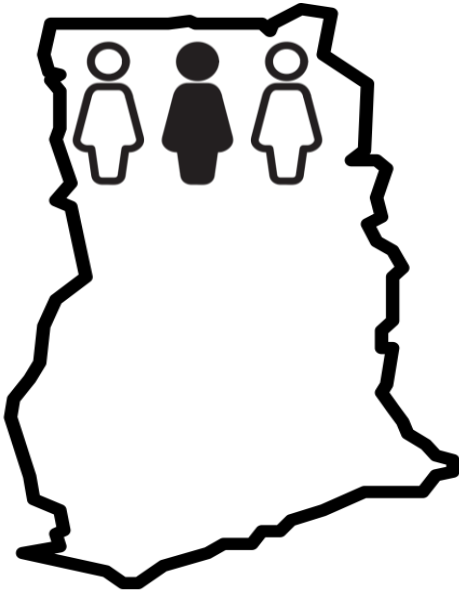


Women In Agriculture Platform (WAP)

A gender advocacy initiative created in 2016 under the USAID-supported Feed The Future Ghana Agriculture, Governance, Resilience, & Economic Empowerment (AGREE) Activity



USAID through the AGREE Activity has supported the creation and formalization of over 60 WAPs across northern Ghana and is:

- Encouraging traditional leaders and local authorities to lease land for farming to the WAPs.
- Advocating for farm inputs including fertilizer and seeds for WAP members.
- Training WAPs to peacefully address community conflicts which could impact agricultural productivity if left unresolved.
- Mentoring WAP members to become self-confident and assertive to demand accountability from authorities for improved agriculture development.

These WAPs are now engaging in peace advocacy, developing district level action plans for improved agriculture productivity, and contributing to decision making in their districts.

Here are three champions from the Upper East Region:



Gilberta Akuka

- Secretary, Upper East Regional WAP
- Member, District Agriculture Sector Governance Platform
- Member, District Assembly Health Committee

Through her engagements, the District Assembly and Department of Agriculture recognize the WAP as a vibrant platform and invites the members to meetings related to women and agriculture.



Stella Saaka

- Chairperson, Talensi District WAP
- Winner - 2019 U.S. Embassy Ghana Woman of Courage Award

Currently, she and her WAP members are recognized and invited

to participate in the district assembly's medium-term planning sessions. Stella is also working with women groups in the district to initiate income generating activities along the sweet potato and peanut value chain.

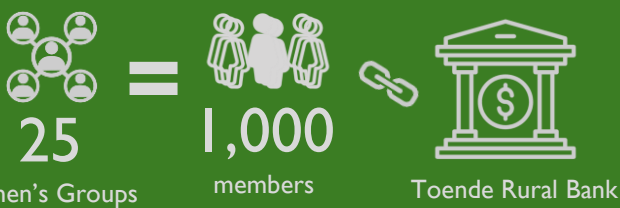
WOMEN FARMERS DIRECTLY SUPPORTED



WAP GROUPS FORMED



WOMEN FARMERS LINKED TO CREDIT



WOMEN'S ACCESS TO CREDIT LINES FOR FARM INPUTS ANNUALLY SINCE 2018



WOMEN FARMERS MOBILIZED FOR TRACTOR ACCESS



FACILITATED ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING & ESTABLISHMENT OF MOBILE MONEY BUSINESSES



Faustina Teni Abagre

- Bolgatanga Municipal WAP Chair
- Leader – Single Mothers Association Rice Processing Group

Under her leadership, the WAP has progressively gained recognition and are now regularly invited to contribute to the Bolgatanga Municipality's medium-term development plans, annual performance assessments, and budget sessions.

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