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**France
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Ghana

ACTIVITY REPORT

2022

**VOLUNTEERING
CENTRE OF GHANA**



ACRONYMS

COVOG

Coalition of Volunteering Organisations
Ghana

FV

France Volontaires

IESV

International Exchange and Solidarity
Volunteering

SCAC

Service de Coopération et d'Action
Culturelle (Cooperation and Cultural
Department)

SDGs

Sustainable Development Goal

VC

Volunteering Centre

VIA / VIE

Volontariat International en Administration
/Entreprise (Volunteerism in
Administration/Enterprise)

VSI

Volontariat de Solidarité Internationale
(International Solidarity Volunteering)

FORWARD

This report presents an overview of the activities carried out by the National Representation of France Volontaires in Ghana during the year 2022.

It summarizes the mission of France Volontaires at the international level and the specific activities carried out in Ghana. It also highlights the International Exchange and Solidarity Volunteering (IESV), the sending and hosting organizations working in Ghana.

Despite the change in our way of working due to the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, the entire team of France Volontaires in Ghana takes this opportunity to reaffirm **its commitment to the implementation of IESV as a vector of cultural and social integration** between different nations and allowing young people and the elderly ones to use their skills and knowledges accross the globe.

The team of the Volunteering Centre of Ghana.

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1. FRANCE VOLONTAIRES PLATFORM

PRESENTATION OF FRANCE VOLONTAIRES : A MISSION OF GENERAL INTEREST

France Volontaires is the French platform for International Exchange and Solidarity Volunteering (IESV).

France Volontaires, an operator of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, brings together the State, local authorities and associations, within the framework of a mission of general interest : the development and promotion of international exchange and solidarity volunteering (IESV), recognised by the law of 4 August 2021 as a transversal lever of action of France's solidarity development policy.

In order to carry out its missions, France Volontaires acts in accordance with **the priorities of France's development policy** and respects local authorities and associations' right to initiative, in Mainland France, the Overseas Territories and abroad.

France Volontaires works internationally, primarily in countries that receive public development aid. The platform relies on **representations in France (mainland and overseas territories) and a network of Volunteering Centres deployed on four continents.**

France Volontaires' action is based on two principles:

France Volontaires is a platform for consultation and dialogue between international solidarity volunteering stakeholders, it is committed to ensuring the qualitative and quantitative development of volunteering, in all its diversity, thanks to its members' expertise and the deployment of ambitious programmes and experiments, relying on the France Volontaires teams at the headquarters, in the regional branches and in the Volunteering Centres worldwide.

France Volontaires is a reference in the field of IESV. It develops tools, particularly digital tools, to guide and respond to desire of volunteer candidates for responsible and ethical commitment, to promote actions and projects involving volunteers, and to encourage its recognition and the demonstration of its social utility.

FRANCE VOLONTAIRES' MISSIONS

In order to ensure the development and quality of the different forms of international volunteering, and in accordance with their common vision, France Volontaires and its members:



Design, in a partnership approach, **volunteering projects** that meet the expectations of all stakeholders, respecting their rights, cultures, beliefs, aspirations and equal human dignity;



Help people who wish to engage in voluntary work and solidarity abroad to understand the meaning of this, to define their projects and to find a mission;



Promote access to responsible and quality voluntary work for all;



Prepare volunteers and partners for cultural encounters and support them throughout their project;



Ensure a safe framework and conditions for volunteers and partners;



Support volunteers on their return by encouraging them to make the most of their experience in their professional and civic life, facilitate their professional reintegration by drawing on their experience and encourage them to make their experience part of their civic life;



Open up volunteering to greater reciprocity;



Develop partnerships and support national volunteer networks around the world.

OUR VISION OF VOLUNTEERISM



Volunteering is a commitment to devote time during a period of one's life to an initiative, within a charity or a non-profit organisation.

France Volontaires and its members share a vision of volunteering defined by the *Charter of International Exchange and Solidarity Volunteering*, and based on strong principles:

- A commitment to international solidarity is a powerful and cross-functional response to the challenges of our society and the world;
- It is part of an approach to volunteering that is open to all, both locally and internationally, throughout life. It is based on human relations, cultural exchange, partnership and the principle of reciprocity;
- It is part of a civic and professional pathway to acquire new knowledge, skills and know-how.

Through its universal nature, volunteering helps strengthen civil societies and contributes to the emergence of more inclusive, supportive societies that are open to the world. In this way, it is part of our efforts to meet the challenges of human development and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The experience of volunteering abroad is very diverse, enabling everyone to volunteer according to their background:

- Initiation and exchange volunteering concerns young people and people who are involved for the first time in international solidarity for a short period of time, in particular through solidarity work camps;
- Exchange and skills volunteering involves people who are active or retired and who are recruited for expert missions over relatively short periods of time, such as, for example, solidarity leave and senior volunteering;
- Cooperation and development support volunteering, in particular international solidarity volunteering (VSI - volontariat de solidarité internationale), enables people to commit over a long period to a mission in the field of development cooperation. In addition, the international aspect of civic service also enables young people aged 16 to 25, and up to 30 if disabled, to engage in international volunteering projects.

SCOPE OF ACTION

Agenda 2030

Volunteering is recognised as a means of assimilation and implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as well as a powerful lever for achieving these goals.

Culture and heritage

As a creator of social connections, a field of innovation, a space for sharing and handing down knowledge, culture is an ideal area of involvement for volunteers, of any age.

Education and sport

Education and sport are the main areas of intervention for volunteers on all programs.

Environment

Volunteers play a role in the fight against climate change and in building a sustainable and resilient future for all of us together.

Human rights and gender

International volunteers are committed to the promotion of human rights and gender equality.

Health

It is possible to get involved in the field of health through international exchange and solidarity volunteering.

Authorities

International volunteering supporting local and regional authorities and creating links between territories, here and there.

Cross-mobility

In a world in which living together is a challenge for all societies, the development of cross-mobility and reciprocal commitments is a necessity and participates in rebalancing international cooperation between States.

Overseas

International Exchange and Solidarity Volunteering is an excellent lever for developing the capacity to take action in overseas France on several public policy issues.

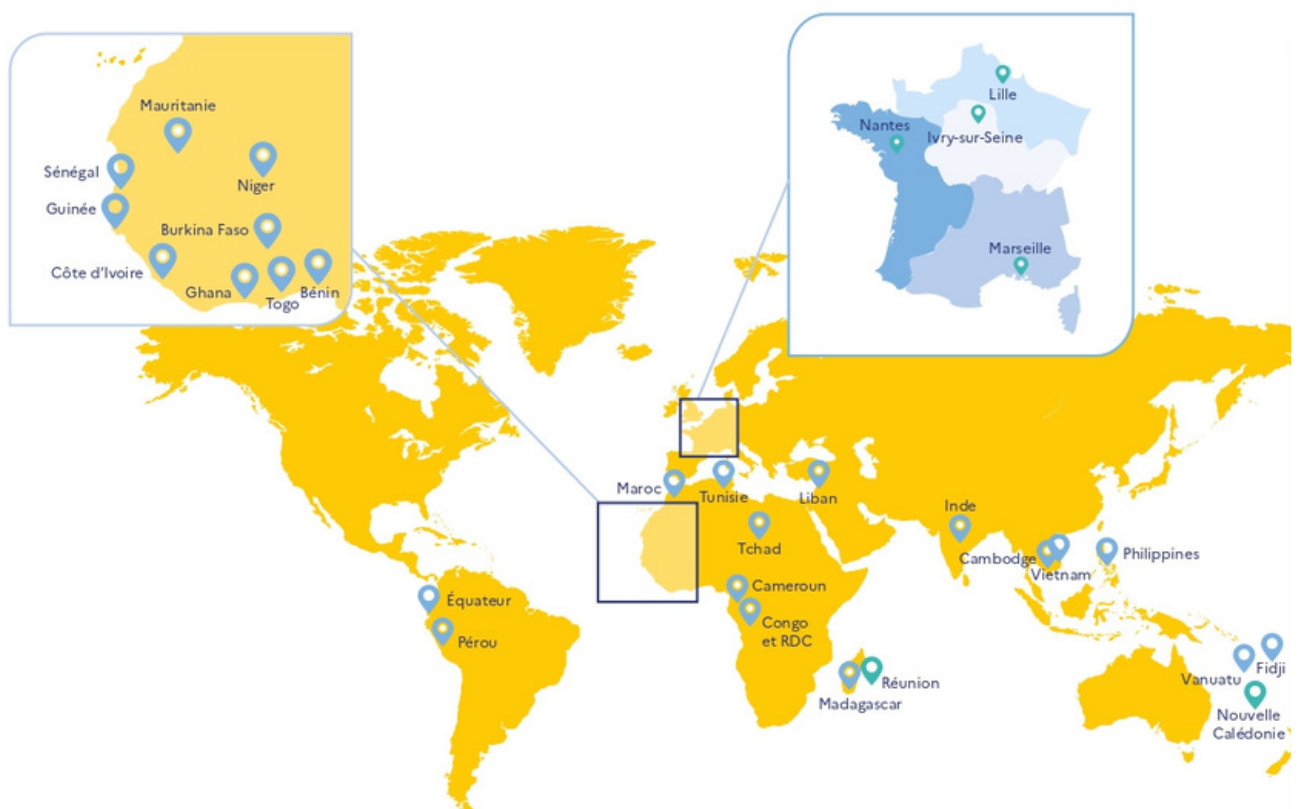
FRANCE VOLONTAIRES' INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

France Volontaires has representations in France, including overseas, and a network of Volunteering Centres (Espaces Voluntariats) deployed in Africa, Asia, Latin America/Caribbean, the Middle East and Oceania.

