

Our Response

Our Vision



Children and families flourish when empowered youth support behavior change and remain engaged through pathways to skills, entrepreneurship, and employment.

Our Mission



The Tongor-Tsanakpe-Dzemeni Community Health Empowerment Initiative equips rural youth to become community service leaders and agents of change. Through practical skills training, leadership development, and service-based learning, young people promote the adoption of evidence-based behaviors that improve health and safety at the household level. Our Youth Service and Development Corps pairs capacity building with community service, creating pathways to entrepreneurship, employment, and lifelong leadership.

Learn more

Partner With Us

Partner with the Youth Service and Development Corps to strengthen youth leadership, improve household health and safety, and sustain measurable community impact.

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Community Health Empowerment Initiative

YSDC



Tongor - Tsanakpe - Dzemeni GHANA

The Challenge

Clean & Safe Cooking

Approximately 2.6 billion people worldwide rely on biomass fuels such as wood and charcoal for cooking, contributing to an estimated 2.8 million deaths annually from household air pollution. This exposure drives acute respiratory infections – responsible for over one in ten deaths among children under five – and increases the risk of burn injuries in the home. Expanding access to clean and safe cooking solutions is essential to protecting health and saving lives (State of Global Air Report, 2023; World Health Organization, 2023; UNICEF, 2024).



Clean Water & Safe Storage

Contaminated water is linked to over 1 million deaths each year from diarrheal diseases alone – many of them young children dying from preventable illness. At the same time, an estimated 2 billion people still lack access to safely managed drinking water. Water from rivers, taps, vendors, and even treatment centers may appear clean but it is often unsafe and can become contaminated during collection, transport, and storage. Safe water requires both reliable access and proper storage and hygiene practices (World Health Organization & UNICEF, 2023; CAWST, 2026).



Research & Innovation



The YSDC and its leadership prioritize and apply scientifically sound, cutting-edge, evidence-based research to maximize impact on community and environmental health.

Our Three Pillar Program Model

The Tongor-Tsanakpe-Dzemeni Community Empowerment Initiative is implemented through the Youth Service and Development Corps – a first-of-its-kind service corps model that integrates youth leadership, household health promotion, and vocational pathways into a single, scalable delivery system.

We LEAD



Forming the identity of the Corps through discipline, values, responsibility, and civic pride.

Youth build the confidence and character needed to lead behavior change in their communities, emerging as role models, household educators, peer mentors, and community advocates.

This pillar builds the foundation of identity, values, and leadership that empowers youth to influence change in their communities.



We ACT



Forming the operational engine of the Corps through service, skills, and community action.

Youth promote behavior change and build supportive household infrastructure through home visits, health education, and practical service.

This pillar turns skills and training into practical action that improves household health and community well-being.



We THRIVE



Forming the long-term resilience of the Corps and the communities it serves.

Youth build pathways to employment, enterprise, and cooperative business as communities sustain measurable improvements in health, safety, and well-being.

This pillar transforms the Corps into a workforce and enterprise pipeline that sustains gains and strengthens community resilience.

