

ACTIVITY REPORT 2021

Espace
Volontariats
of
Ghana



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FORWARD

In 2021, the health situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic improved somewhat, although the actors of the volunteer service are still weakened by the crisis, making it difficult to renew volunteer missions and to build new ones.

Despite this, **3 Ghanaian volunteers** were deployed to France to carry out one Service Civique mission each.

The Espace Volontariat team was also able to meet actors and volunteers in the field, organize and participate in various actions to make France Volontaires known to different audiences (students, Ghanaian civil society organizations...).

The **French Volunteering Day** - a flagship event organized every year in all countries where France Volontaires is present – was organized again, after being cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 crisis.

2022 will be a year of change for France Volontaires: the organization will change from an association to a **Public Interest Group** (GIP).

In Ghana, this new year promises to be dynamic and full of potential for a significant development of French volunteerism in Ghana. Indeed, France Volontaires will initiate and implement, in partnership with other actors, projects that will allow the deployment of European volunteers: **FORESTS**, an EUAV project through which European volunteers will be mobilized in Ghana; **Génération Climat**, which will allow young French people to carry out Service Civique missions in Ghana; the **Paris 2024 Volunteers Program** in the framework of the 2024 Olympic Games, through which Ghanaian volunteers could be deployed in Ghana and France to carry out volunteering missions.

The year 2022 is also the second participation of the government of the Republic of Ghana in the **High-Level Political Forum**, the United Nations platform in charge of monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which takes place every year in July at the institution's headquarters in New York. On the occasion of this forum, a number of countries come to present their Voluntary National Review for a better monitoring of the progress of the achievement of the SDGs, in the framework of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. France Volontaires will work with other national and international volunteer organizations present in Ghana to include in the Ghana Review the contribution of volunteerism as a mean to achieve the SDGs, and to mention the engagement of international volunteers.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the French Ambassador to Ghana and the Cooperation and Cultural Department of the Embassy as well as Alliance Française of Accra for their constant support, especially in the framework of administrative procedures with the Ghanaian authorities to facilitate the stay of French volunteers in Ghana, and their contribution to the deployment of Ghanaian volunteers in France.

Our thanks also go to the Ghanaian authorities for their support in the smooth running of our activities as well as to COVOG (Coalition of Voluntary Organizations Ghana) for their good collaboration and their work for the promotion of volunteerism in Ghana.

Enjoy reading,

Moussa BAH
National Representative of France
Volontaires in Ghana

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- * **COVOG:** Coalition of Volunteering Organisations Ghana
- * **EUAV:** European Union Aid Volunteers
- * **EV:** Espace Volontariats
- * **FV:** France Volontaires
- * **FVD:** French Volunteering Day
- * **HS:** Host structure
- * **SCAC:** Service de Coopération et d'Action Culturelle (Cooperation and Cultural Department)
- * **SDGs:** Sustainable Development Goal(s)
- * **SS:** Sending structure
- * **VI:** Volontaire/Volontariat International (International Volunteer/Volunteerism)
- * **VIA:** Volontaire/Volontariat International en Administration (International Volunteer/Volunteerism in Administration)
- * **VIE:** Volontaire/Volontariat International en Entreprise (International Volunteer/Volunteerism in Enterprise)
- * **VIES:** Volontariat International d'Échange et de Solidarité (International Volunteerism of Exchange and Solidarity)
- * **VSI:** Volontaire/Volontariat de Solidarité Internationale (Volunteer/Volunteerism of International Solidarity)

A group of women are captured in a vibrant dance performance outdoors. They are dressed in traditional African clothing, featuring white short-sleeved shirts and long, flowing skirts with intricate black and blue patterns. Many of the women wear white headwraps, while one woman on the left wears a black and white checkered headwrap. They are holding white fabric, possibly as part of their dance. The background is dominated by a large, lush green palm tree with several yellow coconuts hanging from its fronds. The scene is set on a paved area, and a building with a white wall is visible in the background. The overall atmosphere is festive and cultural.

I. THE FRANCE VOLONTAIRES PLATFORM

France Volontaires is the **French platform** of International Volunteerism of Exchange and Solidarity (VIES). Created in **2009** as an association, France Volontaires is the fruit of a shared construction between **public and associative stakeholders** in the field of international solidarity. As an implementing agency of the French Ministry of Europe and

Foreign Affairs, it brings together the State, local and regional authorities and associations around a mission of general interest: **the development and promotion of international volunteer engagements and solidarity**. It is based on a presence in France (mainland and overseas) and on a network of Espaces Volontariats in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The missions of France Volontaires



CONSULTATION AND ADVOCACY

France Volontaires organises dialogues between the actors of volunteerism and participates in the definition and implementation of public policies and multi-stakeholder initiatives in the field of international solidarity commitment.



INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION

France Volontaires makes known to many (public institutions, associations, the general public...) the different forms of French and European international volunteerism (VSI, Service Civique engagement, SVE...) through different means: information and orientation of the public, publications, digital tools, participation in various events.



VALORISATION

France Volontaires promotes the recognition and the valorisation of volunteerism and all forms of international solidarity engagements, including their consideration in the volunteer's career path.



EXPERIMENTATION

France Volontaires analyses the dynamics of volunteerism and implements specific programmes in a process of experimentation and capitalisation. Through its international network, the platform provides support to national volunteering schemes and reciprocity programmes (hosting international volunteers in France).



SUPPORT AND NETWORKING

France Volontaires offers training expertise and participates in capacity building for its members and partners in France and abroad. Its Espace Volontariats are levers for action, support and networking for all volunteer actors in the countries where they are based, in order to secure the commitment process and multiply its effects.

