate Partners	2,000,000.00	6,523,301.69
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>73,703,670.00</b>	<b>80,344,783.25</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>1,719,169.69</b>

### Expenditure by Item



- Compensation of Employees
- Goods and Services
- Development Partners (MoF)
- Capital Expenditure
- European Union (ARAP)
- European Union (Violent Extremism)
- Corporate Partners



## DONOR SUPPORT

The Commission collaborated with the European Union and Corporate Institutions in its service delivery. Activities supported are: National Identification Card Registration, Social Auditing, Community Performance - Based Financing, Coronavirus Education, Voter Registration, Education on 2020 General Elections, Post-Election Activities and Violent Extremism.

## OTHER INCOME

Other Income received were rent receipt from staff.

### Breakdown of Development and Corporate Partners

DETAILS	AMOUNT GHC
<b>HEAD OFFICE</b>	
European Union	5,434,990.14
One Ghana Movement	25,850.00
Ghana Health Service	114,754.00
National Identification Authority	228,100.00
NABCO	1,196,400.00
Covid -19 National Trust Fund	2,500,000.00
Covid -19 Private Sector fund	99,960.00
Ministry of Health	2,517,000.00
Oxfam Ghana	100,009.00
Camfed Association	5,000.00
Ghana School of Law 1993	10,000.00
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company Ghana Ltd.	10,000.00
UNESCO	20,314.00
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>	
AGI (B. Foster Bakery)	5,000.00
New Juaben South Municipal Assembly	400.00
Fanteakwa South District Assembly	600.00
Kwahu South District Assembly	3,310.00
<b>AHAFO REGION</b>	
Asutifi South District Assembly	1,000.00
Regional Coordinating Council	7,411.80

Tano North District Assembly	1,500.00
<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>	
NORSAAC (NGO)	4,000.00
<b>VOLTA REGION</b>	
Plan Int. Ghana	10,000.00
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>	
Ghana Revenue Authority (Nzema East)	300.00
Ahanta West Municipal Assembly	500.00
Effia Kwasi Mintim Mun Assembly	1,000.00
<b>ASHANTI REGION</b>	
Water & Sanitation for Urban Poor (WSUP)	27,115.20
Compassion Group-Abenase CAC –CDC (Ejuso Mun)	1,550.00
Kwaso COP – CDC (Ejuso Mun)	1,568.00
Caritas Ghana (Asokore Mampong)	840.00
Asante Akim North Assembly-Agogo	840.00
Offinso Municipal Assembly	500.00
<b>BONO REGION</b>	
Banda District Assembly	2,000.00
Brekum Municipal Assembly	600.00
Domaa Central Municipal Assembly	1,850.00
Takyi Enterprise (Wenchi)	300.00
Jaman South District Assembly	400.00
<b>UPPER EAST REGION</b>	
Ghana Medical Association (Kasena Nankana Mun)	500.00
Ghana Medical Association (Kasena Nankana West)	500.00
Ghana Health Service (Garu)	200.00
<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>	
Caritas Cape Coast	1,900.00
Abura Dunkwa District Assembly	200.00
<b>UPPER WEST REGION</b>	
Community Water and Sanitation Agency Sisala East	100.00

**COVID-19 DONATIONS IN KIND  
NATIONAL LEVEL**

<b>HEADOFFICE</b>		
<b>MINISTRY OF HEALTH</b>	<b>CAMFED</b>	<b>YINSON</b>
10,000 Pcs Nose Mask (Reusable) 20 Pcs Thermometer Gun 432 Btl Cocoa Powder 90 Pkt Tissue 40 Gals Hand Sanitizer 40 Gal Rubbing Alcohol 10,000 Pcs Hand Gloves	144 Btl Sanitizer 180 Pcs Tissue Paper 300 Pcs Nose Mask (Reusable) 480 Btl Liquid Soap	6,000 Pcs Nose Mask (Disposable)