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Representations around the world

- 4 regional branches
- 2 branches in overseas France
- 24 international offices (Volunteering Centres) in 4 continents.



- The Volunteering Centres are specific to French volunteering and are located in countries where the most volunteers are deployed.
- They are **ressource and advice centres for partner organisations, public authorities, volunteers** and people who want to get involved. They **carry out training, networking, promotion and development of international exchange and solidarity volunteering.**



2. VOLUNTEERING CENTRE OF GHANA

PRESENTATION

Present in Ghana since 2008, Ghana is the first English-speaking country in Africa to have a Volunteering Centre and is an ideal destination for the development and promotion of volunteering. Strategically located within the Alliance française of Accra, it welcomes and responds to various requests from volunteers, volunteer candidates, French and Ghanaian sending and host organisations, partners both physically and virtually.

2008

Opening of AFVP's national representation in Ghana (in Accra).

2013

Opening of the Volunteering Centre in Accra, in the Alliance française, the first physical and virtual space dedicated to French volunteering in Ghana.

2014

Merger of France volontaires Ghana with the representation of Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia.

2018

New change: merging of France volontaires Ghana with the representation of Togo (still up-to-date).

2020

Opening of a VSI mission in charge of communication and partnership relations to support the France volontaires Ghana team.

OUR TEAM



**Telngar
RASSEMBEYE**

-National Representative of France Volontaires Ghana based in Togo - Security referent of France Volontaires in Ghana



**Belinda
BANOENUMAH**

Volunteering Development Support Officer



**Fanny
GOULLIER**



**Justine
GEGOUT**

VSI Communication and Partnership Relations Officer



**François
DOGBASSEY**

Administrative and Financial Assistant based in Togo

The Volunteering Centre team assists volunteering stakeholders (volunteering candidates, volunteers, sending and hosting organisations) in defining and implementing their projects. This support takes the form of:

Identifying partners (sending and host organisations)

Recruiting volunteers

Training and monitoring/support

Administrative procedures

NEWS FROM 2022

Change of status and inauguration of the new France Volontaires logo in Ghana

On January 1st 2023, France Volontaires has changed its status by becoming a public interest group. This new status means a new brand and graphic representation, that has been presented on the occasion of the French Volunteering day 2022, on October 4.

Madam Zanoo, the Greater Accra Regional Director of the National Service Scheme and Mr. Lecas, the Head of Cooperation and Cultural department of the French Embassy together inaugurated the new France Volontaires logo in Ghana.



Left to right : Mr. Julien Lecas, Ms. Zanoo, Mr. Telngar Rassembeye.

Team changes : replacement of the National Representative of France Volontaires Ghana and departure from the Volunteering Development Support Officer

On September 16th, 2022, the former National Representative of France Volontaires Ghana, Mr. Moussa Bah, handed over the baton of leadership to Mr. Telngar Rassembeye. To celebrate this event, France Volontaires has organized a convivial setting that brought together current and former volunteers, partner organisations and artists for various performances.

At the beginning of December 2022, we also thanked and said goodbye to Belinda Banoenumah, former Volunteering Development Support Officer, and held her farewell party.



Left to right : Mr. Moussa Bah, Mr. François Dogbassey, Mr. Telngar Rassembeye, Mrs. Belinda Banoenumah.

3. DATA : FRENCH VOLUNTEERISM SECTOR IN GHANA



FRENCH INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND SOLIDARITY (IES) VOLUNTEERISM IN GHANA

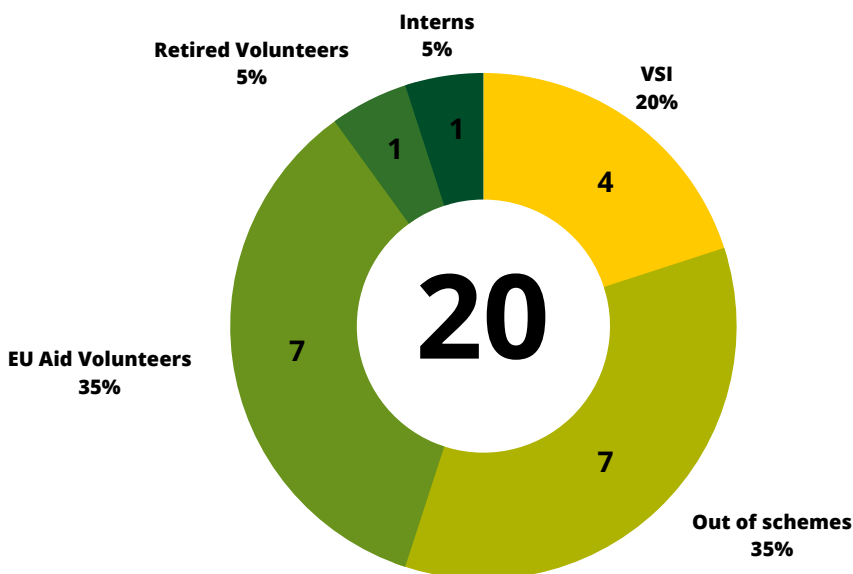
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IES Volunteers in Ghana in 2022

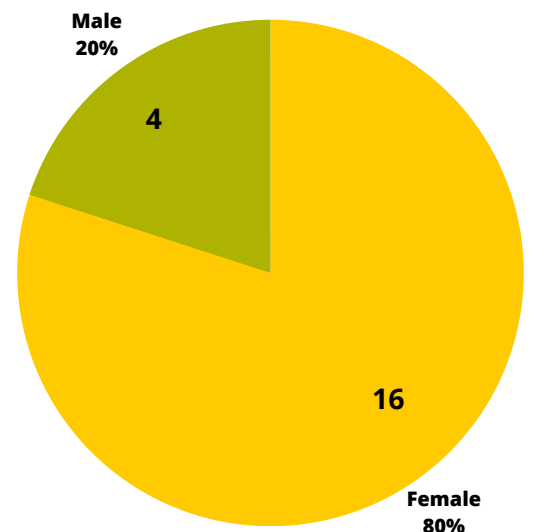
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IES Volunteers since 2008

*These figures exclude VIE, VIA, VNU, VOIF (dependent on other organizations), and undeclared volunteers.

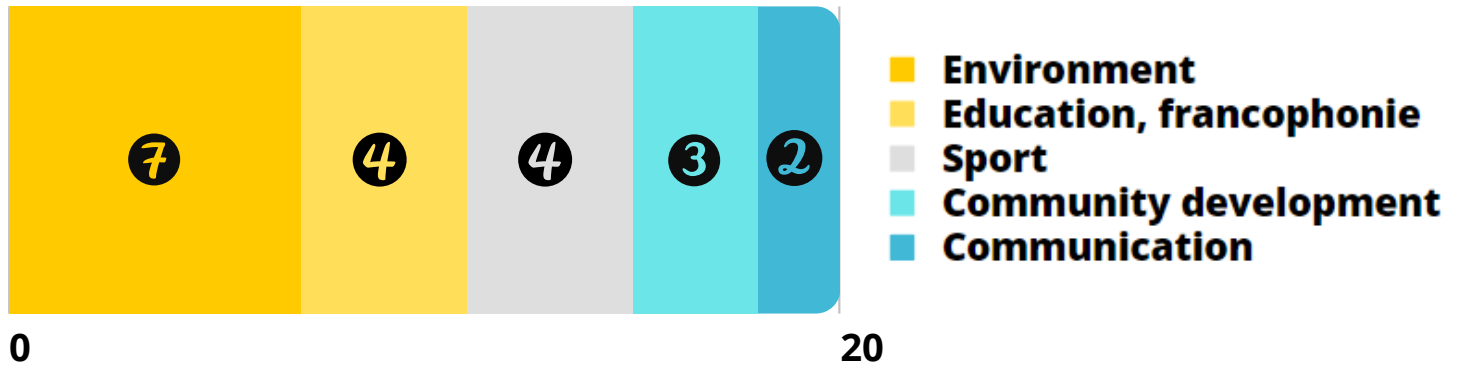


Distribution of IES volunteers in Ghana in 2022 by type of scheme



Distribution of IES volunteers in Ghana in 2022 by gender

Missions :