Our vision of volunteerism

International solidarity commitment is a powerful cross-sectional response to the challenges of our society and our world. It is evolving into a global-volunteering perspective: accessible to all, locally and internationally, throughout life. It is based on human relations, cultural exchanges, partnerships and the principle of reciprocity. It is part of a civic and professional process of acquiring knowledge: new soft skills and know-how. By its universal character, it contributes to the challenges related to human and sustainable development and the strengthening of civil societies. It contributes to the emergence of inclusive, supportive societies open to the world.

The international network

France Volontaires relies on a network of Espace Volontariats in Africa, the Middle East, Latin-America/Carribbean and Asia. As resource centres, they inform, orient, guide and promote networks between the various actors of international volunteerism (candidates, volunteers, sending structures, public authorities...). The Espaces Volontariats teams equally organise actions aimed at promoting the different forms of volunteerism and their contributions, as well as to reinforce the capacity of stakeholders and to better understand socio-cultural contexts of the areas of intervention. France Volontaires also has territorial offices in Ivry-sur-Seine, Lille, Nantes, Marseille, Réunion Island and New Caledonia.

France Volontaires dans le monde



*4 en France métropolitaine et 2 dans les Outre-mer

EV OF GHANA

Espace Volontariats, the first of our volunteer centres in an English-speaking country in the sub-region, is strategically located within Alliance Française of Accra.

It welcomes and responds to various requests from volunteers, volunteer candidates, French and Ghanaian sending and host structures, partners... both physically and virtually.

The EV team works hand in hand with these actors to create and set up projects in the fields of development and solidarity.



Our team



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Our partners





II. KNOWLEDGE OF THE VIES SECTOR

Number of VIES and distribution by type of assignment

French volunteers in Ghana



Ghanaian volunteers in France



Areas of intervention in Ghana and in France and regions of origin

French volunteers in Ghana



Ghanaian volunteers in France



Sending structures

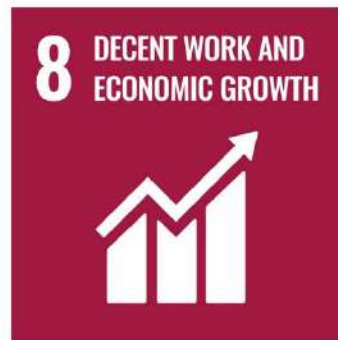


Host structures



CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGS

In Ghana, most of the volunteering missions were in line with the following Sustainable Development Goals:





III. DEVELOPMENT OF THE VIES SECTOR

Communication

Communication is a priority for France Volontaires Ghana, in order to make its mission known as a platform to the different target actors (local structures, national authorities, volunteers and candidates to volunteerism) and to work towards the development and recognition of the International Volunteerism of Exchange and Solidarity in Ghana. The Espace Volontariats team thus relies on tools that contribute to increasing its notoriety and visibility.

Facebook page

99 publications in 2021
360 likes in 2020 (+ 81)

On the Facebook page of France Volontaires Ghana, news about the organization's activities (meetings, events, articles and newsletters, mission offers...) as well as relevant publications from its partners and the France Volontaires network were shared with the Ghanaian and French audience.



Website of France Volontaires

13 articles published in 2021



The France Volontaires website has a "Dans le monde" ("In the world") section that leads to country tabs - including Ghana - where you can find, among others, articles on activities in the countries. A "Testimonials" section is also available on the site, and includes testimonials from volunteers around the world, including Ghanaian volunteers on mission in France, during or after their mission.

Newsletter

Every three months, this newsletter is sent to Ghanaian and French partners, organizations and institutions, volunteers and other actors of the volunteer movement, and reviews the different activities and highlights of the past period. There were four issues in 2021: in January, April, July and October.



Activity Report 2020

This annual report was produced in French and English and was shared with the France Volontaires Ghana network in April.

Africa2020 Season



The **Africa 2020 Season** is a pan-African and multidisciplinary project focused on innovation in the arts, sciences, technologies, entrepreneurship and economy, organized and implemented by the French Institute with the support of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of National Education and Youth, the Ministry of Sports and in partnership with the French Development Agency. Dedicated to the 54 States of the African continent and conceived around the major challenges of the 21st century, this Season aimed to present the points of view of African civil society on the continent and its recent diaspora, to promote mobility, to honour women in all sectors of activity and to target youth as a priority, with the ambition of creating a global emancipation movement through a sustainable commitment built around the values of citizenship. It took place all over France (metropolitan and ultra-marine territories) from December 2020 to July 2021.

Within the framework of this project, 11 young Africans from 11 different countries had the opportunity to carry out a volunteering mission in France under the status of Service Civique. In Ghana, Afua was selected to carry out a mission with the structure La Condition Publique based in Roubaix, one of the Africa2020 Season's headquarters. She left at the beginning of January, for 7 months.



Prior to the mission, the team of the Espace Volontariats of Ghana participated in the recruitment of the volunteers with one of the members of the Ghanaian artistic collective Exit Frame - one of the 3 actors, with France Volontaires and La Condition Publique, who participated in the setting up of Afua's mission. Logistical support before departure was provided to the volunteer (administrative procedures) as well as preparation for departure (discussions on interculturality, practical advice...). In parallel, the team had exchanges with the coordinator of the volunteer program in order to organize her arrival.

During these 7 months, the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team maintained links with Afua by regularly checking on her; supported the team in charge of coordinating the program on different aspects (logistics...); wrote 2 articles on the volunteer (before the beginning and at the end of her mission), and organised a debriefing assessment with her by, in particular, organizing a time of exchange with the French Embassy in Ghana and another with the AFD - institutions involved in the Africa2020 Season - so that Afua could take stock of what the mission brought her as she shares her experiences.



International Women's Rights Day

On the occasion of **International Women's Rights Day** on March 8, COVOG and Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG) organized an awareness-raising action in which the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team took part, targeting mainly women and young girls in a working-class neighborhood in Accra.