<b>OTI</b>				<b>EASTERN</b>				<b>ASHANTI</b>																			
<b>WORLD VISION (KADJEBI)</b>	150 Pcs Face Mask	<b>KRACHI NCHUMURU DIST ASSEMBLY</b>	30 Pcs Face Masks	<b>BLAKOYE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	18 Pcs Face Mask 1 Pc Liquid Soap	<b>ELECTORAL COMMISSION (BLAKOYE)</b>	20 Gal Liquid Soap 2 Pcs Tissue Paper	<b>WORLD VISION (NKWANITA SOUTH)</b>	200 Hand Glove 1 Pc Sanitizer	<b>AKUAPEM SOUTH MUN ASSEMBLY</b>	210 Pcs Face Mask 7 Pcs Face Shield 96 Pcs Hand Sanitizer	<b>OBUASI MUN ASSEMBLY</b>	24 Pcs Hand Sanitizer 24 Pcs Face Mask (Reusable)	<b>ASOKWA MUN ASSEMBLY</b>	10 Pcs Nose Mask 10 Pcs Hand sanitizer	<b>BOSOME FREHO ASSEMBLY</b>	1 Pc Megaphone	<b>BOSOMTWE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	48 Pcs Hand Sanitizer 40 Pcs Face Mask	<b>MAMPONG MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY</b>	24 Pcs Adonko Hand sanitizer	<b>ASANTE AKIM SOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>	44.94 Ltr Fuel 4 Btl Angel Hand sanitizer 4 Pcs Face Mask	<b>ATWIMA KWANHOMA ASSEMBLY</b>	48 Pcs Hand Sanitizer 20 Pcs Face mask	<b>ASANTE AKIM CENTRAL MUN ASS</b>	44.94 Ltr Fuel

WESTERN		OTI			
VIVO ENERGY	640 Ltr Fuel				
ABOADZE LIONS CLUB ENCLAV	110 Ltr Fuel				
WASSA EAST ASSEMBLY	2PcsVeronica Bucket				
TARKWA NSUA/EM ASSEMBLY	100 Btls Sanitizer 50 Pcs Face Mzask (Reusable) 45 Ltrs Fuel				
SHAMA ASSEMBLY	100 Pcs Face Mask 1 Pc Veronica Bucket 1 Btl Liquid Soap				
ESIKADO KETAN MUN ASSEMBLY	112.36 Ltr Fuel				
WASSA AMENFI EAST ASSEMBLY	120 Pcs Face Mask (Reusable) 58 Btl Hand Sanitizer 2 Btl Liquid Soap				
SECONDI TAKORADI METRO	50 Pcs Face Masks 350 Btl Hand Sanitizer4 Pcs Veronica Bucket 200 Ltr Fuel				
WASSA AMENFI CENTRAL	44.94 Ltr Fuel				
WASSA AMENFI WEST	67.42 Ltr Fuel				
KRACHI WEST DIST ASSEMBLY	10 Pcs Nose mask 10 Pcs Hand Sanitizer				
JASHIKAN DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	25Pcs Nose Mask25 Pcs Hand Sanitizer				
KRACHI EAST MUN ASSEMBLY	25 Pcs Nose Masks 25 Btl Sanitizer				
NKWANTA NORTH DIST ASSEMBLY	30 Pcs Face Mask 25 Pcs Hand Sanitizer 1 Pc Veronica Bucket				

<b>ASHANTI</b>		<b>BONO</b>					<b>UPPER EAST</b>			
SEKYRE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY	SEKYRE EAST DIST ASSEMBLY	BANDA DIST ASSEMBLY	DORMA EAST DIST ASSEMBLY	DORMA WEST ASSEMBLY	JAMAN SOUTH ASSEMBLY	TAIN ASSEMBLY	NABDAM DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	COMMUNITY DEVT DEP (NABDAM)	BOLGATANGA MUN ASSEMBLY	OXFAM (BOLGA)
24 Btl Hand Sanitizer	6 Btl Hand Sanitizer	1 Pc Tissue	500 Pcs Face Mask	12 Pcs Face Mask	1 Pc Dust Bin	3 Pcs Face Mask	400 Pcs Face Mask (reusable)	22.5 Ltr Fuel	1 Pc Veronica Bucket	1 Pc Megaphone
9 Face Mask	10 Pcs Face Mask	24 Btl Hand Sanitizer	5 Pcs Tissue	1 Pc Veronica Bucket	2 Pcs Veronica Bucket	1 Roll Tissue	78 Btl Adonko Hand Sanitizer	89.49 Ltr Fuel		
			100 Btl Hand Sanitizer	3 Btl Hand Sanitizer		1 Pc Megaphone				
			2 Pcs Dust Bin (Big Size)							
			1 Pc Veronica Bucket							
			1 Pc Megaphone							
			1 Gal Rubbing Alcohol							
			2 Btl Liquid Soap							

