

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

EMPOWERING. INSPIRING. CELEBRATING.

Join us as we celebrate some exceptional women who are transforming their lives and that of their communities.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Today, we join the global community in celebrating International Women's Day 2026 under the theme "Give to Gain: Empowering Women and Girls for Stronger Communities and Sustainable Impact."

At Urbanet Ghana, this theme reflects our lived experience: when we invest in women and girls, communities gain resilience, prosperity, and sustainable growth. Advancing gender equality is not only a matter of justice; it is also a foundation for development.

Across Northern Ghana, we see every day how empowering women improves household livelihoods, strengthens food security, and enhances climate resilience. Women are not just beneficiaries of development; they are drivers of change. When women are empowered economically, socially, and environmentally, entire communities become stronger and better prepared for the future.

This year, as we celebrate International Women's Day, we reaffirm our commitment to:

- Advancing gender equality in all our programs
- Strengthening women's voices, livelihoods, and economic independence
- Promoting climate-resilient practices that protect families and ecosystems
- Creating inclusive spaces where women and girls can lead and thrive

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HER VOICE, THEIR HEALTH, OUR FUTURE



Meet Asibi Tahidu, a committed Nutrition Communication Partner (NCP) from Tarikpa in the Savelugu District of Northern Ghana. Asibi works tirelessly to educate pregnant women and lactating mothers on proper nutrition, helping them make healthier choices for themselves, their babies and their families.

She also raises awareness about cervical cancer, teaching women how to identify early signs and encouraging them to seek early and timely medical attention.

Through her dedication and hard work, mothers are healthier, families are stronger, lives are being saved and communities are better informed.

As a trained Nutrition Communication Partner supported by Urbanet under the GROW 2 project in partnership with MEDA and funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Asibi is equipped with the knowledge and tools to deliver life saving health and nutrition education in her community.

“When women are informed, families are protected”

-Asibi

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CULTIVATING PROSPERITY, INSPIRING CHANGE

Here is Wusah Victoria, a smallholder farmer from Lingbansi in the North Gonja District of the Savannah Region. Beyond farming, Voctoria serves as a sales agent for HJ Africa (dealers in Organic Farming Aid-OFA), Green EF Eco (supplying inoculant), and educating farmers on proper applications to increase yields.



Her leadership has improved knowledge and adoption of Good Agronomic Practices (GAPs) among the women smallholder farmers in her community and adjoining ones, leading to improved crops harvests, boosted incomes and strengthened household food security. Her work inspires more women to take active roles in agriculture and community leadership. Through trainings and other community support initiatives facilitated by Urbanet under the GROW 2 project in partnership with MEDA and funded by Global Affairs Canada, women like Victoria continue to expand their impact and influence.

“When farmers gain knowledge, their harvest multiplies”

-Victoria

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A SAFE PAIR OF HANDS, A STRONGER GENERATION

Meet Asana Waaji, a Nutrition Communication Partner from Nyeko in the Nanton District of Northern Region. A trained Traditional Birth Attendant certified by the Ghana Health Service (GHS). Asana supports women through pregnancy and childbirth. She provides nutrition education, promotes exclusive breastfeeding, counsels on danger signs and facilitates timely referrals when complications arise. Her collaboration with health personnels has contributed to improve maternal health and reduced neonatal mortality in her community.



As a trained Nutrition Communication partner supported by Urbanet under the GROW 2 project, Asana continues to expand access to life saving maternal and child health information and education. The GROW2 project is funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and implemented by MEDA in partnership with URBANET Ghana.

“When mothers are supported, lives are saved.”

-Asana



THE SHE RESILIENCE



For most communities, the place of the woman still remains the household and behind her husband's shadow. But that narrative is different in the Torope community within the Central Gonja district in the Savannah region. This is Fuseina Dokurugu, the face of agroecology in her community and surrounding communities. after the introduction of the Appropriate Technologies for Microenterprise project in her community. she took up the challenge to transform women smallholder farming

Fuseina now serves on her community's agroecology committee as an organizer. Through trainings, she has also mastered the art of compost production and train other women farmers within and around her community, operates a groundnut pod stripper and roller planter. her expertise in sustainable and agroecological practices earned her an award as the best agroecology practicing farmer in her community during the 2025 farmers day celebration.

Fuseina is not just practicing and promoting sustainable farm practices, she is now a role model for not just wome but also some men. And her readiness to promote agroecology and sustainable farm practices has deepen the interest of many in following her lead.

"The knowledge i have acquired through URBANET is not just for me, but for all women smallholder farmers"

-Fuseina

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AMPLIFIED VOICES

Through WISE project, which was implemented in partnership with Plan International Ghana, a lot of women have become the voices of their communities and districts. Notable among them is Ama Ibrahim, a woman smallholder farmer, aggregator and entrepreneur. Beyond the farm and markets, Ama is now a mentor and resource person who engages rural women on issues such as business management, leadership and women empowerment.



With support from URBANET, Ama has become one of the most vibrant women in her community. And now, a year after the project has ended, she now serves as one of our mentors and resource person at the community level.

“We women have a lot of potential, our limitation is our inability to be confident. With confidence, we are unstoppable”

-Ama



DRIVING OPPORTUNITY, DELIVERING IMPACT

Meet Safura Abdulai, a smallholder farmer, an aggregator and an entrepreneur from Buglung in Savalugu district in Northern Ghana. Through support from Urbanet Ghana under the GROW 2 project in partnership with MEDA and funded by Global Affairs Canada, Safura received a tricycle that transformed her work. She now aggregates grains, transport farm produce for fellow farmers and expand her business more efficiently. The tricycle has strengthened her farming and transportation capacity, increased her income, reduced post-harvest losses in her community and inspired other women and girls to pursue entrepreneurship.



“Access to resources turns potential into growth”
-Safura



The successes of these women and many others portray the resilience and potential of many rural women. Through the efforts of URBANET, its staff, partners and stakeholders, we are creating communities of empowered women who will form the foundation of rural development, bridging the inequality gaps.

Women may be vulnerable, but most of their potentials are crippled by the existing inequalities they face and the lack of access to opportunities. On this and any other occasion of celebrating women, we will continue to amplify the need to provide opportunities for women and help them echo their voices, breaking any barrier.

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