To prepare for this event, the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team participated in a preparatory meeting with the teams of the other two organizations involved, at the PPAG office.



On the day of the event, the teams went to the Chorkor neighbourhood, chosen because of its high rate of teenage pregnancy. Stands were set up offering various services: HIV tests, personalized advice, information on family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, contraception, menstrual hygiene...

Small groups then went out to meet the residents of the neighbourhood to inform them about reproductive health and to invite them to visit the stands set up in the neighbourhood, but also in the PPAG centres located throughout Ghana. The International Women's Rights Day was of course mentioned and the (young) women were encouraged to become aware of their rights and power.

At the end of the day, dance competitions were held and treats were distributed to the children of the neighbourhood, thus ending the event in a friendly manner.

This day, which was a holiday due to the celebration of Ghana's independence on March 6 which fell on a weekend, represented thus a double celebration, and was an opportunity to celebrate women, especially those of Ghana.



Presentations at Alliance Française of Accra Exchanges with the new General Delegate of FV

At the end of April, the team of the Espace Volontariats of Ghana met with students of Alliance Française of Accra for a week to talk about France Volontaires. They visited several English and French classes in order to present four essential elements: the France Volontaires platform, the network of Espace Volontariats, the missions of the Espace Volontariats of Ghana, and the different forms of volunteerism that exist. Following this, many students visited the Espace Volontariats of Ghana premises in order to exchange with the team, ask questions and obtain more information.



The Volunteer Development Support Officer of France Volontaires Ghana took advantage of the Annual Meeting of the Directors of the Alliances Françaises of Ghana (Accra, Kumasi, Cape Coast, Takoradi, Tema) at the end of July to present to them the different types of existing volunteer opportunities and how they could meet their needs.



In mid-June, Yann Delaunay, the new General Delegate of France Volontaires, carried out his first international mission in Togo. Ghana and Togo being managed by the same National Representative (based in Lomé), a time was scheduled between the two countries, during which the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team was able to present to the General Delegate its activities, to take stock of the challenges of volunteerism in Ghana and of its ongoing projects.

Recruitment and departure of Ghanaian volunteers

In 2021, 3 Ghanaian volunteers were recruited for volunteer missions in France: Abena, Isabel and Paul. Abena has been deployed to the LEAP (Lycée d'Enseignement Agricole Privé) Lestonnac in Beaumont-de-Lomagne, Tarn-et-Garonne, and Isabel to the Notre Dame du Plasker school and the Saint Cyr-Sainte Julitte school, located respectively in Locminé and Argentré in Morbihan. Paul, on the other hand, will leave in January 2022 for Yssingeaux in the Haute-Loire to attend the LEAP Eugénie Joubert.

The vacancies were published in July, August and September, and the recruitment phase started right after. The first interviews, conducted by the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team in order to pre-select the candidates, took place between the end of August and September. The second interviews, involving the host institutions in addition to the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team, took place from September to November.

At the beginning of November, Abena and Isabel participated in a pre-departure workshop led by the team of the Espace Volontariats of Ghana and a part of the team of France Volontaires in France, during which practical and logistical aspects were discussed, and which was an opportunity to share reflections and personal questions about interculturality. The team also took the opportunity to collect their impressions before departure by interviewing them.

Finally, in mid-November, the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team organized a debriefing session with all the people who had applied for the three missions, in order to give them the opportunity to share their feelings and ask any questions they might have, to go back over good practices and to give them advice on what to improve.



On the field

VolCare Foundation

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team went to Ho in the Volta Region at the end of August to meet the members of **VolCare Foundation**, which works in favour of the children of the region through actions in the sectors of education, health, environment, infrastructure, and which is used to hosting volunteers. The team took advantage of the presence of two French volunteers, each on a one-month mission and mainly involved in a school and activities with children, to schedule the first field visit of the year.



APAE

At the end of November, the team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana visited the Ashanti Region and more precisely the village of Abroma, where the association **APAE - Association Préparons l'Avenir de nos Enfants/Preparing our Children's Future Foundation** - has built a library for the community and more precisely for the students of the school and the college located just next door. This association has expressed the wish to host French volunteers, hence the visit of the team, which was able to meet some of the members of APAE - Ofosu Frimpong, the Director of the Centre and of the Ghana Library Authority of the Ashanti Region, and Isaac Amankwa, the Coordinator and Architect of the association, who the team had already met during a previous exchange.



Animation of a webinar Participation in a radio show

Animation of a webinar

On September 10, the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team facilitated a webinar organized by **CSO Platform on SDGs Ghana** - a platform that brings together various Ghanaian civil society organizations around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - on the role volunteers can play with civil society organizations, particularly in times of pandemic. The aim of this webinar was to discuss the different possibilities for Ghanaian civil society organizations to work with volunteers, especially during a health crisis, and how volunteers can strengthen the technical capacities of organizations and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

More than 20 representatives of organizations participated, and it was also an opportunity to introduce France Volontaires Ghana to this audience and to present its missions, as well as to generate exchanges about hosting French volunteers. Indeed, following this event, some organizations contacted the team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana in order to know more about the modalities of hosting French volunteers.



Participation in a radio show

On September 17, the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team had the opportunity to speak on the **Campus Exclusive** program of the University of Ghana's radio station - Radio Univers - from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. to present France Volontaires and the different mission opportunities, to talk about its current and upcoming activities including the French Volunteering Day, to discuss volunteerism and its benefits and to answer questions from the host and the listeners. An important objective behind this was to reinforce the notoriety of France Volontaires among a key audience, students, and to raise their awareness of the issue of volunteerism.



French Volunteering Day

The **French Volunteering Day**, which had to be cancelled in 2020 in all countries where France Volontaires is present due to the global pandemic, was celebrated again this year. In Ghana, it took place on October 1st, making it the first Espace Volontariats to organize it in 2021.