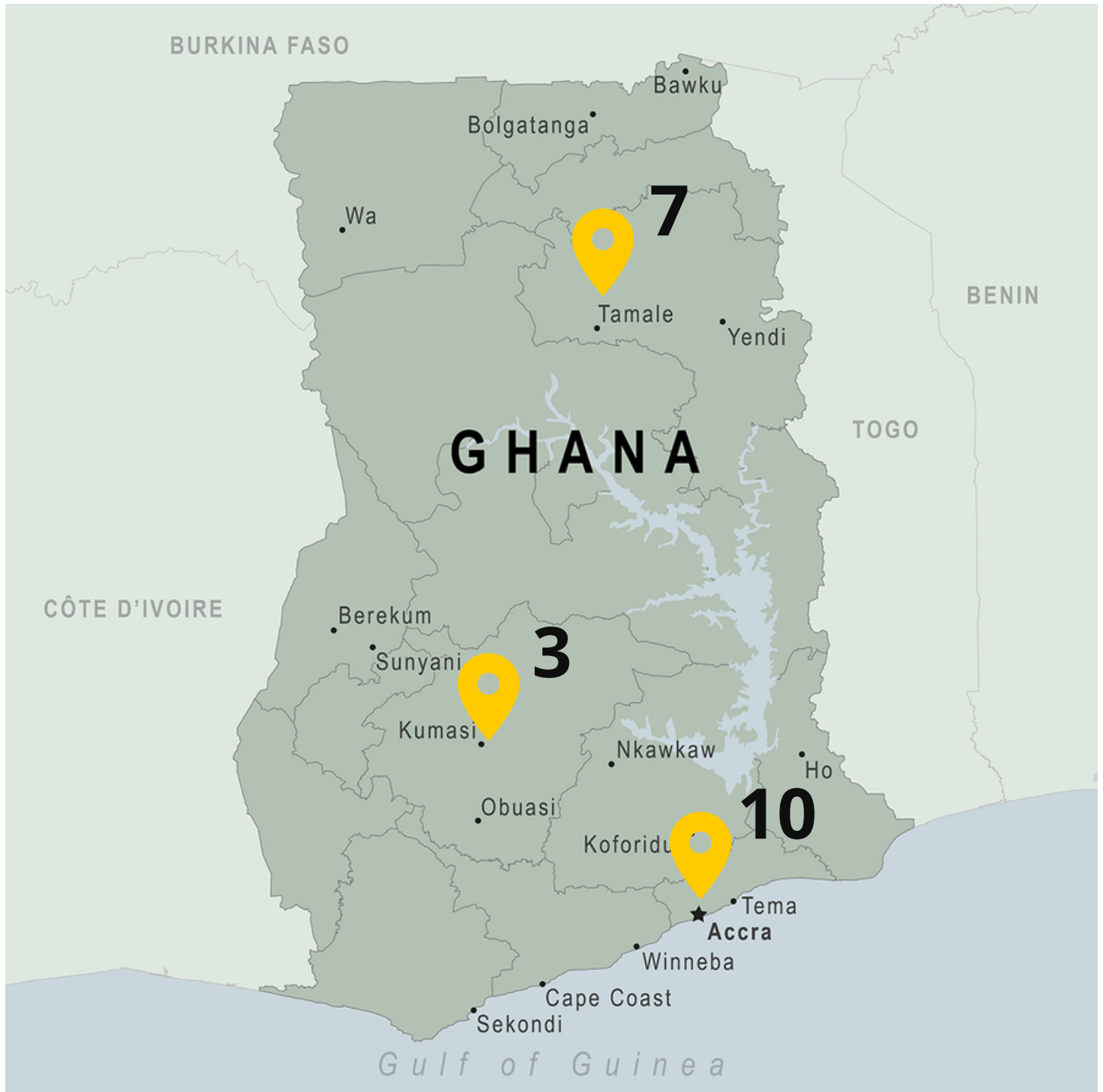
Distribution of IES volunteers in Ghana in 2022 by mission theme

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following **SDG's** :