<b>UPPER EAST</b>									
GHANA HEALTH SERVICE (BOLGA)	44.94 Ltr Fuel								
BAWKU WEST DIST ASSEMBLY	64.04 Ltr Fuel	1 Pc Megaphone							
BINDURI DIST ASSEMBLY	3 Pcs Face Mask	3 Btl Hand Sanitizer							
GHANA HEALTH SERVICE (BINDURI)	49.14 Ltr Fuel								
TEMPANE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	100 Pcs Face Mask	100 Btl Sanitizer	67.42 Lit Fuel						
GHANA HEALTH SERVICE (BUILSA SOUTH)	157.30 Lit Fuel								
BOLGA-EAST DIST ASSEMBLY	1 Gal Hand Sanitizer								
KASENA NANKANA MUN ASSEMBLY	1 Pc Megaphone	100 Face Mask	1 Pc 1 Pc Veronica Bucket	1 Lit Liquid Soap					
BUILSA NORTH DIST ASSEMBLY	1 Pc Car Battery		1 Pc Car Starter	22.47 Lit Fuel					
BONGO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	1 Pc Veronica Bucket & Stand	2 Gal Liquid Soap	2 Gal Hand Sanitizer	24 Btl Hand Sanitizer	16 Pcs Face Mask	1 Pc Washing Bowl	2 Pcs Megaphone		
GHANA HEALTH SERVICE (BONGO DIST)	45 Lit Fuel								

UPPER EAST			NORTH EAST						GREATER ACCRA	
KASENA NANKANA WEST DIST ASS	BAWKU MUN ASSEMBLY	TALENSI DIST ASSEMBLY	CHERIPONI DIST ASSEMBLY	GHANA HEALTH SERVICE (CHERIPONI)	MAMPRUGU MOAGDURI DIST ASS	WEST MAMPRUSI MUN ASSEMBLY	GHANA HEALTH SERVICE (WALEWALE)	YUNYOO/NASUAN DIST ASSEMBLY	ABLEKUMA CENTRAL ASSEMBLY	ABLEKUMA NORTH ASSEMBLY
1 Pc Megaphone 5 Btl Hand Sanitizer 10 Pcs Face Mask	36 Pcs Face Mask 3 Gals Hand Sanitizer 12 Rolls Tissue paper 45 Gals Fuel	1 Pc Veronica Bucket 10 Pcs Face Mask 2 Btl Hand Sanitizer	1 Pc Veronica Bucket 10 Pcs Face Mask 1 Roll Paper Towel	1 Lit Hand Sanitizer	1 Btl Sanitizer 12 Pcs Face Mask	1 Pc Veronica Bucket 2 Lit Sanitizer	20 Pcs Face Mask	2 Boxes Face Mask 2 Boxes Hand Gloves 2 Rolls Tissue 2 Lit Hand Sanitizer	7 Pc Face Mask 1 Pc Veronica Bucket 1 Pc Washing Bowl 0.5 Gal Sanitizer 2 Btl Liquid Soap 2 Rolls Tissue Paper	5 Pcs Face Mask 1 Btl Sanitizer

<b>GREATER ACCRA</b>								
<b>ADA EAST ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>ADENTAN ZONAL COUNCIL</b>	<b>AYAWASO NORTH ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>GA WEST MUN ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>KPONE KATAMANSO ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>LADADEKOTOPON ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE OF PSWU OF TUC</b>	<b>BENAB OIL</b>	<b>ATC GHANA</b>
117 Lit Fuel	1 Btl Hand Sanitizer	1 Pc Face Mask	67.5 Lit Fuel	1 Lit Cooking Oil	2 Btl Hand Sanitizer	192 Btl Sanitizer	2,247.19 Lit Fuel	75 Btl Sanitizer
6 Pes Face masks	2 Crates Egg			5 Kg Rice	2 Btl Liquid soap	78 Rolls Tissue		10 Pes Veronica Bucket
1 Pc Veronica Bucket					1 Cr Eggs	200 Pes Face Mask		100 Rolls Hand Tissue
3 Rolls Tissue						50 Pes Liquid Soap		100 Gal Liquid Soap
								100 Pes Face Mask