This annual event, celebrated within the network of Espaces Volontariats around the world, aims to highlight and bring together development actors to promote the work of volunteers in the field, to promote the development of French volunteerism in the countries where France Volontaires is active, to create a framework for exchange and consultation between the actors of French volunteerism, to inform and orientate people and structures interested in volunteerism, and to put together the supply and demand of French volunteerism.

The FVD was held at the Alliance Française of Accra under the theme "Volunteerism in the face of the health crisis: resilience and action", and brought together institutional partners, volunteer organizations, and French and Ghanaian volunteers. It was organized with the support of the French Embassy in Ghana and the Alliance Française of Accra. The National Representative of France Volontaires in Ghana came to Ghana for the occasion.

The event started with an opening ceremony with speeches from the officials: the Director of the Alliance Française of Accra, the Representative of France Volontaires in Ghana, the President of COVOG, and the Head of Cooperation and Cultural Affairs of the French Embassy in Ghana.

The floor was then given to representatives of local organizations, who presented to the public how their activities were adapted to the context of the health crisis, the challenges encountered and the actions carried out, notably by relying on volunteers.

Then, former volunteers, French and Ghanaian, took turns to share their experiences on their missions during the pandemic.

The day was punctuated by performances by a cultural group and ended with a convivial cocktail.

A report of the event was then made and shared with the partners who participated in the event, as well as the France Volontaires network.



Capacity building program

France Volontaires Ghana organized for the first time a **capacity building program** on two key topics for organizations: **fundraising** and **online presence**. Fundraising was facilitated by Emmanuel Marfo, Managing Director of ASAR RAMOFH, a firm of accountants, tax experts, human resources and compliance professionals, and online presence by Edward Asare, digital marketing and media expert, blogger and influencer.

The will to set up such a program was born from an observation made during exchanges with various Ghanaian organizations around a challenge faced by many of them: the lack of funds and visibility, which is also a hindrance in the construction of French volunteering missions. France Volontaires Ghana, as a resource center, took the initiative to organize this capacity building program, which was made possible thanks to the financial support of the Cooperation and Cultural Department of the French Embassy in Ghana, in order to support the development of these structures but also to increase their capacity to promote and be an actor of international solidarity through volunteerism.

This program took place on December 2 at the Alliance Française of Accra, and brought together 10 organizations from different regions in Ghana, previously selected and represented by one or more of their members.

It was also an opportunity for these organizations to create and strengthen their network by spending a full day together punctuated by exchanges, reflections, practical group work, and convivial moments.



Study

A prospective study on the dynamics of national and international volunteerism and on the opportunities for the development of French volunteerism in Ghana, initiated in 2020 and carried out by the Communication and Partnership Officer, was carried out in 2021 and will be completed in early 2022. Within this framework, 56 actors of different categories - Ghanaian structures that have already hosted French volunteers, French structures that have hosted Ghanaian volunteers, potential structures for hosting French volunteers, former French and Ghanaian volunteers, structures that sent French volunteers to Ghana, international volunteerism actors - were interviewed in-person and virtually on the basis of questionnaires made beforehand, and reflections and exchanges were carried out with actors of the French cooperation in Ghana as well as people who have worked at the Espace Volontariats of Ghana since its creation, in order to, among other things, formulate recommendations for the development of the French volunteerism in Ghana.



Invitation / Participation in events

TV program

At the end of January, the team of the Espace Volontariats of Ghana had the honour to participate in the filming of "The Volunteer", a program created by its partner COVOG - coalition that aims to bring together and work with all volunteer organizations in Ghana - in which the President, Lily Bright Tetteh, welcomes guests to discuss various topics related to volunteerism.

The team was able to answer her questions and discuss with her the role of France Volontaires in the volunteering sector in Ghana.



Inauguration of école Thérèse Internationale

On August 20th, the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team was invited to the inauguration of the école Thérèse Internationale, a bilingual French/English establishment. The two structures had met last year after the school's management team had expressed interest in hosting a volunteer, and had subsequently had further exchanges on various topics.



Participation in the General Assembly of COVOG

On November 25, the team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana participated in the annual General Assembly of COVOG, which was held at the YMCA, and which brought together the various members of the coalition.



Meetings

In 2021, the France Volontaires team in Ghana met with 46 structures, 38 of which were for a first contact.

✂ In-person - Organizations & Institutions

COVOG

The first meeting of 2021 was with COVOG, one of the main partners of France Volontaires Ghana, which came to the Espace Volontariats to introduce its new executive members to the team and to discuss with it the perspectives for the year.

A second meeting was organized in the framework of the study conducted by the Espace Volontariats of Ghana, with the President and the General Secretary of COVOG.



FARIAD (Fair River International Association for Development)

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team received a visit from Joseph M. Agbeko, Executive Director of FARIAD - Fair River International Association for Development - during which both organizations took the opportunity to review their respective activities.

JCI Dansoman

3 members of the JCI Dansoman organization - the current President, the Communications Director and the former President - visited Espace Volontariats of Ghana to meet with its staff and discuss their respective organizations and the main topic that connects them: volunteerism.

The President and the Communications Director met a second time with the team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana to deepen their previous exchanges and to discuss in a concrete way the next steps of a possible collaboration.

Finally, JCI Dansoman President Yawo Apelete Doku accepted the EV team's request to participate in the study they conducted.



Meetings

JICA

The Communication and Partnership Officer of France Volontaires Ghana visited the offices of JICA - Japan International Cooperation Agency - to meet with the Coordinator of the Volunteering section, Jiro Nakahara, and to discuss a number of topics such as the history of the 2 organizations and their respective activities, volunteerism in Ghana within the framework of the study led by the Espace Volontariats team, and possible avenues for collaboration.