Area of interventions

of IES Volunteers in Ghana in 2022



Sending organisations

of IES Volunteers in Ghana in 2022



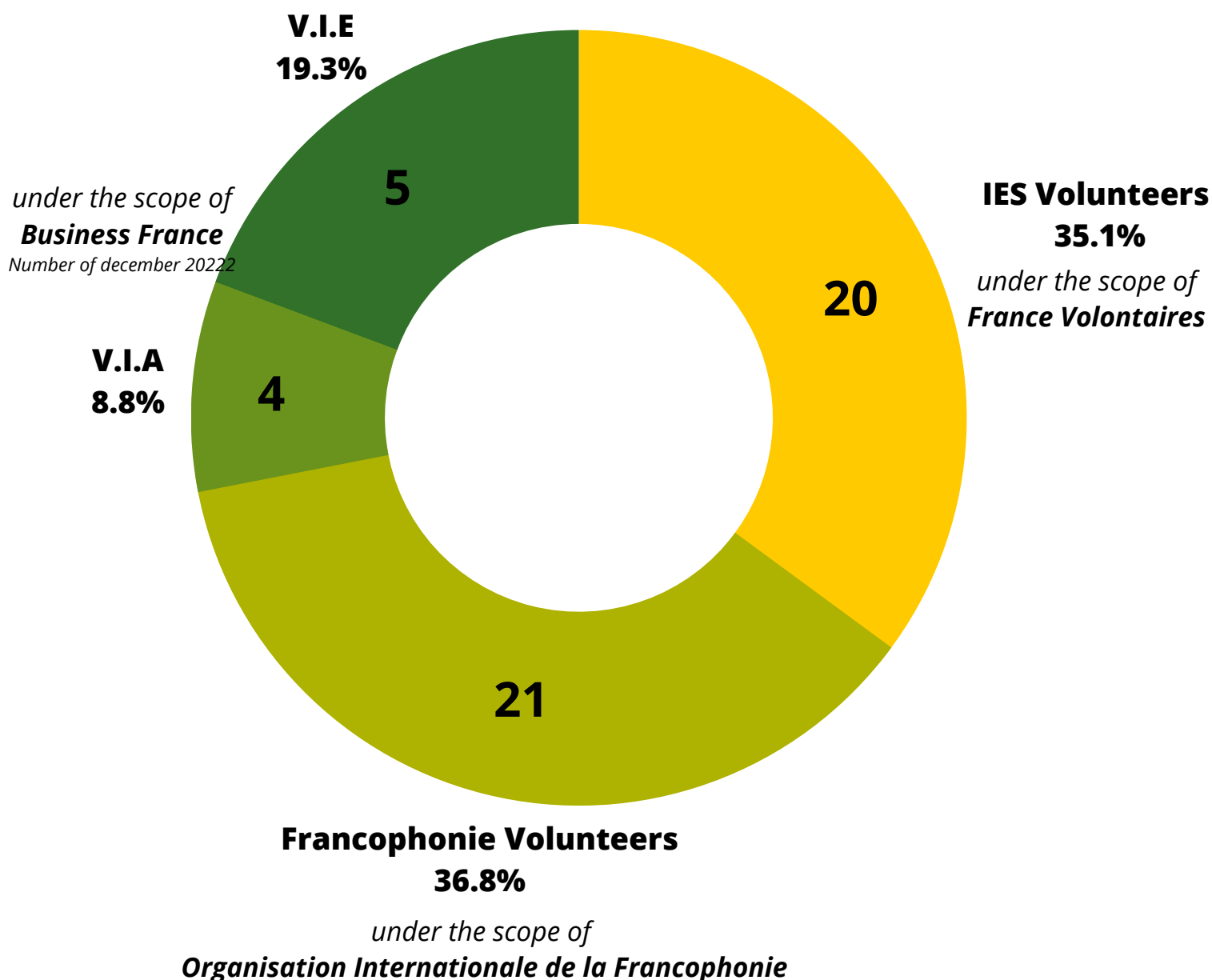
Host organisations

of IES Volunteers in Ghana in 2022



IES Volunteering within Overall Volunteerism in Ghana in 2022

Distribution of the different types of Volunteering in Ghana in 2022 by schemes

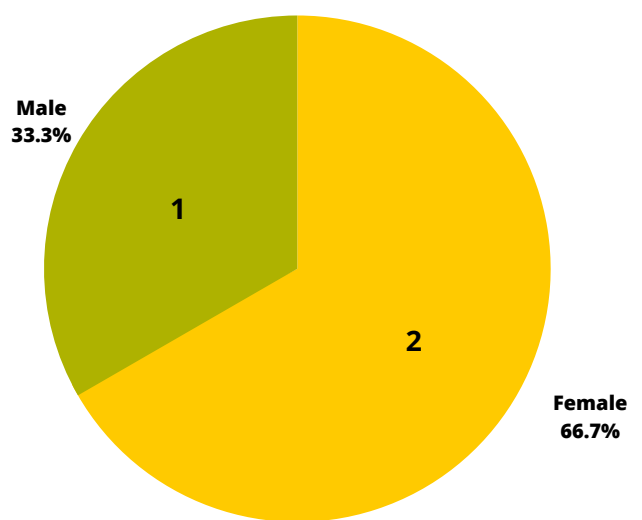


RECIPROCITY : INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND SOLIDARITY (IES) VOLUNTEERING IN FRANCE



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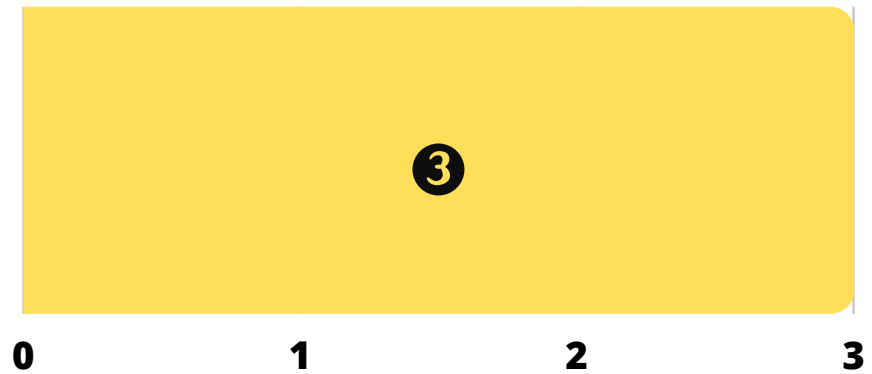
Distribution of IES Ghanaian volunteers in France in 2022 by type of scheme



Distribution of IES Ghanaian volunteers in France in 2022 by gender

Missions

■ Education and cultural exchange



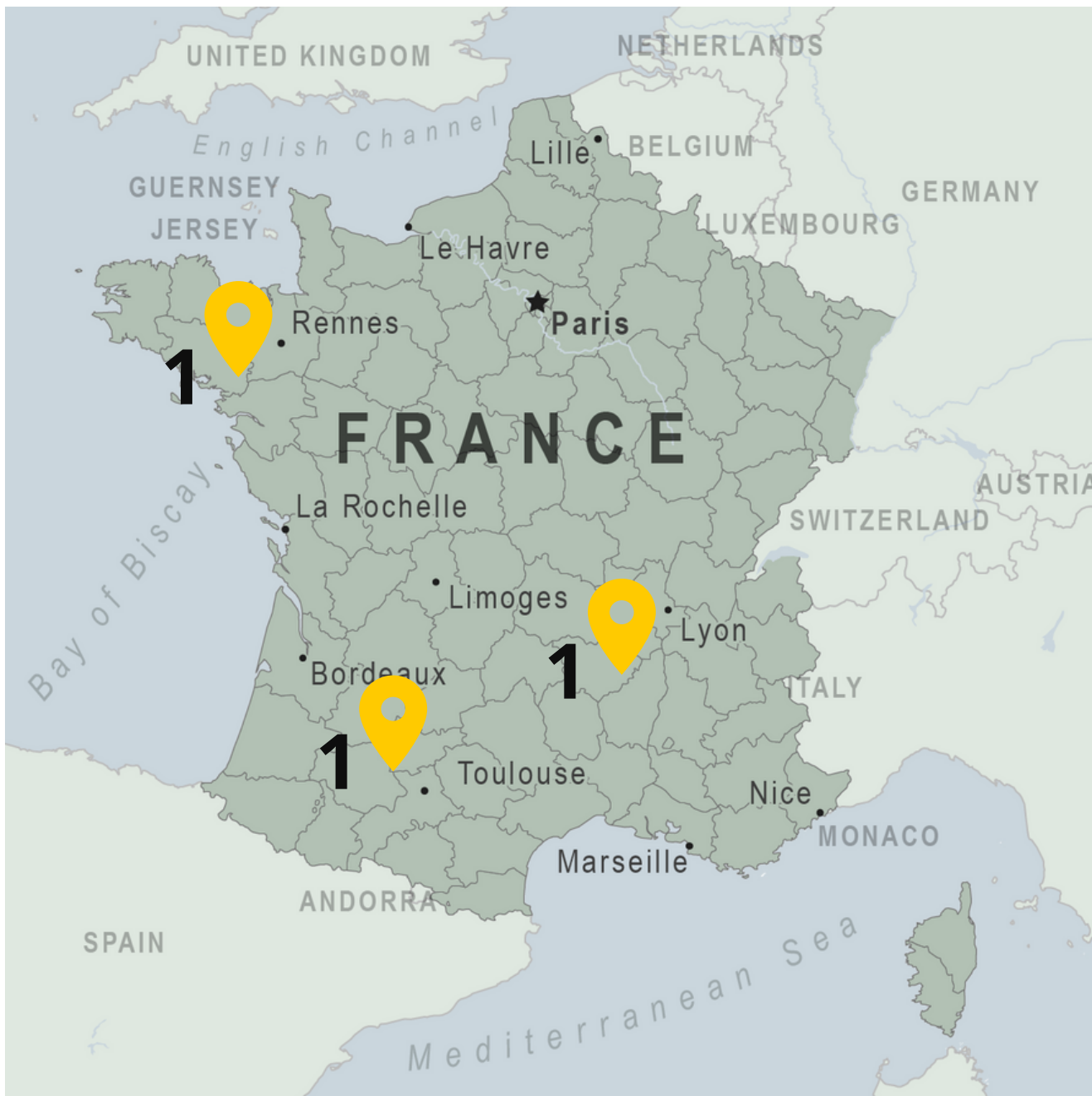
Distribution of IES Ghanaian volunteers in France in 2022 by mission theme

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Area of interventions

of IES Ghanaian Volunteers to France in 2022



Sending organisations

of IES Ghanaian Volunteers to France in 2022



Host organisations

of IES Ghanaian Volunteers to France in 2022



CLIMATE

Name: Misah Abdul Sabour
I am good reading and debating.
What I expect is, I need text books for reading and summarizing.
Summary.

Afa Malika Hafsa
Waiting listening about History.

Sandiso Vivian Tipoa
I am a Jovial person.
I expect nothing but the best from the presenter.

Iddrisu Akibatu
I am a friendly person.
I expect to learn more about the program.

Hidr. Fatilatu
I like playing with people and studying.

Antwi Emmanuel
am interested in reading, singing and dancing.

Isha Besanté
Reading

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4. DEVELOPMENT OF THE IESV SECTOR



OUR

ACTIONS

IN 2022

- A.** Participation in events

- B.** Communication

- C.** Information to skateholders

- D.** Projects

PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS

01. International Women's Day

MARCH



On the occasion of the International Women's Day, COVOG Ghana (Coalition of Volunteering Organisations) and Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG) organised a sensitization programme for the Chorkor community in Accra in which we participated.

The programme was based on family planning, contraception and HIV testing.

02. Francophonie Festival



1. France Volontaires participated in the **Professional Day** that brought together different French companies and participants to speak about volunteerism and the opportunities available.
2. France Volontaires participated in **The French and Fun Day** that brought together students from 4 schools to engage the students in a discussion on diversity and respect for others.
3. France Volontaires participated in the **closing ceremony** of the festival at the Alliance Française in Accra, with a stand presenting France Volontaires and volunteerism

03. Launch of On Y Va

JUNE



France Volontaires Ghana was invited for the launch of ON Y VA, an organisation that promotes the French Language in diverse ways.

ON Y VA has set up French clubs in different schools in Accra. France Volontaires encouraged the organisations that were invited to seize the opportunity France Volontaires offers to host French volunteers to promote their work.