<b>UPPER WEST</b>	
<b>WA MUN ASSEMBLY</b>	40 Gal Fuel
<b>SISALA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	30 Gal Fuel 2 Lit Hand Sanitizer 3 Rolls Tissue Paper 1 Btl Liquid Soap
<b>SISALA EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY</b>	20 Gal Fuel
<b>GHANA HEATH SERVICE (SISALA EAST)</b>	20 Gal Fuel
<b>AFRIKIDS GHANA (SISALA EAST)</b>	40 Gal Fuel
<b>LAWRA MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY</b>	15 Gal Fuel
<b>MUNICIPAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT TEAM (LAWRA)</b>	14 Gal Fuel
<b>DAFFIAM BUSSIE ISSA DIST ASSEMBLY</b>	10 Gal Fuel
<b>JIRAPA MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY</b>	40 Gal Fuel
<b>NADOWLI KALEO DIST ASSEMBLY</b>	40 Gal Fuel 2 Btl Liquid Soap 1 Pc Water Container 1 Gal Hand Sanitizer 6 Rolls Tissue Paper
<b>NANDOM MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY</b>	1 Btl Hand Sanitizer 1 Btl Liquid Soap 1 Pc Veronica Bucket (Big Size)

<b>CENTRAL</b>	
<b>REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL</b>	4.5 Lit Hand Sanitizer 14 Btl Pocket size Hand sanitizer
<b>GOMOA WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	25 Lit Fuel 14 Pes Nose mask 14 Btl Hand sanitizer 1 Pc Veronica bucket with stand 1 Roll Tissue Paper 1 Gal Liquid soap
<b>ASSIN FOSU MUN ASSEMBLY</b>	8 Pes Face mask 1 Btl Sanitizer
<b>SOLIDARIDAD WEST AFRICA</b>	140 Pes Reusable face Mask
<b>INTERVENTION FORUM</b>	100 Btl Hand sanitizer 100 Pes Face mask
<b>REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL</b>	4.5 Lit Hand Sanitizer 14 Btl Pocket size Hand sanitizer
<b>GHANA HEALTH SERVICE UPPER DENKYIRA EAST</b>	1 Pc Big size Veronica Bucket 1 Pc Small size Hand Washing Bowl 1 Btl Tissue Paper
<b>KEEA MUN ASSEMBLY</b>	1 Box Small bottle Hand sanitizer 12 Pes Nose mask
<b>TWIFO ANTI-MORKWA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	1 Btl Small bottle hand sanitizer 1 Roll Big size Tissue Paper
<b>EFFUTU MUN ASSEMBLY</b>	1 Pc Veronica Bucket big size 1 Btl Tissue Paper 6 Pes Nose Mask 12 Pairs Hand Gloves 1 Gal Hand Sanitizer
<b>GOMOA CENTRAL DIST ASSEMBLY</b>	100 Btl Small hand Sanitizer 100 Pes Face mask
<b>GOMOA EAST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	2 Pes Small size Hand Sanitizer 2 Pes Face mask

<b>AHAFO</b>							
<b>ASUNAFO NORTH MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>ASUNAFO SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>ASUTIFI SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>REGIONAL HEALTH DIRECTORATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTORATE</b>	<b>ASUTIFI NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>TANO SOUTH MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
1 Pc Veronica Bucket	1 Pc Veronica bucket	5 Pcs Face Masks	50 Pcs Face mask (Reusable)	5 Lit Hand Sanitizer	20 Pcs Face mask (Reusable)	20 Pcs Face mask (Reusable)	
1 Bottle Liquid soap	1 Btl Sanitizer	5 Lit Hand sanitizer	5 Lit Hand sanitizer		1 Pc Veronica Bucket	4 Btl Adonko hand sanitizer	
1 Bottle Sanitizer	1 Btl Liquid Soap	1 Pc Megaphone	2 Box Face mask (Disposable)		1 Roll Tissue Paper	4 Btl GIHOC hand sanitizer	
6 Pcs Face Masks (Reusable)		Veronica Bucket	2 Btl Adonko Hand sanitizer				
			5 Lit Liquid soap				
			2 Pkt Tissue paper				

## **PART X: CONCLUSIONS AND CHALLENGES**

The National Commission for Civic Education, NCCE appreciates the financial and logistical support from the Government of Ghana, the European Union, the National COVID-19 Trust Fund, the Church of Pentecost (COP) and all organisations who donated cash and items to augment and enhance the work of the Commission notwithstanding the challenges and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the national and global economy.