National Cadet Corps

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team received a visit from Nii-Tettey Onukpa of National Cadet Corps Ghana, with whom they had a long discussion on volunteerism and its different forms within his organization and theirs.

Concern Health Education Project

The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana met with Isaac Ampomah of the organisation Concern Health Education Project, who had a rich discussion about their respective organizations and volunteerism in Ghana, particularly in the context of the study conducted by the EV team.



ARUDMO

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team visited David Atieku of the NGO ARUDMO, to continue the discussions started earlier about hosting volunteers. He also answered the team's questions about the study they conducted. Mr. Atieku subsequently passed away; we take the opportunity of this report to once again offer our condolences to his organization and his family.

Meetings

YMCA

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team met with YMCA Ghana and, after exchanging on their respective structures and activities, the two organizations discussed the issue of volunteerism in Ghana, particularly in the context of the study led by the EV team.



Southbridge Montessori school

The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana visited the Southbridge Montessori school located at Banana-Inn in Accra to visit their premises, meet the staff and discuss their needs in order to identify how volunteerism could meet them.

CREF

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team was received by Robert Atsu Davor, Coordinator of CREF - Centre Régional pour l'Enseignement du Français - of Accra, a network present throughout Ghana whose main mission is to accompany French teachers in different ways, for a first contact and to exchange on volunteerism within the framework of the study conducted by the team.



SEND Ghana

The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana was welcomed at the NGO SEND Ghana by the Deputy Country Director, Emmanuel Ayifah, in order to discuss the activities of the two organizations and the issue of volunteerism in Ghana in the context of the study conducted by the team.

Meetings

SYND

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team welcomed members of the Strategic Youth Network for Development Ghana (SYND), a youth and environmental NGO, to discuss their respective activities and sectors, identify common opportunities, and for the EV team to interview them about volunteerism as part of the study they were piloting.



National Service Scheme

The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana met several times with the management team of the General Administration of the National Service Scheme (NSS), a program of the Ghanaian government that develops the national service, a mandatory program for Ghanaian graduates of a higher education institution, which aims to support the development of priority public and private sectors in Ghana.

The team first visited the NSS headquarters in order to give a detailed presentation of the different volunteer programs offered by France Volontaires to a part of the management team.

Following this, the team returned to meet the new Executive Director, Hon. Osei Assibey Antwi, accompanied by his team. The aim was to present France Volontaires, the different forms of volunteerism, and to discuss the needs and projects of the NSS in which volunteerism could be placed, especially in the areas of agriculture and French language.

Later on, part of the NSS team came to Espace Volontariats of Ghana to continue the exchanges started earlier.

Chosen Rehab Center

Chosen Rehab Centre, an association that welcomes vulnerable people in situation of addiction, opened its doors to the Communication and Partnership Officer of France Volontaires Ghana so that she could discover their work and, together, exchange on their needs as well as on volunteerism, within the framework of the study conducted by the team of the Espace Volontariats of Ghana.



Meetings

Ghana Girl Guides association

Ghana Girl Guides association, which aims at helping girls and young women to identify and develop their potential through different ways, welcomed the Communication and Partnership Officer of France Volontaires Ghana at its Training Centre located at Achimota in Accra. The latter met with Zakiya Abdul Wahab, Chief Commissioner, who presented the different projects carried out by the organization which celebrated its 100th anniversary this year, and who was interviewed in the framework of the study conducted by the team of the Espace Volontariats du Ghana.



SOS Children's Villages Ghana

A part of the SOS Children's Villages Ghana team received the team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana for a first meeting. The two organizations were able to present their respective activities in more detail and to discuss volunteerism in Ghana, particularly in the context of the study led by the EV team.

Noé

Natacha Cayre, Project Coordinator at Noé (formerly Man and Nature), an organization whose main mission is to reconcile development and biodiversity, visited the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team for a first contact.



GAFT

The Communication and Partnership Officer of Espace Volontariats of Ghana met with Evans Kokroko, former President of the Ghana Association of French Teachers (GAFT), with whom she was able to discuss the study she conducted among others.

Meetings

Ministry of Food and Agriculture

The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana was received by members of the Directorate of Crop Services of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture: The Director - Mr. Osei-Akoto, Mr. Umarr, and Ms. Yohuno. A few years ago, this Ministry and France Volontaires Ghana, among others, collaborated in the framework of an agricultural project: the Rice Sector Support Project (RSSP), in which a number of French volunteers were deployed.



La Guilde

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team received the visit of Apolline Cox, Microprojects Officer at La Guilde, an NGO member of the France Volontaires platform which promotes commitment in the form of solidarity actions, international volunteerism and adventure projects. Her mission in Ghana was an opportunity to discuss the respective activities of the two organizations, and more particularly the projects that La Guilde supports in this country.

SCAC

France Volontaires Ghana works closely with the SCAC (Cooperation and Cultural Department) of the French Embassy in Ghana.

Marion Chapon, Cooperation Attaché at the SCAC, met with the team of the Espace Volontariats of Ghana as part of the study conducted by the latter.

A few months later, the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team welcomed Marine Hayem, the new Cooperation Attaché of the SCAC, in order to get to know her and to present the functioning of France Volontaires in Ghana.

Following this, a meeting with the SCAC was scheduled during the mission to Ghana of the National Representative of France Volontaires Ghana, Moussa Bah, based in Togo. The French Volunteering Day and the perspectives of development of French volunteerism in Ghana were discussed, and the two institutions also took the opportunity to review their current activities.

The SCAC and the Espace Volontariats of Ghana also participated together in a survey on volunteerism conducted by France Volontaires and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs at the end of the year.



