



# EU FOR A SECURE GHANA PROGRAMME

## THE PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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|  <b>BUDGET</b>  | EUR 16 milion                              |  <b>DURATION</b>              | March 2026 to March 2030                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|  <b>FUNDING</b> | European Union                             |  <b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS</b> | GOPA Pro in partnership with TAG International, UNODC, and Coginta in partnership with NCCE                                                                                                                            |
|  <b>WHERE</b>   | Ghana with a focus on the Northern Regions |  <b>FOCUS</b>                 | Countering violent extremism and terrorism<br>Strengthening Ghana's capacity to counter transnational organised crime<br>Enhancing peacebuilding and violence prevention mechanisms, particularly firearms trafficking |

The **EU for a Secure Ghana Programme** supports the Government of Ghana in advancing its national security priorities. The programme contributes to security, conflict prevention, and the fight against violent extremism, terrorism and transnational organised crime in Ghana.

## WORKING AT THREE LEVELS

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|  <b>COMMUNITY &amp; DISTRICT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports local authorities, traditional and religious leaders, CSOs, women's and youth organisations, forcibly displaced populations and host communities.</li> <li>Strengthens conflict prevention, mediation, early warning and community engagement.</li> <li>Enhances the capacity of local communities and vulnerable groups to contribute to the fight against transnational organized crime and firearms trafficking.</li> </ul> |  <b>NATIONAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of the Interior.</li> <li>Law enforcement and border management agencies: Ghana Police Service; Ghana Immigration Service.</li> <li>Customs and financial crime authorities: Ghana Revenue Authority – Customs Division; Economic and Organised Crime Office.</li> <li>Intelligence and statutory arms-bearing bodies: Bureau of National Intelligence; National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons.</li> <li>Peacebuilding, civic education and early warning institutions: National Peace Council; National Commission for Civic Education; National Centre for Coordination of Early Warning and Response Mechanism.</li> </ul> |  <b>REGIONAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reinforces Ghana's contribution to regional security cooperation.</li> <li>Supports cross-border cooperation, information sharing and joint threat analysis, particularly in relation to border security, violent extremism and transnational organised crime.</li> <li>Aligns with relevant AU, ECOWAS and UN frameworks.</li> </ul> |
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## THREE COMPLEMENTARY COMPONENTS & IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

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|  | <b>COMPONENT 1: COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE.</b><br>GOPA PRO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TAG INTERNATIONAL<br>Supports the operationalisation of prevention frameworks and strengthens the analytical, operational and coordination capacities of security agencies and criminal justice entities, including in border security and inter-agency coordination.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|  | <b>COMPONENT 2: STRENGTHENING GHANA'S CAPACITY TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME, INCLUDING FIREARMS TRAFFICKING.</b><br>UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)<br>Strengthens the capacity of state actors, relevant criminal justice entities, local communities and vulnerable groups to counter transnational organised crime, particularly firearms trafficking, through improved border management, inter-institutional cooperation, weapons and ammunition control, including detection, collection, storage, marking and licensing, and awareness campaign and skill development programmes for border communities. |
|  | <b>COMPONENT 3: ENHANCING PEACEBUILDING AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION MECHANISMS.</b><br>COGINTA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NCCE<br>Enhances the abilities of state actors, CSOs, including women's organisations, forcibly displaced populations and host communities in conflict prevention, mediation and early response. It strengthens coordination in the prevention of violent extremism and supports gender-sensitive awareness of its dangers, causes and effects, with particular attention to women, youth and vulnerable communities.                                                                                                         |



### CROSS-CUTTING PRINCIPLES

Across all components, the programme is guided by the core principles of human rights, conflict sensitivity, "do no harm", gender equality, rule of law, accountability and inclusion. It also promotes the meaningful participation of women, youth and vulnerable groups.



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## COMPONENT 3

### Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention

#### PROJECT RATIONALE



##### LOCAL DRIVERS OF CONFLICT PERSIST

In parts of northern Ghana, structural tensions exist, including land and natural resource disputes, chieftaincy and governance conflicts, farmer-herder tensions, youth vulnerability and socio-economic exclusion. These factors can escalate if local prevention and mediation systems are overstretched.



##### REGIONAL INSECURITY AND SAHEL SPILLOVER RISKS

Recent instability in the Sahel, marked by the spread of violent extremist groups, increases cross-border risks for neighbouring countries, especially in the northern border regions and mobility corridors of Ghana.



##### STRONG NATIONAL SYSTEMS, LIMITED LOCAL REACH

Ghana has a solid peace architecture, comprising the National Peace Council, NCCE, traditional authorities, and civil society organisations. However, their effectiveness at community level is often constrained by limited resources, coordination gaps, and uneven territorial coverage.

#### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of Component 3 of the EU for a Secure Ghana Programme is to enhance relevant peacebuilding and violence-prevention mechanisms and structures across state institutions, traditional authorities, civil society, including women's organisations, and forcibly displaced populations and their host communities.