The year 2020 had been a good one for the Commission in terms of budgetary allocation from Government of Ghana (GoG) and the support received from corporate bodies as well. This enabled the Commission to acquire some logistics and to sensitise citizens on the Commission's outlined activities for the period, especially the fight against the spread of the novel coronavirus. We again grateful to GoG for increasing the budget of the Commission during the year under review. Nonetheless, the Commission again appeals for more resources and logistics to accomplish more work than it did in year 2020.

The Commission also values the support of the fourth estate of the realm, the media across the country, for pushing civic education to the doorstep of every citizen. We are grateful for the hundreds of radio stations, television stations, print media houses, online portals, information centers and community radio stations that disseminated the Commission's educational materials nationwide. It is the hope of the NCCE that Government of Ghana, more corporate bodies, the media and citizenry will continuously resource and support the NCCE to fulfill its constitutional mandate.

There is still a huge gap in the Commission's transport situation despite the interventions mentioned in previous chapters of this Annual Report. A realistic fleet situation will require the Commission to have additional eighty-two (82) vehicles for its district offices that do not have any means of transport at all. Forty (40) motorbikes will also be needed to boost operations in sub – district, regional and the Head office. We still appeal for more support in the acquisition of more vehicles from the Government of Ghana. The Commission also looks forward to an upward review of the Commission's subsequent budgetary allocation and retooling at all levels. We are optimistic and look forward to a peaceful and productive 2021 as we undertake a citizen-centered civic education that will engender civic consciousness and active participation in the people of Ghana towards strengthening and sustaining Ghana's democracy and safeguarding our Fourth Republican Constitution.

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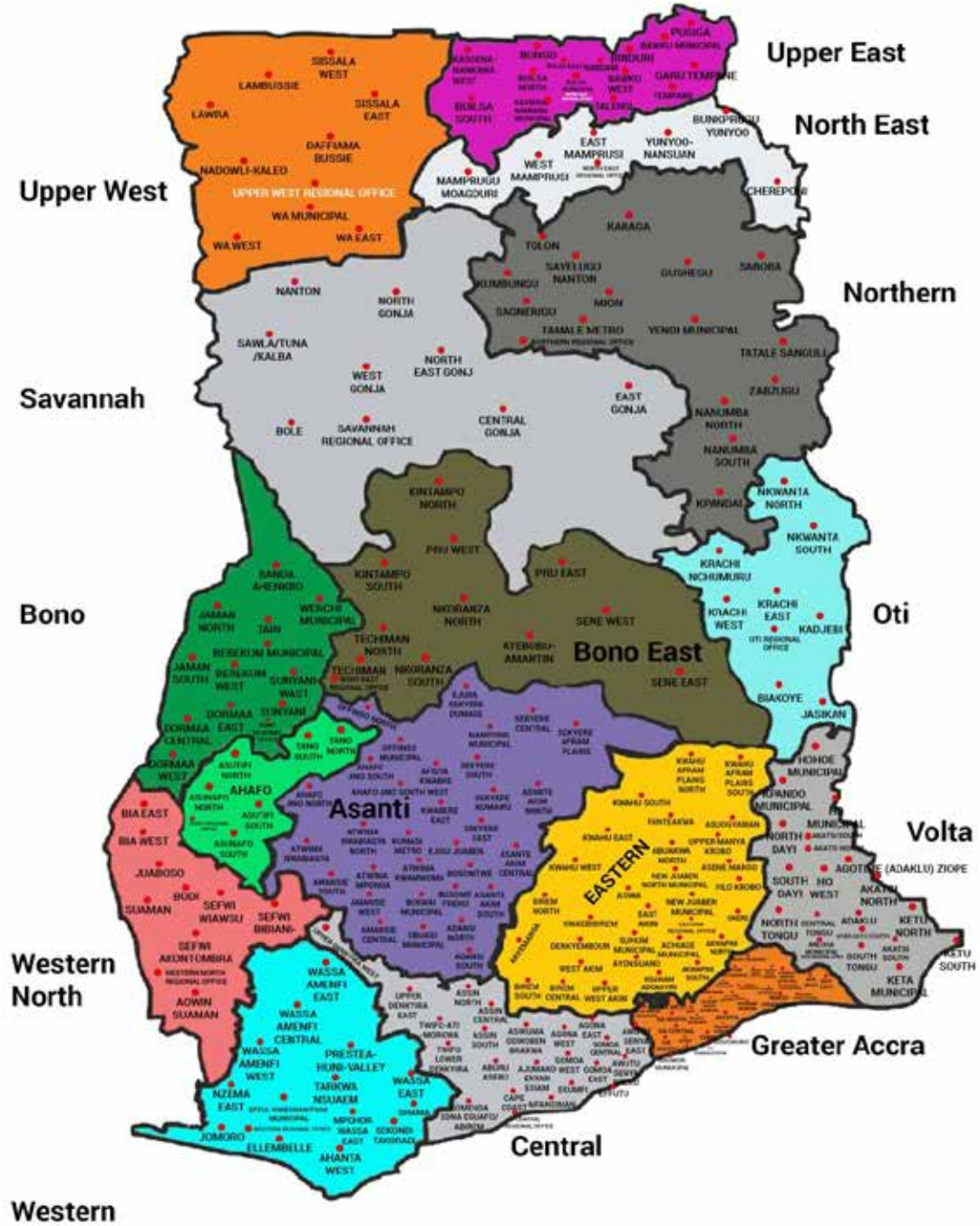
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## THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CIVIC EDUCATION ACT, 1993