Meetings

Young Visionary Leaders Ghana

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team met with Joseph Tettey Afangbe and Abigail Naa Tagoe of Young Visionary Leaders Ghana, an organization that works in the areas of education, youth empowerment, water and sanitation, to share information about their respective organizations and to brainstorm possible avenues for collaboration. This organization had contacted the EV team after the webinar that the latter had hosted, in partnership with CSO Platform on SDGs.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration



During his visit to Accra, the National Representative of France Volontaires Ghana, Moussa Bah, accompanied by the team of the Espace Volontariats, was received by Mr. Emmanuel Antwi, Director of Protocol at the Ghanaian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration, and the two deputy heads of Protocol. The objective of the France Volontaires Ghana team was to formally introduce themselves to the Ministry, to present the actions of France Volontaires in Ghana and to discuss the cooperation agreement between France and Ghana signed in 2019.

EcoCare

The entire France Volontaires Ghana team visited the EcoCare Ghana team, with whom they have been in contact for some time, to visit their new offices in Accra. This NGO works on policies and practices related to community rights and forests and how they relate to development, climate change, wildlife conservation, and agriculture. Through its actions - primarily advocacy - the organization seeks to positively impact the livelihoods of communities so that they can meaningfully contribute to, benefit equitably from, and develop from resource use.



GIZ Ghana



The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana met with the Country Director of GIZ Ghana, Regina Bauerochse Barbosa, to discuss the respective activities of the two organizations in Ghana.

Meetings

APAE

The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana met Isaac Akwasi Amankwa, Coordinator of the organization APAE - Association Préparons l'Avenir de nos Enfants/Preparing our Children's Future Foundation - in Ghana. This structure was first created in France, where it offers various activities for children and young people in its region, with the aim of promoting social and cultural integration and success, and is a place of exchange and listening for children and parents. Its founder being Ghanaian, she decided to extend the activities to her country and her native village, Abroma, in which the association carries out actions with the children, such as the installation of a library. This meeting was an opportunity to continue discussions about the needs of the organization in terms of volunteerism.



Hope for Life

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team visited the Hope for Life organization to meet with its team. Hope for Life is an association that works with people with disabilities through medical assistance, education, and support for income-generating activities. Having already hosted French volunteers, the idea was also to take stock of their current needs in terms of volunteerism.

WUSC Ghana

The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana went to meet WUSC - World University Service of Canada - Ghana and met with Emelia Ayipio Asamoah, Country Director, and Clara Nyarkoah Anim, Volunteer Cooperation Program Manager. This meeting was an opportunity to present the respective actions of the two organizations, to identify their complementarities and opportunities for collaboration, and, for the EV team, to ask its interlocutors some questions in the context of the study it has conducted.



VOLU



The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team visited the Accra office of VOLU (Voluntary Workcamps Association of Ghana), one of the oldest volunteer organizations in Ghana that brings together volunteers from all over the world to work in various types of workcamps (construction/renovation, education, health, agriculture...). They spoke with Dennis Kweku Moore, the organization's Public Relations Officer, and exchanged with him on the respective news and projects of the two organizations as well as volunteerism in Ghana more generally, as part of the study led by the EV team.

Meetings

New Horizon Special School

The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana visited the New Horizon Special School to meet its team and especially its founder, Mrs. Salomé François. This school welcomes mentally handicapped people and offers a school curriculum as well as training in basketry, weaving, batik... so that the students, both adults and children, can create articles that are then sold locally. The school had contacts with France Volontaires Ghana years ago as it was able to host a French volunteer through the organization.



Juliana Holistic Healthcare Services

The Volunteering Development Support Officer of Espace Volontariats of Ghana met with the founder of Juliana Holistic Healthcare Services, an NGO that works to empower girls in Ghanaian society and in Africa in general, and who contacted the EV team as a result of the webinar that the team had conducted.

OAfrica

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team met with the founder of OAfrica, an organization whose goal is to support orphans and vulnerable children by building strong families through family support services, foster care programs, and young adult support services, in order to reduce child abandonment and family disintegration by ensuring that orphans and vulnerable children can grow up in a safe and stable family environment with proper care and protection. The purpose of the meeting was, for both organizations, to learn more about each other and to discuss possible volunteer needs of OAfrica.



Meetings

In person - **Volunteers**

Raphaël, former Ghanaian volunteer in International Service Civique assignment in France, visited the Espace Volontariats team during his stay in Ghana.



The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana received the visit of **Zoé and Camille** accompanied by members of their host organization, APAE, who spent 2 weeks in Abroma, in the Ashanti Region, in order to participate in the last works of installation of a library and to animate activities with pupils with the aim of sensitizing them to French.

Upon his arrival in Ghana, **Pierre** went to the Espace Volontariats of Ghana to meet with its team, who had put him in touch with the Plastic Punch organization, whose mission is to raise awareness on the dangers of plastic for the environment, wildlife and people, and to provide innovative and sustainable solutions for waste management, and with whom he spent a month in order to support them in their activities as a volunteer.



Liam, a French Volunteer of International Solidarity (VSI) working for the Ghana Developing Communities Association (GDCA) as a Community Based Development Officer, visited Espace Volontariats of Ghana during his stay in Accra. GDCA is an NGO that has been working in the field of community development in northern Ghana for nearly 40 years. It implements programs with several partners in 4 key strategic areas: Inclusive access to quality education and civic education; Livelihoods, food security and climate change adaptation; Civil society strengthening and participatory local governance; Organizational development, strategic positioning and engagement.

Meetings

✂ Virtual - Organizations & institutions

CSO Platform on SDGs

CSO Platform on SDGs is a platform of Ghanaian civil society organizations. The Espace Volontariats Ghana team met with Kwadwo Owusu, the National Coordinator, to present its activities and to learn more about his own. They also took advantage of this meeting to ask him a number of questions in the context of the study they conducted. Following this, Mr. Owusu proposed to the team to animate a webinar on volunteerism for the organizations of the platform.