##### OUTCOME 1

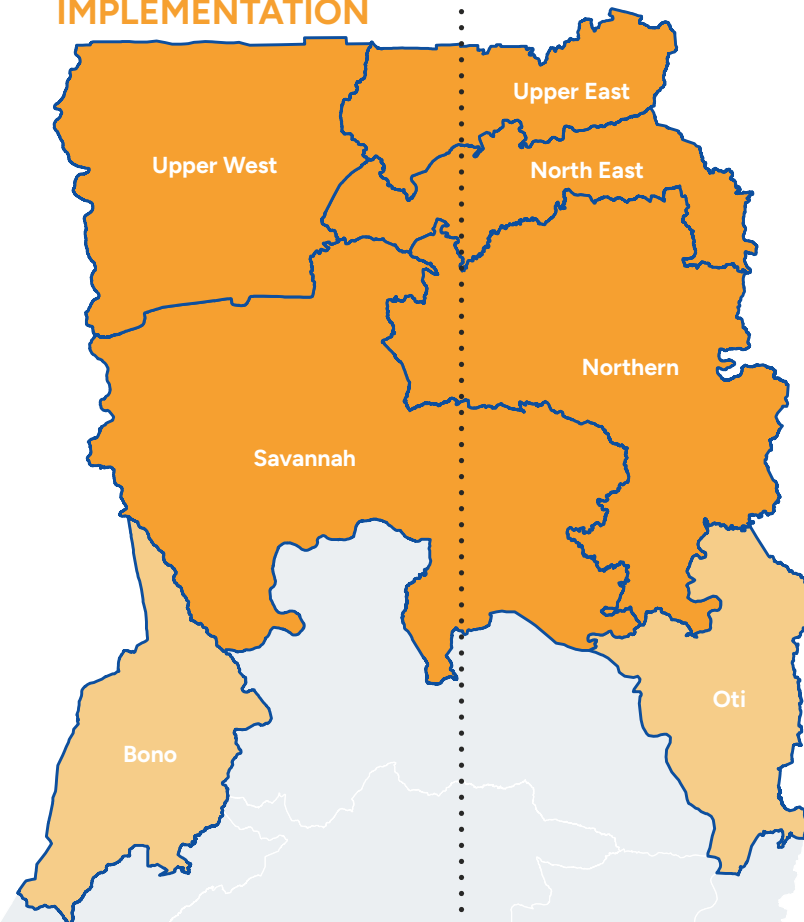
To enhance the abilities of state actors, traditional authorities, and civil society in conflict prevention, mediation, and early response, ensuring a gender approach and the inclusion of women's organisations, civil society, forcibly displaced populations and their host communities.



##### OUTCOME 2

To strengthen coordination in the prevention of violent extremism and increase gender sensitive awareness of its dangers, causes, and effects.

#### AREAS OF IMPLEMENTATION



#### EXPECTED IMPACT

Improve the ability of national and traditional authorities, civil society organisations, women's organisations, and forcibly displaced populations and their host communities to prevent violence and build lasting peace.



#### OUTCOME 1

**Output 1.1** The national PVE and peacebuilding architecture is reinforced and made more effective.



**6** Local and regional peace committees (LPC/ RPC) renovated or constructed

**245+** LPC members trained in Early Warning and Early Response (EWER)

**25** existing Peace committees supported under Peace Protect + 10 new ones

**Output 1.2** Land tenure governance is improved through more transparent, inclusive, and accountable practices.



**10** The New Land Act 2020 translated, audio-recorded and distributed into ten widely spoken languages

**7** Regional Land Commissions and 245 Customary Land Secretariat members capacities strengthened

**Output 1.3** Traditional authorities are supported and their capacities strengthened to play a constructive role in conflict resolution.



**300+** chiefs, queen mothers and judicial committee members trained in mediation, inclusive governance and gender-sensitive conflict resolution

#### OUTCOME 2

**Output 2.1** Public awareness, civic engagement and community-security on PVE are strengthened through NCCE-led interventions.



**2,000,000+** people reached by mass media, cinema van and digital media campaigns on PVE



**Output 2.2** Coordination and operational capacities for gender-responsive community policing and PVE are strengthened among security actors and CSOs.



**7** police posts constructed, with logistical and operational support provided

**20** small grants to CSOs for community-led prevention, social cohesion, gender equality, and media initiatives addressing VE

**560** persons, including police officers, trained on community policing, gender-transformative approaches, and peacebuilding for safer communities



## KEY STAKEHOLDERS



NATIONAL PEACE  
COUNCIL



## NCCE IN BRIEF

The National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) is an independent constitutional body mandated to educate Ghanaians on their rights and responsibilities, promote democratic values, and foster national unity. Through civic education, dialogue, and community engagement, the NCCE works with citizens, traditional authorities, civil society organisations, and local institutions to prevent violence, strengthen social cohesion, and promote peaceful coexistence across Ghana.

## COGINTA IN BRIEF

Present in Ghana since 2018 with the financial support of the European Union, Coginta is an independent and non-profit organization based in Switzerland that works to promote economic and social development by addressing the structural causes of instability, insecurity, and conflict. Its work lies at the intersection of security, access to justice, conflict prevention, and natural resource governance, recognizing that these dimensions are closely linked and essential to stability and social cohesion. Coginta has demonstrated this through its EU-funded projects, more particularly its former PEACE PROTECT and on-going Gold for Good projects - by strengthening peace and security institutions and promoting sustainable natural resource governance respectively.

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