04. Launch of the French Club of John Wesley Methodist Basic School JULY



France Volontaires Ghana honoured the invitation of John Wesley Methodist Basic School, Palladium, to the launch of their French Club.

France Volontaires addressed the audience on the theme: "Developing global citizens through language".

Our EUAid Volunteers for the Forest Project, Elvire Mathieu and Lea Sanz and Abena Asante, our Ghanaian volunteer who recently returned from France, shared their language experiences with the audience.

05. Bastille Day



On 14th July, 2022 our Volunteering Development Officer and two of our forest project volunteers attended Bastille Day at the Residence of the French Ambassador in Ghana.

06. Piesie Fashion Show

AUGUST



One of a Ghanaian volunteers who went in a Service Civique volunteering mission to France organized an event in art and fashion in Alliance française d'Accra when she returned to Ghana. We were there to listen to her and other Ghanaian volunteers to France shared their experiences and how volunteering has impacted their life.

07. International Youth Day



On International Youth Day, France Volontaires Ghana collaborated with Young Visionary Leaders of Ghana to organise an event on the theme: "Engaging young people for intergenerational solidarity: the roadmap for attaining the SDGs".

The event which was held at the Conference hall of the Amasaman Municipal Assembly, brought together Representatives from different NGOs, young activists, students and national service personnel.

There was a panel discussion on the theme and participants shared their experiences with ageism and intergenerational solidarity.

08. On Y Va bilinguism seminar

DECEMBER



France Volontaires was invited to attend the Development and Bilingualism seminar & workshop organized by On Y VA, and sponsored by French Embassy in Ghana.

On Y va works for the development of expressive french speakers who can express themselves with fluency.

France Volontaires presented french volunteering opportunities as a way to develop french language skills.

09. National Ranking Tournament



France Volontaires Ghana was invited to the semi-final day of the National Junior Ranking Tournament organized in Accra by the Ghana Tennis Federation and Hope Performance Tennis.

This event was a first contact with Hope Performance Tennis, a not-for-profit organization working to leverage the power of tennis and sports in general to empower young people through different inclusive programs across the country.

10. Christmas celebration



France Volontaires Ghana attended the Christmas celebration of Ecole Thérèse Internationale, a french school that hosts volunteers.

COMMUNICATION

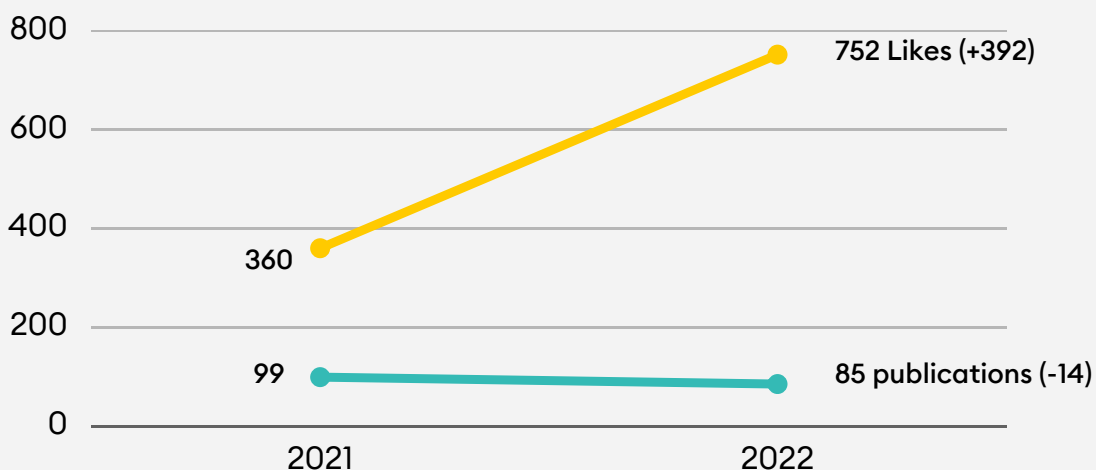
Communication is a priority for France Volontaires Ghana, in order to make its mission known as a to the different target actors (local organisations, national authorities, volunteers and candidates to volunteerism) and to work towards the development and recognition of the International Exchange and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



Facebook page



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.



2698

visits of ou Facebook page in 2022

2256

reactions on our posts in 2022

+500

new followers in 2022

10722

covers from our publications in 2022



Website of France Volontaires



2

articles published
in 2022

The France Volontaires website has an "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 of after their mission.



Radio show



In August, France Volontaires participated in a radio show, Facebook live and Youtube to talk about France Volontaires' volunteering opportunities and how we can leverage volunteering to achieve the SDGs.



Newsletter

Every three months, a 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. They are issued in January, April, July and October.

French Volunteering Day



On 4th October, 2022, France Volontaires Ghana, held our annual event, the French Volunteering Day on the theme of : **Volunteerism Today: A vehicle for building capacity of civil society, institutions and communities in our post pandemic world.**

The event brought together local and international partner organisations; Ghanaian, French and EUAID volunteers, Representatives from the EU and partners within the French Network in Ghana.

Communication about the event

1 poster before the event inside the Alliance française

45 kits distributed to participants consisting of a tote bag with the logo of France Volontaires containing a notepad, a pen, and the program of the day

2 articles in web media (472 views)

1 Facebook post from France Volontaires Ghana (538 appearances)

1 Facebook post from the French Embassy in Ghana



INFORMATION TO SKATEHOLDERS

MEETINGS AND PROSPECTION WITH ORGANISATIONS & PARTNERS

JANUARY

Stepping Stones for Africa Foundation



The co-founder and the project manager and operating officer of the organization Stepping Stones for Africa Foundation went to the Espace Volontariats of Ghana for a first meeting.

This Dutch-Ghanaian organization focuses on **grassroots development in villages in West Africa** and works together with communities and villages to achieve their development objectives. This meeting was an opportunity **to present the respective actions of both organizations and to discuss possible opportunities for collaboration.**

SOS Children's Village Ghana



Mavis Ekpe, from SOS Children's Village Ghana and Sixtine, a young French lady who did an internship with SOS Children's Villages Ghana as part of her studies in 2022, paid a visit to France Volontaires Ghana. They presented us her **volunteering project with the organisation in Tamale, in the Northern Region of Ghana.**

FEBRUARY

Sustainability Week Accra



Part of the team of Sustainability Week Accra, an international student movement that aims to build and carry out environmental actions, went to the Espace Volontariats of Ghana to meet its team. This first contact was an opportunity **to present the respective actions of the two organizations and to reflect on potential opportunities for collaboration.**

MARCH

French for all Foundation



Mr. Inusah Abubakr of French for all Foundation came to the Volunteering Centre. We present to him the upcoming programmes of France Volontaires Ghana.

Migrant Workers Labour Union



The founder of the Migrant Workers Labour Union International (MWLUI), paid a courtesy call on France Volontaires Ghana to share his organisation's action plan for this year, some challenges and proposed solutions.

His organisation benefited from a capacity building training that France Volontaires Ghana organized.

Ecocare Ghana



The Volunteering Development Officer of France Volontariats Ghana met with the team of Ecocare Ghana in order to collaborate. We discussed matters relating to the hosting of 6 European volunteers for a project.

APRIL

SDGs Advisory Unit



Mr. Felix Addo Yobo hosted the Volunteering Development Officer in his office at the Advisory Unit on the SDGs at the Office of the President. **Discussions included the role and activities the Advisory Unit and NDPC as far as the SDGs in Ghana are concerned; the mission of France Volontaires Ghana and the scope of our activities and projects and the possibilities for collaboration on future projects.**

APAE



Members of APAE and their 3 French volunteers in Abroma in Ashanti Region paid a visit to France Volontaires Ghana to tell us about the activities of APAE and the mission of the 3 volunteers. APAE is an organisation based in France and in Ghana and is focused on children's education and cultural exchanges.

Pal Foundation



France Volontaires Ghana had a meeting with Mr. Albert Tetteh to discuss opportunities for possible collaboration. He is the CEO and Founder of PAL Foundation, National Core subjects Quiz (NCSQ) and Verbal Transformers. His foundation visits, grooms and donates to orphanages, promotes education and talent management of vulnerable children, provide mentorship and organise games between orphanages.

MAY

EcoCare



France Volontaires Ghana team had a meeting with the team of EcoCare Ghana and the Forests volunteers. Among other things, the discussion centered around the different projects of Ecocare Ghana, the activities of the volunteers, tentative dates for site visits, and workplans. We look forward to more of such fruitful discussions and to concretise plans for the quarters ahead.

SDGs Advisory Unit



France Volontaires Ghana submitted an advocacy document about the contribution of volunteerism to Ghana's achievement of the SDGs and this meeting served as a follow-up on the progress of the drafting of the final document (the National Voluntary Review) which will be carried by the Ghanaian Government in New York.