### THE FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY SECOND ACT OF PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

ENTITLED

### THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CIVIC EDUCATION ACT, 1993

An act to establish the national commission for civic education to provide for its composition and functions and for other matters relating to its organisation

DATE OF ASSENT: 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1993

BE IT ENACTED BY PARLIAMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is established by this Act a National Commission for Civic Education referred to in this Act as “the Commission.”
2. The Functions of the Commission. The functions of the Commission are-
  - (a) to create and sustain within the society the awareness of the principles and objectives of the Constitution as the fundamental law of the people of Ghana;
  - (b) to educate and encourage the public to defend the Constitution at all times, against all forms of abuse and violation;
  - (c) to formulate for the consideration of Government, from time to time, programmes at the national, regional and district levels aimed at realising the objectives of the Constitution;
  - (d) to formulate, implement and oversee programmes intended to inculcate in the citizens of Ghana awareness of their civic responsibilities and an appreciation of their rights and obligations as free people; and

*Establishment  
of National  
Commission  
for Civic  
Education.*

*The Functions  
of the  
Commission*

- (e) to assess for the information of Government, the limitations to the achievement of true democracy arising from the existing inequalities between different strata of the population and make recommendations for re-dressing these in-equalities.
3. Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution or in any other law which is not inconsistent with the Constitution, the Commission shall not be subject to the direction or control of any person or authority in the performance of its functions. *Independence of Commission.*
4. The Commission shall consist of- *Composition of the Commission.*
- (a) a Chairman;
- (b) two Deputy Chairmen; and
- (c) four other members.
5. Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President acting on the advice of the Council of State. *Appointment of Members.*
6. (1) Members of the Commission shall be persons who are qualified to be elected as members of Parliament. *Qualification of Members.*
- (2) Members of the Commission shall be persons who do not hold office in any political party.
7. (1) The Chairman of the Commission shall enjoy the same terms and conditions of service as a Justice of the Court of Appeal, and a Deputy Chairman of the Commission shall enjoy the same terms and conditions of service as a Justice of the High Court. *Terms and Conditions of Service of Members of Commission.*
- (2) The other members of the Commission shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be approved by Parliament.
- (3) The Chairman and the two Deputy Chairmen of the Commission shall not, while they hold office on the Commission hold any other public office.
8. (1) Where a member of the Commission other than the Chairman is incapacitated by illness or any other cause from performing the functions of his office, the President may, acting on the advice of the Council of State appoint another person to perform his functions until the member is able to resume the performance of his duties. *Filling Vacancies.*



(2) Where the Chairman of the Commission dies, resigns, is removed from office or is absent from Ghana for a continuous period exceeding three months or is by reason of illness unable to perform the functions of his office, one of the Deputy Chairmen as directed by the President shall act as Chairman until the Chairman is able to perform the functions of his office or until a new Chairman is appointed.

