

**PURPOSE OF GATHERING DELIVERED BY MATILDA BANFRO,  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF GENDER DURING THE  
PARENTS ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS WITH 600 PARENTS FROM 4  
PARENT GROUPS (PTA, RELIGIOUS AND TRADITIONAL  
MOTHERS AND FATHERS GROUPS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES) TO  
ADDRESS MISINFORMATION, DISINFORMATION AND  
PUSHBACKS ON RHE AND GBV SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
ON 10TH JUNE,2026**

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**The Municipal Chief Executive**

**The Rep. from UNFPA**

**Seasoned Resourced Persons**

**Distinguished Invited Guests**

In Ghana, young people face significant challenges in accessing accurate information and services related to Reproductive Health Education (RHE) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) as required, to be able to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. Community resistance, especially from parents, continue to limit the effectiveness of interventions and efforts put in place by institutions such as the Ghana Health Service and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Department of Social Welfare and Civil Society Organizations. This resistance is often driven by misinformation, cultural norms and fears that RHE encourages early sexual activity.

Engaging parents through structured community sessions is essential to build trust, improve understanding and strengthen support as they play a central role in shaping the lives of young people

The purpose of this gathering is to engage parents, religious and traditional leaders, parent groups, and local authorities in meaningful dialogue to address misinformation, disinformation, and community resistance surrounding RHE and GBV services for young people.

The session seeks to create a platform for participants to gain accurate information about RHE and GBV services, clarify misconceptions, and strengthen their understanding of the importance of providing young people with access to appropriate health information and support services. Through interactive discussions and knowledge-sharing, the programme aims to build trust between communities and service providers, promote positive parent-child relationships, and encourage community ownership of efforts to improve adolescent health and well-being.

THANK YOU.