Ecolodge Escape 3 Points



The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana contacted the Escape 3 Points team, an ecolodge located in the Western Region which had hosted a French volunteer years ago, who now works within the structure. The exchanges took place around their needs in terms of volunteerism and the study conducted by the team.

Macdellar school

The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team spoke with Mark Tillah of Macdellar School, located in the Volta Region, to learn more about their potential volunteer needs and to ask him about the study they conducted.



NDPC



The National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) is an agency of the Ghanaian government. It advises the President on the development of policies, strategies and alternatives (monitoring and evaluation). France Volontaires Ghana collaborated with the NDPC in the development of the Voluntary National Review for the 2019 High Level Political Forum. The team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana has exchanged with Dr. Felix Addo Yobo and Patience Ampomah, particularly in the context of the study they conducted.

Meetings

Delegation of European Union to Ghana

The team of the Espace Volontariats of Ghana exchanged with a part of the Delegation of the European Union to Ghana, Mathieu Daloze and Timothy Dolan, respectively Program Officer Infrastructure and Sustainable Development and Head of Macro Economic and Trade section, in order to present its activities in Ghana and to learn more about those of the Delegation.



Civic Response



The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team met with the organisation Civic Response to introduce themselves, learn more about their work in Ghana and their potential volunteer needs.

New Horizon Foundation of the Blind

Eric Ofori of the New Horizon Foundation of the Blind, an organization based in the Volta Region that carries out actions in favour of visually impaired people, contacted the team of Espace Volontariats of Ghana following the webinar that the latter animated, wishing to know more about the different French volunteering schemes.



AFS



The Espace Volontariats of Ghana team reached out to AFS, a U.S.-based educational exchange and volunteer program, and spoke with Associate Director Diana Sey to learn more about their work in Ghana and to identify possible areas of collaboration.

Meetings

Microsfere

Microsfere is a French organization that works in Ghana to support rural development by improving the livelihoods of people living around protected areas in order to reduce their dependence on natural resources and thus contribute to the conservation of biodiversity. The Communication and Partnership Officer of Espace Volontariats of Ghana was able to discuss with Mariella Fourli, the President of the organization, the activities of the latter and its needs in terms of volunteerism.



SVI



The Communication and Partnership Officer of Espace Volontariats of Ghana contacted the SVI, Service Volontaire International, a Belgian-French-Vietnamese association that sends volunteers through different programs and volunteer schemes, in order to know more about its functioning and to identify their complementarities for possible future collaborations.

Solidarités Jeunesse

The Communication and Partnership Officer of Espace Volontariats of Ghana met with the Volunteer Coordinator and the International Exchange Coordinator of the French organization Solidarités Jeunesses, which deploys volunteers for international workcamps, Service Civique and European Solidarity Corps, in order to learn more about its work and its actions, especially in Ghana.



Other organizations, with which the Espace Volontariats of Ghana team was already in contact, responded to questions from the Communication and Partnership Officer as part of a discussion about the study conducted by the EV team:

- Alliance Française of Accra



- École Thérèse Internationale



- VolCare Foundation



- Plastic Punch



- La Guilde Européenne du Raid



- AJ Foundation



A Belgian student was also contacted, as part of her thesis on voluntourism in Ghana, so that both parties could share useful information.

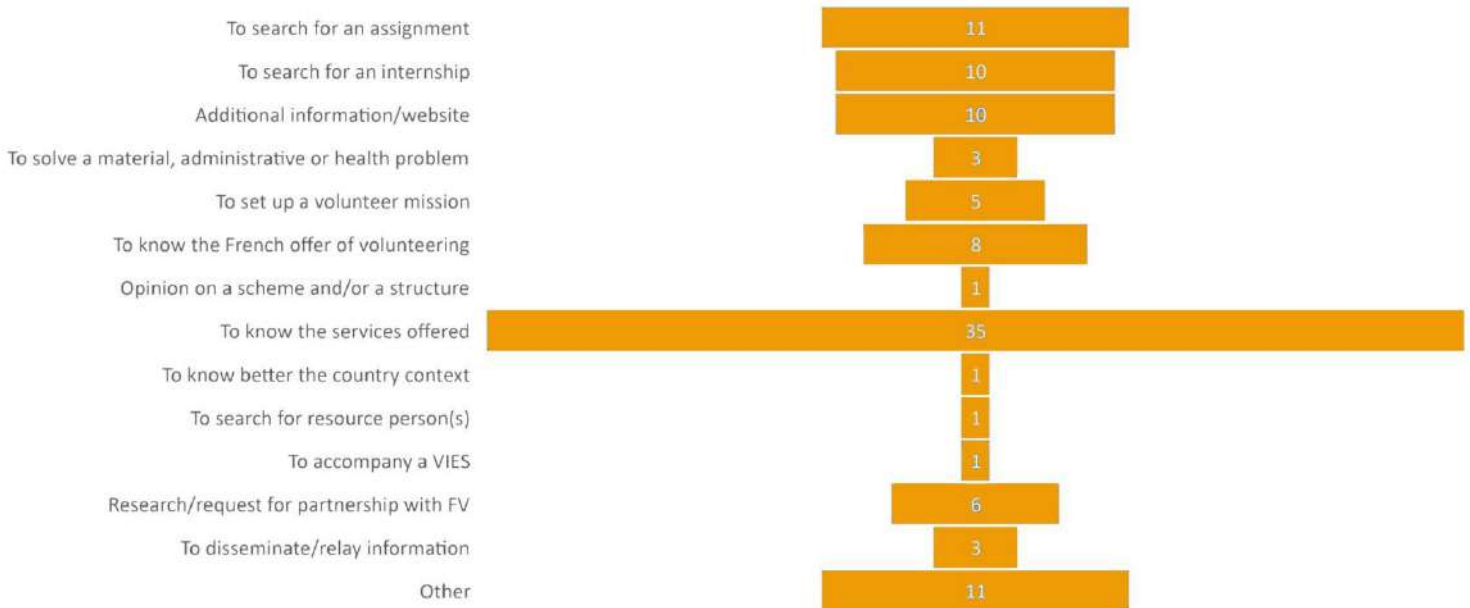
Requests

In 2021, the Espace Volontariats of Ghana received 106 requests.