SDGs Advisory Unit



The Coordinator for the Platform for the SDGs visited the office of France Volontaires Ghana. The meeting centered on the National Voluntary Review and the drafting of a shadow report by the platform on behalf of CSOs to valorise the contribution of CSOs to Ghana's attainment of the SDGs.

JUNE

SCAC



The new Head of Cooperation and Cultural Department (SCAC) of the French Embassy, Mr. Julien Lecas, paid us a courtesy visit. He was accompanied by Ms. Nina the general secretary of Institut Français of the Cooperation and Cultural Department.

They discussed among other things, the role and mission of France Volontaires Ghana, collaborations and support from the Embassy, the recruitment and deployment of French and Ghanaian volunteers and the upcoming French Volunteering Day in October this year.

SEPTEMBER

AFD



As part of the activities for the handing over of the France Volontaires national representation in Ghana, Mr. Moussa Bah, the former national representative; Mr. Telngar Rassembeye, the new National representative; Mr. Karim Doumbia, the head of France Volontaires West Africa; and Miss Belinda Ngmenbuobo Banoenumah, the Volunteering Development Officer of France Volontaires Ghana paid a courtesy call on Mr. Christophe Cottet, the Director for Agence Francaise du Developpement (AFD).

Among other things, discussions bordered on the handing over, projects currently on course within both organisations and possible collaborations.

SCAC



The Head of the Cultural and Cooperation Department (SCAC) at the French Embassy, Mr. Julien Lecas and his Attachee, Marine Hayem, hosted Mr. Moussa Bah, Mr. Telngar Rassembeye and Mr. Karim Doumbia at the French Embassy to discuss matters concerning the Paris 2024 volunteer recruitments and the activities of France Volontaires in Ghana.

EcoCare



France Volontaires Delegation had a meeting at EcoCare Ghana with the project volunteers and and the Co-founder of Ecocare Ghana.

Ecole Thérèse Internationale



France Volontaires Ghana visited Ecole Therese Internationale, a bilingual school in Accra that had just received Madame Eliane, an elderly volunteer from our partner sending organisation, Agir ABCD. She is a retired expert educationist with decades of experience in French as a Foreign Language (FLE) and monitoring and evaluating curricula in schools across France and and French schools across West Africa.

OCTOBER

YMCA Ghana



The National Representative of France Volontaires Ghana with Mr. Olivier Albert Molle, a representative of AGIR ABCD, had a session with some local partner organisations of France Volontaires in Ghana.

The meeting took place at YMCA Ghana where participants learnt about the recruitment and deployment of volunteers from France Volontaires and AGIR ABCD (which deploys senior and retired experts as volunteers to organisations to support and strengthen the capacity of civil society organisations).

EU Commission in Ghana



France Volontaires Ghana and Mr. Olivier Albert Molle of AGIR ABCD, had a meeting with Emmanuel Soubiran at the EU Commission in Ghana to discuss about possible collaboration between their respective organisations.

CREF Accra



Telngar Rassembeye, National Representative of France Volontaires in Togo and Ghana and Olivier MOLLE, AGIR abcd (Association Générale des Intervenants Rétraités) Project Manager for English and Portuguese speaking countries met with Mr. Robert ATSU DAVOR from CREF (Centre Régional pour l'Enseignement du Français) to discuss the possibility of volunteers exchange between Togo and Ghana. The exchanges continued at the Ministry of Education with Minsieur Tchitchi, Director of Francophone Affairs.

Lycée français d'Accra



Telngar Rassembeye, National Representative of France Volontaires in Togo and Ghana and Olivier MOLLE, AGIR abcd (Association Générale des Intervenants Rétraités) Project Manager for English and Portuguese speaking countries met with the Principal of the Lycée Français Jacques Prevert d'Accra in order to present the french volunteering schemes.

Ecole Ronsard



Telngar Rassembeye, National Representative of France Volontaires in Togo and Ghana and Olivier MOLLE, AGIR abcd (Association Générale des Intervenants Rétraités) Project Manager for English and Portuguese speaking countries met with the Principal of Ronsars International School in Accra, Mrs. Sandra PATI, in order to present the french volunteering schemes.

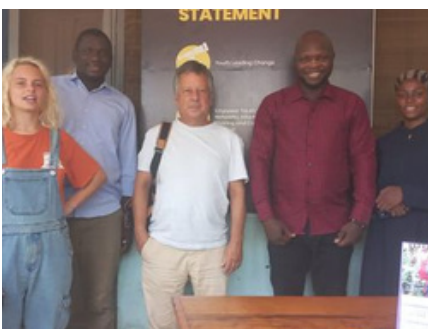
GDCA



France Volontaires Ghana and AGIR abcd met in Tamale in the North of Ghana with the managers of GDCA, a host organisation of two French Volunteers in the framework of the EU AID VOLUNTEERS program. The objective of this meeting was to meet the two French Volunteers , to present the offer of French volunteering to the host organisation, to know the missions of GDCA in order to better collaborate in the future.

Later in the month, **GDCA organized and hosted a meeting between France Volontaires and about twenty leaders of national and international NGOs operating in Tamalé during which the French volunteer offer was presented followed by exchanges on the practicalities of hosting and sending volunteers.**

YELF Ghana



France Volontaires Ghana and Agir Abcd met the management team of YELF Ghana in Tamale. The objective of this meeting was to present the French offer of volunteering and to better understand their fields of intervention. YELF Ghana is an organisation that supports the youth of the Tamale region through three pillars: economic, social and political empowerment.

School for life



France Volontaires Ghana and AGIR abcd met with the management team of School for Life in Tamale to present the French volunteering offer and to learn more about the areas of intervention of SchoolforLife. School for Life strives to strengthen the role of civil society in improving access to basic education by acting as a lead organization in providing, demonstrating and advocating for complementary mother-tongue-based basic education in underserved areas of Ghana.

Dalun Simli Center



France Volontaires Ghana and AGIR abcd visited the Dalun Simli Center and the Dalun Community Radio. The Dalun Simli Center is a rural training center established since 1989 by GDCA. The center serves as a training facility for community members, women's groups and youth. The center aims to become a rural center of excellence for human resource and skills development to reduce poverty.

DECEMBER

French Embassy



The team of France Volontaires Ghana had the opportunity to visit the French Embassy in Ghana to meet with His Excellency Jules-Armand Aniambossou, the new Ambassador of France to Ghana in the presence of Mr. Julien Lecas, Counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Action, and Ms. Marine Hayem, Cooperation Attaché. This meeting was an opportunity to present France Volontaires, its change of status and the relations with the Service de Coopération et d'Action Culturelle. France Volontaires has presented the french volunteering schemes and reciprocity offer as well as the past and future projects of France Volontaires in Ghana.

Floating Crystal Academy



France Volontaires Ghana visited the Floating Crystals Academy, a community school located in Ashaiman that provides basic education to needy, at-risk and children with disabilities through formal and non-formal educational activities. During this time of exchange we have presented our respective visions for the development of future projects.

PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL VOLUNTARY REVIEW

In 2022, Ghana was selected to present a Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) on the SDGs, to be presented at a High Level Political Forum in New York in July.

France Volontaires Ghana prepared an advocacy paper containing data collected from 6 organizations on the contribution of volunteerism to the SDGs in Ghana and the paper was presented to the CSO Platform on the SDGs, which is a platform for all CSOs in advancing the SDGs. Indeed, data from 6 organisations – World University Service of Canada, Ghana (WUSC), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), United Way Ghana and Young Visionary Leaders Ghana (YVLG) and France Volontaires Ghana were collated and added to the advocacy document which would in turn be added to the National Voluntary Review. This is to keep track of the progress member countries of the UN are making towards achieving the SDGs.



ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERING CEREMONIES

Farewell : Forest Project' Volunteers

On 21st November, France volontaires Ghana organised a farewell event for the Forest volunteers.

The event was an opportunity for the volunteers to share their experiences on the field and in Ghana as a whole. They showed one video of the forest project and another on the climate generation project which was an initiative that led to the establishment of climate generation clubs in 3 Senior High Schools.

The event brought together NGOs, organisations within the French network in Ghana, former volunteers and representatives from the media.



International Volunteer Day

On 5th December, the Coalition of Volunteering Organisations Ghana (COVOG) in collaboration with Crossroads International and France Volontaires Ghana celebrated IVD 2022 at YWCA, Adabraka.

The theme was : Solidarity through Volunteering: the missing population in climate justice.