(3) Where a person is appointed as a member to fill a vacancy he shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the previous member and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act be eligible for re-appointment.

9. The Chairman or a member of the Commission may resign his office by notice addressed to the President.

*Resignation.*

10. (1) The procedure for the removal of the Chairman or a Deputy Chairman from office shall be the same as those applicable for the removal of a Justice of the Court of Appeal and a Justice of the High Court respectively under the Constitution.

*Removal of  
Members of  
Commission.*

(2) Any other member of the Commission may be removed from office by the President acting on the advice of the Council of State for inability to perform the functions of his office or for any just cause.

11. (1) The Commission shall meet for the despatch of business at a time and place determined by the Chairman but shall meet at least once in every month.

*Meetings of  
Commission.*

(2) The quorum at a meeting of the Commission shall be four of the members of the Commission that includes the Chairman or a Deputy Chairman.

(3) There shall be given to members a notice of four clear days for every meeting of the Commission.

(4) The Chairman shall preside at each meeting of the Commission but in his absence one of the Deputy Chairmen shall preside.

(5) The validity of proceedings of the Commission shall not be affected by a vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member.

(6) Questions before the Commission shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting and where there is equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting.

(7) The Chairman shall summon a special meeting of the Commission within fourteen days of the receipt of a written request signed by not less than four members of the Commission.

- (8) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Commission shall regulate the procedure at its meetings.
12. The Commission may co-opt any person to act as an adviser at its meetings but no co-opted person is entitled to vote at a meeting. *Power to Co-opt.*
13. The Commission may appoint committees made up of members or non-members or both and may assign to them such functions as the Commission may determine except that a committee consisting entirely of non-members may only advise the Commission. *Commission to Appoint Committees.*
14. (1) The Commission shall in consultation with the Public Services Commission appoint a Secretary to the Commission. *Secretary.*
- (2) The Secretary shall in consultation with the Chairman arrange the business, record and keep minutes of the meetings of the Commission.
- (3) The Secretary shall perform such other functions as the Commission may assign to him and shall be assisted in the performance of his functions by any of the employees of the Commission that the Commission may direct.
15. (1) The Commission shall employ such other officers and employees as may be reasonably necessary for the effective discharge of its functions. *Other Staff of the Commission.*
- (2) The officers and employees shall be appointed by the Commission in consultation with the Public Services Commission.
- (3) Other public officers may be transferred or seconded to the Commission or may otherwise give assistance to it.
16. (1) There shall be in each Region and District of Ghana regional and district branches of the Commission. *Regional and District Branches of Commission.*
- (2) There shall be appointed for each regional and district branch of the Commission such officers as the Commission shall determine.
- (3) The Commission may create such other lower structures as would facilitate its operations.
17. A regional or a district branch of the Commission shall perform in respect of the Region or District such of the functions of the Commission specified under this Act as the Commission may direct. *Functions of Regional and District Branches.*

18. The administrative and operational expenses of the Commission including salaries, pensions and allowances payable to or in respect of persons serving with the Commission shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund. *Expenses of Commission Charged on Consolidated Fund.*
19. Accounts. (1) The Commission shall keep proper books of account and proper records in relation to them and the account books and records of the Commission shall be in a form approved by the Auditor-General.
- (2) The books and accounts of the Commission shall be audited by the Auditor-General or by an auditor appointed by him within a period of six months after the end of the financial year.
20. The Commission shall, annually submit to Parliament a report indicating the activities and operations of the Commission in respect of the preceding year. *Annual Report.*
21. A person who wilfully obstructs the Commission or otherwise interferes with the Commission in the discharge of its functions commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding c500,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both. *Offences.*
22. Regulations. (1) The Commission may by legislative instrument make regulations for carrying the provisions of this Act into effect. *Offences.*
- (2) The exercise of the power to make regulations under subsection (1) may be signified under the hand of the Chairman or in his absence that of a Deputy Chairman.
23. The National Commission for Democracy Law, 1988 (PNDCL. 208) is repealed. *Repeal.*