Nature



Types de demandeur



Among these requests:

- **5 structures** were supported in their efforts to host French volunteers in Service Civique

- **5 people** were supported in their search for an internship/volunteer mission and were put in touch with local structures. 3 missions took place during the year and 2 others are planned for the coming year

- **2 French volunteers** were supported in their efforts to obtain free Residence Permits, in the framework of the Cooperation Agreement signed in July 2019 between the Ghanaian and French governments to promote volunteerism and exchanges of volunteers and language assistants between the two countries, and France Volontaires being designated as one of the operators in charge of applying the provisions of this Agreement

1. Volunteerism of International Solidarity - Ghana

Natacha Cayre



Title of the mission: Program Officer - Ghana

Host structure: Noé

Area(s) of intervention: Ghana, Ivory Coast

Duration of the mission: 24 months

Dates of the mission: 01/11/2020 - 31/10/2022

Nature of the mission: Management of the EconoBio program aimed at proposing an innovative model of biodiversity conservation based on the development of economic sectors, for the benefit of local populations living in and around areas of high biodiversity and management of the Ghana office more generally.

Actions implemented in 2021: Closure of the first phase of the EconoBio program and launch of phase 2. Establishment of co-financing to

complement the projects of our partners in the field. Strengthening of partnerships with public and private institutions.

Perspectives 2022: Closure of our CEPF funding and the project in Ivory Coast. Ensure the smooth running of the EconoBio program. Expansion of the Ghana office and development of new projects linking economic development and biodiversity protection.



Fanny Gouillier



Title of the mission: Communication and Partnership Officer

Host structure : Espace Volontariats of Ghana

Area(s) of intervention: Accra

Duration of the mission: 24 months

Dates of the mission: February 2020 - February 2022

Nature of the mission: Within the framework of this mission of support to the Espace Volontariats, Fanny works on the implementation of actions

and communication tools and on the mobilization of partners in order to develop French volunteerism in Ghana and the sending of Ghanaian volunteers to France.



2. International Service Civique - France

Isabel Ananu Tangonyire



Title of the mission: Support the school and the students in an innovative educational project in English

Host structure: Notre Dame du Plasker School / Saint Cyr - Sainte Julitte School

Area(s) of intervention : Locminé and Moréac (Morbihan)

Duration of the mission : 8 months

Dates of the mission : 12/11/2021 – 06/07/2022

Nature of the mission : The interest of the mission lies in supporting the pupils and staff of the schools in their use of the English language and to help broaden their awareness and sensitivity to cultural diversity.

Actions implemented in 2021: Welcoming parents and students to the school in English every morning; assisting teachers and initiating activities during English lessons and workshops;

participating in sporting activities whiles communicating in English as much as possible; assisting and participating in school activities (school trip, nature walks, recreation, Christmas) with the main aim of interacting in English with pupils as much as possible.

Perspectives 2022: Amidst the global pandemic, 2022 would see an exposure of children to the Ghanaian culture based on different themes such as music, dance, an alliance between the schools and a school in Ghana, all forms of activities and workshops to heighten their interest in the English language, open them up to the world and enable them acquire a level of English.



Maame Abena Ntowaa Asante



Title of the mission: Support for schooling and development of social links/citizenship/associative life

Host structure: LEAP Lestonnac

Area(s) of intervention: Beaumont-de-Lomagne, Tarn-et-Garonne, Occitanie

Duration of the mission: 7 months

Dates of the mission: 15/11/2021 – 14/06/2022

Nature of the mission: To raise awareness among students about international mobility and the importance of mastering other languages and cultures.

Actions implemented in 2021: Insertion in school structure, support for English studies.

Perspectives 2022: Sensitisation on international mobility and its benefits, exposure to Ghanaian culture with specific reference to food, music, dance and games.



2. International Service Civique - France

Afua Serwaa Boateng



Title of the mission: Support to the preparation of the Africa2020 Season at La Condition Publique

Host structure: La Condition Publique

Area(s) of intervention: Roubaix

Duration of the mission: 7 months

Dates of the mission: 05/01/2021 – 30/07/2021

Nature of the mission: To make the link between Exit Frame - a collective of Ghanaian artists - and La Condition Publique, a cultural and art institution.

Actions implemented in 2021: Translation of documents to English, assistance in welcoming artists, documentation of artists in residency projects, execution and installation of art works, supervision of some projects in the absence of artists.





**IV. OUTLOOK
2022**

1 **Increase/strengthen/improve the visibility and readability of the Espace Volontariats in Ghana and elsewhere**

- ✘ Production and updating of communication tools in accordance with the new graphic charter of France Volontaires
- ✘ Organization and participation in events and meetings (JVF...)

2 **Organize and develop French and European volunteerism and the sending of Ghanaian volunteers to France in order to position the Espace Volontariats as a reference center**

- ✘ Implementation of projects allowing the deployment of French, European and Ghanaian volunteers (FORESTS, Génération Climat, Paris 2024 Volunteer Program)
- ✘ Continuing the dynamic of hosting and sending VIES (mainly VSI and Service Civique) to Ghana and France
- ✘ Strengthening current partnerships and developing new ones

3 **Make the Espace Volontariats a centre for analysis, experimentation and capitalization**

- ✘ Ghana's participation in the High-Level Political Forum and participation in the elaboration of the Voluntary National Review

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