TRAINING OF SKATEHOLDERS

VOLUNTEER DEPARTURE TRAINING

Before the departure of Ghanaian volunteers to France, France Volontaires received them in the Volunteering Centre through a preparation workshop during which practical and logistical aspects are discussed. We give them informations about life in France and we share reflections and personal questions about interculturality in particular.

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Volunteers departure trainings in 2022



In 2022, we received two Ghanaian Volunteers going to France to provide them the Departure Training :

1. In January 2022 we had Paul (picture above) before his departure for a 6-months mission of the Service Civique scheme, within the LEAP Eugenie Joubert in Yssingaux (France).
2. In December 2022 we had Kafui, before her departure for a 6-months mission of the Service Civique scheme, within the Lycée Théodore Monod, in Le Rheu (France).

PROJECTS

FOREST PROJECT

An EU Aid Volunteers project led by France Volontaires between August and November 2022.

- In 2022 France Volontaires led the project Forests, a EU Aid Volunteers project, in Cameroon, Congo, Ghana, Guinea and Vietnam. Among the five countries, the volunteers acted in favour of forest ecosystems and local populations.
- In Ghana, the EU volunteers worked with Ecocare Ghana to implement a sensitization campaign in schools to raise awareness among Ghanaian youngsters on forest conservation and climate change.



5

EU Aid Volunteers on forest project

4

months project



CLIMATE GENERATION



The Generation Climate project is a program created by the Fondation pour la Nature et l'Homme in association with France Volontaires and FORIM. It was held in Ghana from July to December 2022.

- In 2022, Ecocare received the EU Aid volunteers of the forest project, but also a French volunteer in civic service over the same period as part of the climate generation project.
- This project aims to involve young people in the fight against climate change and its challenges. Five volunteers were sent to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Madagascar, Senegal and Togo.
- The objective of the mission was to raise awareness about global warming in Ghana among the youngsters.

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Civic service
volunteer

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months project

FOLLOW-UP OF REQUESTS

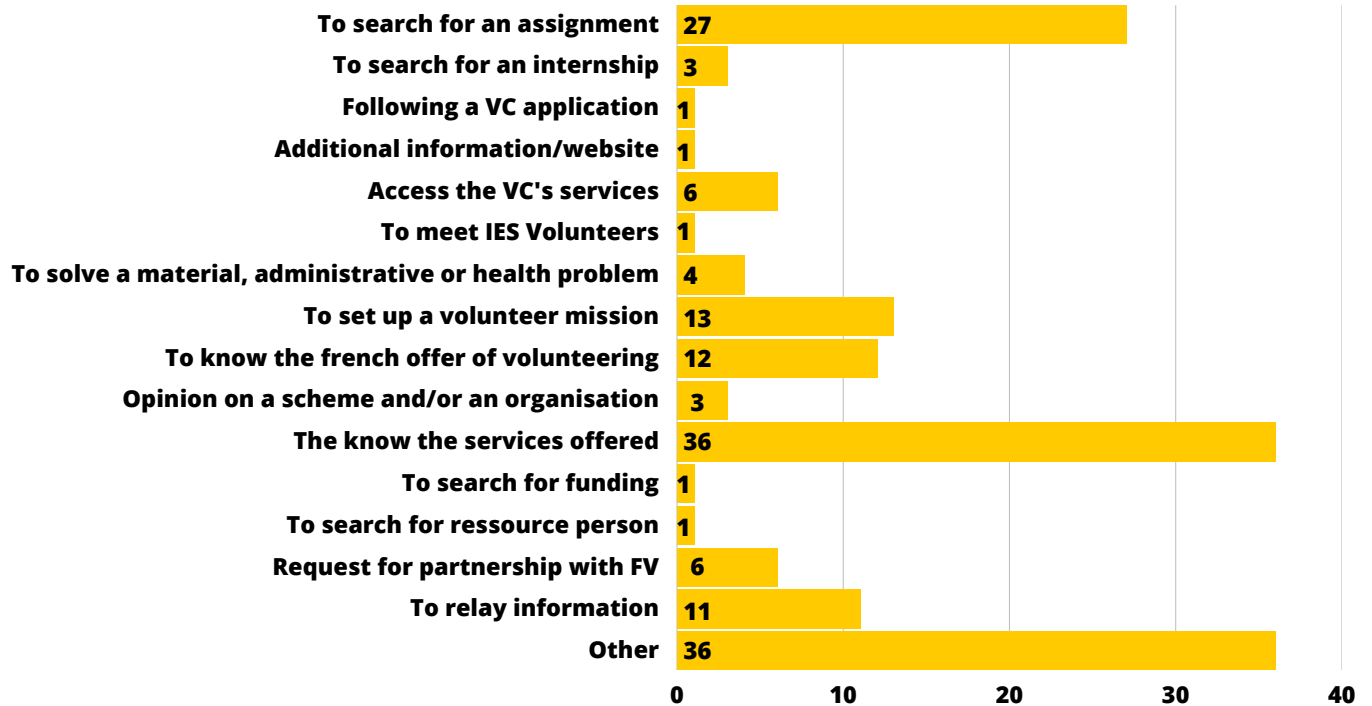
The representation of France Volontaires in Ghana supports and guides both volunteers and organisations interested in International Exchange and Solidarity Volunteering.

In 2022 we handled 162 requests.

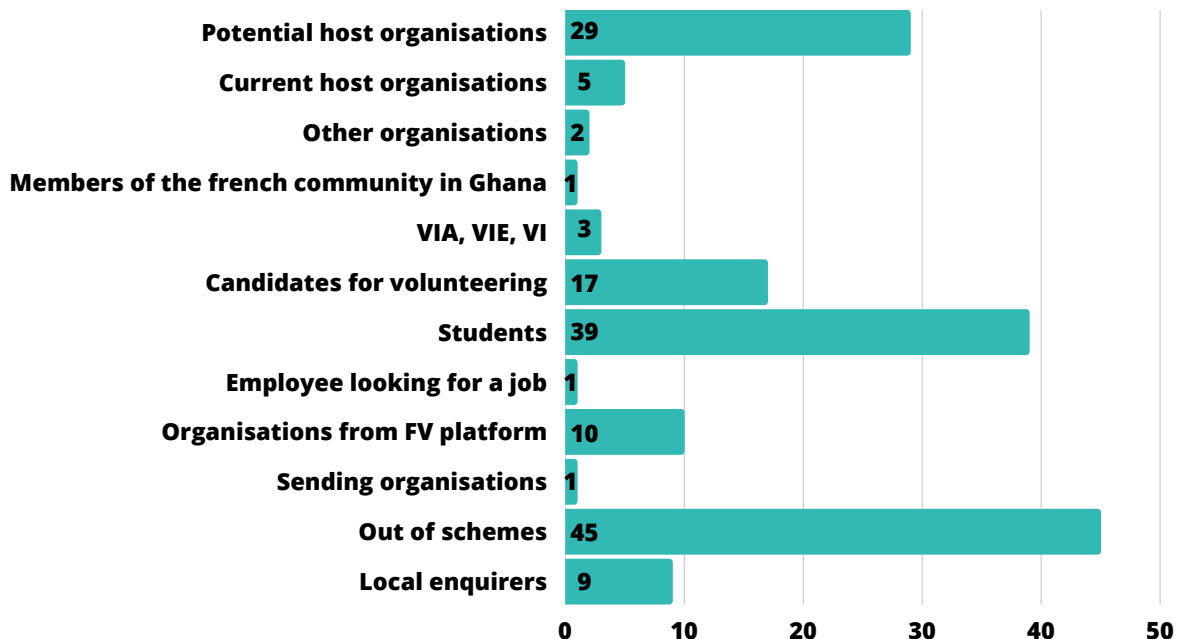
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requests in
2022

Nature of requests



Type of requester



COLLABORATION

FOR

IESV

Prospecting for missions for member associations of France Volontaires and partners

In 2022, a prospecting mission led to the opening of a volunteer mission for the association Agir ABCD, a member of the France Volontaires platform and specialized in sending retired volunteers.

The host organisation is the Therese International School in Accra, which will host several volunteer missions in 2023 for education and the Francophonie.

KEY NUMBERS

20

Volunteers of International Exchange and Solidarity in Ghana in 2022

5

Volunteering-related events organized in 2022

162

Requests handled in 2022

OUTLOOK FOR 2023

In 2023 and 2024, we are focusing on sports diplomacy and the Francophonie.

SPORT

In Ghana, we have selected 10 Ghanaian volunteers that we would like to take part in the volunteer program of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

France Volontaires and the Embassy of France in Ghana reiterate their enthusiasm for the participation in this program as a response to the presidential commitments expressed in the Ouagadougou speech by strengthening its actions in two priority areas: sport and volunteering.

As planned in the project submitted at the beginning of the year 2022 by the post and validated by the Paris 2024 Committee in March, the French Embassy in Ghana, in partnership with France Volontaires, has proposed to 7 Ghanaian civil society organizations - associations, sports clubs and federations - to present between 2 and 3 volunteer candidates. These associations were selected on the basis of their commitment to education, inclusion of people with disabilities, gender and the promotion of social diversity and the fight against all forms of discrimination. 16 candidates were proposed.

Then, the selection committee, composed of France Volontaires, UNICEF, the Ghanaian National Olympic Committee, the Lycée Français International d'Accra, France Volontaires, AFD and the SCAC of the French Embassy, selected 8 candidates. In addition, the Lycée Français International d'Accra proposed 2 high school students. The 10 young people selected stand out for their willingness to get involved in the associative and sports sectors. The selection committee was careful to respect the parity.

The Paris 2024 Games Committee has given a favorable response to these applications, and the candidates will be prepared and accompanied in 2023, not only by the diplomatic post, which has been awarded the "Terres de Jeux 2024" label, but also by France Volontaires, an experienced volunteer operator. The selected volunteers will be trained in civic engagement. Their involvement in sports associations in Ghana first, then in France, then again in Ghana will promote the exchange of best practices between French and Ghanaian organizations.

FRANCOPHONIE

To promote the Francophonie, France Volontaires will be investing in several activities in 2023:

- Involvement in the **Francophonie week** with all the actors and the realization of a video on the contribution of the Volunteers to the development of the Francophonie in Ghana;
- The **development of civic service missions** in several educational structures in order to teach and promote the French language;
- The establishment in partnership with the French Embassy of a project submitted to **FSPI funding for the promotion and teaching of the French language through the IESV: exchanges of volunteers between Togo and Ghana** ; Ghana and France.
- The **signing of an agreement with the Ghanaian government** giving France Volontaires a legal status and securing the IES volunteers.

ANNEX

SUMMARY SHEET GHANA - 2022

1. VOLUNTEERING ECOSYSTEM IN GHANA

- Ministry in charge

The [National Youth Authority](#), a Statutory Public Organization with the mandate to co-ordinate and facilitates youth empowerment activities under the [Ministry of Youth and Sports](#), is in charge of volunteerism in Ghana.

An [Agreement on the Promotion of Volunteerism and Exchange of Volunteers and Language Assistants](#) was signed on 9 July 2019 between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Ghana. It recognizes [France Volontaires](#) as the organization in charge of implementing the provisions of the Agreement related to volunteerism.

- National volunteering agency and programs

A [National Youth Volunteering Program](#) (NYVP) was launched in 2022 by the National Youth Authority.

Also, in Ghana, one year of [national service](#) is mandatory for all Ghanaians graduating from tertiary educational institutions. It is the [National Service Scheme](#) (NSS), a program under the [Ministry of Education](#) of Ghana.

- Platform/civil society network related to volunteerism

France Volontaires is a member of the [Coalition of Volunteering Organizations in Ghana](#) (COVOG), which gather civil society volunteering organizations.

- Interlocutors at the French Embassy

France Volontaires in Ghana [aligns its strategy with French policy](#) and takes into account the priorities defined in the French Embassy's action plan. The main interlocutors are the [Cooperation and Cultural Department](#) (SCAC) and the [consular services](#).

2. FRANCE VOLONTAIRES IN GHANA

- The representation of France Volontaires in Ghana [opened in 2013](#).
- Its mission is to [train, inform, support and connect French volunteering actors with their partners in Ghana](#).

- The team of France Volontaires Ghana is composed of :

-Telngar RASSEMBEYE, [National Representative and Security Referent](#) of France Volontaires Ghana, based in Togo.

-Belinda BANOENUMAH, [Volunteering Development Support Officer](#), replaced in 2023 by Yawo Apelete DOKU.

-Fanny GOUILLIER, followed by Justine GEGOUT, [Communication and Partnership Relations Officer](#).

2. KEY ELEMENTS ON VOLUNTEERING DYNAMICS

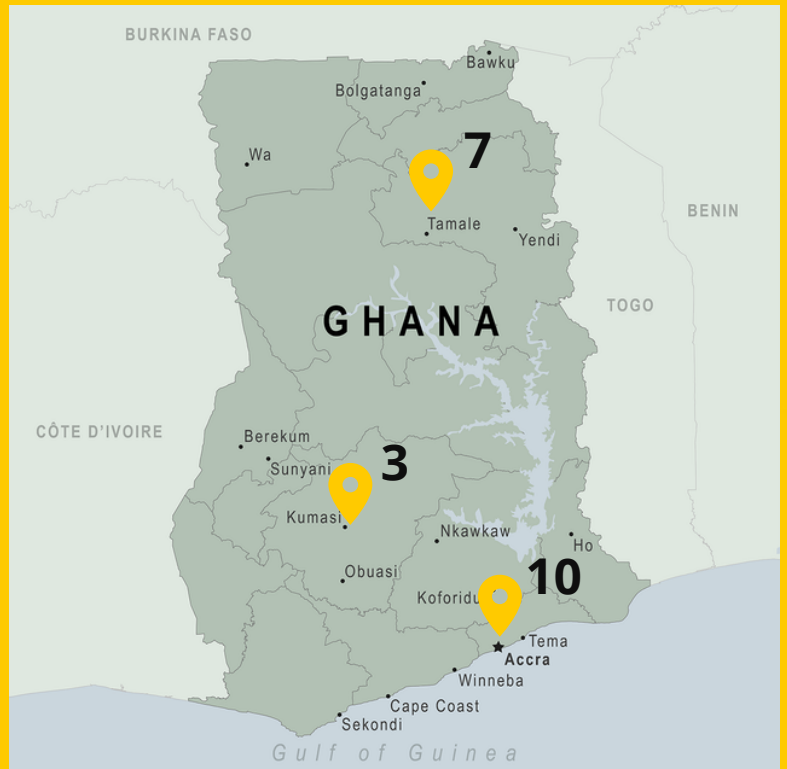
France Volontaires in Ghana

In 2022, France Volontaires Ghana carried out the following actions :

- 10 participation in events
- Communication : social network animation, radio show, French Volunteering Day...
- 32 informations to stakeholders : meetings and prospection with organisations and partners...
- 2 training of stakeholders : volunteer departure training

In 2022, France Volontaires Ghana mainly worked on 2 principale projects : **Forest and Climate Generation**, that aim to act in favour of forest ecosystem and local populations and fight against climate change.

Area of intervention



Distribution of IESV by gender

16 females (80%)
4 males (20%)

Participation to the SDGs

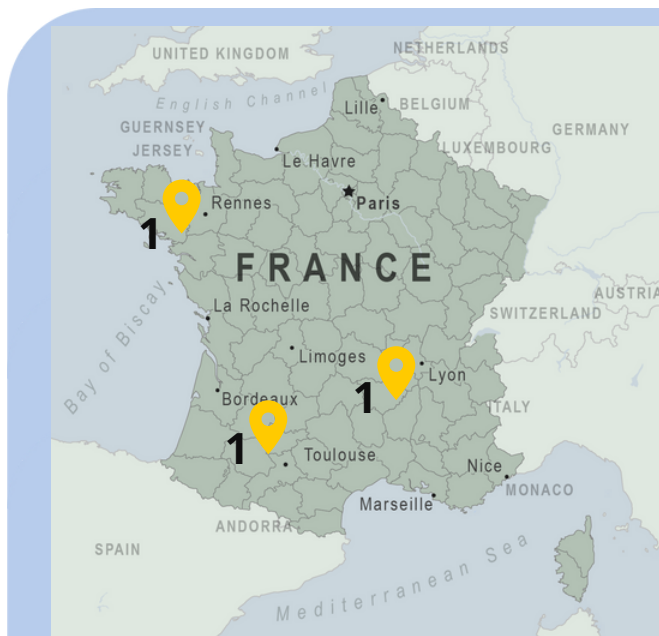
In 2022, IESV in Ghana took action on the following SDGs :



Number of IESV by scheme :

20 IESV were registered in 2022 :

- 7 volunteers EU Aid (35%)
- 7 out of scheme volunteers (35%)
- 4 International Solidarity Volunteers VSI (20%)
- 1 intern in an association (5%)
- 1 senior volunteer (5%)



Dynamic of reciprocity

In the framework of the reciprocity provided by the Civic Service scheme, 3 young Ghanaians carried out an IESV mission to France in 2022, all in the field of education and citizenship.

They took action on the following SDGs:



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