



In response to COVID-19, Ghana Health and Education Initiative (GHEI), in partnership with One Day's Wages, has launched **Safe Villages, Ghana**, a 12-month initiative (May 2020 - June 2021) dedicated to preparing villages for the health, educational, and economic consequences they may face as a result of the pandemic. The programme works in collaboration with local health officials and our partners in the Bibiani-Anwiaso-Bekwai (BAB) Municipality of Ghana,

OUR COMMUNITIES

GHEI is based in Humjibre Village in the BAB Municipality of Ghana's Western North Region. Our catchment communities boast lush forests, cocoa plantations, bustling markets and vibrant local cultures. Majority of the people work as farmers, primarily of cocoa and plantain.

Unfortunately, our communities are also home to poverty. The level of education is low, and the population is far from proper health facilities. Young people have little or no access to vocational trainings. While **worsening the development & health challenges**, COVID-19 has directly affected the livelihoods of many, as they are unable to sell their produce due to 'market days' restrictions. Moreover, misinformation related to COVID-19 is fueling **skepticism** about the disease, and the growing spate of **stigmatization** is a major concern.

OUR APPROACH

Our approach is informed by GHEI's expertise in public health work & lessons learned. The overall goal is to save lives by providing life-saving info, services & provide continuous learning to students even with schools closed.



1 Building Community Awareness

Deliver public health messages across all villages & broadcast a monthly radio talk show focused on community well-being



2 WASH Activities & Handwashing Stations

Install handwashing stations across all villages & provide disinfectants & training to public transport workers routinely



3 Ensuring Learning Continuity

Develop "home-school" lessons for at-need students, train teachers in proper hygiene techniques, work with local officials to ensure safe instruction once in-person classes resume

OUR IMPACT



BUILDING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Delivered **135 announcements** in all 15 villages
 Conducted **radio show** "Stronger, Together" in local language, **reaching ~75K people**

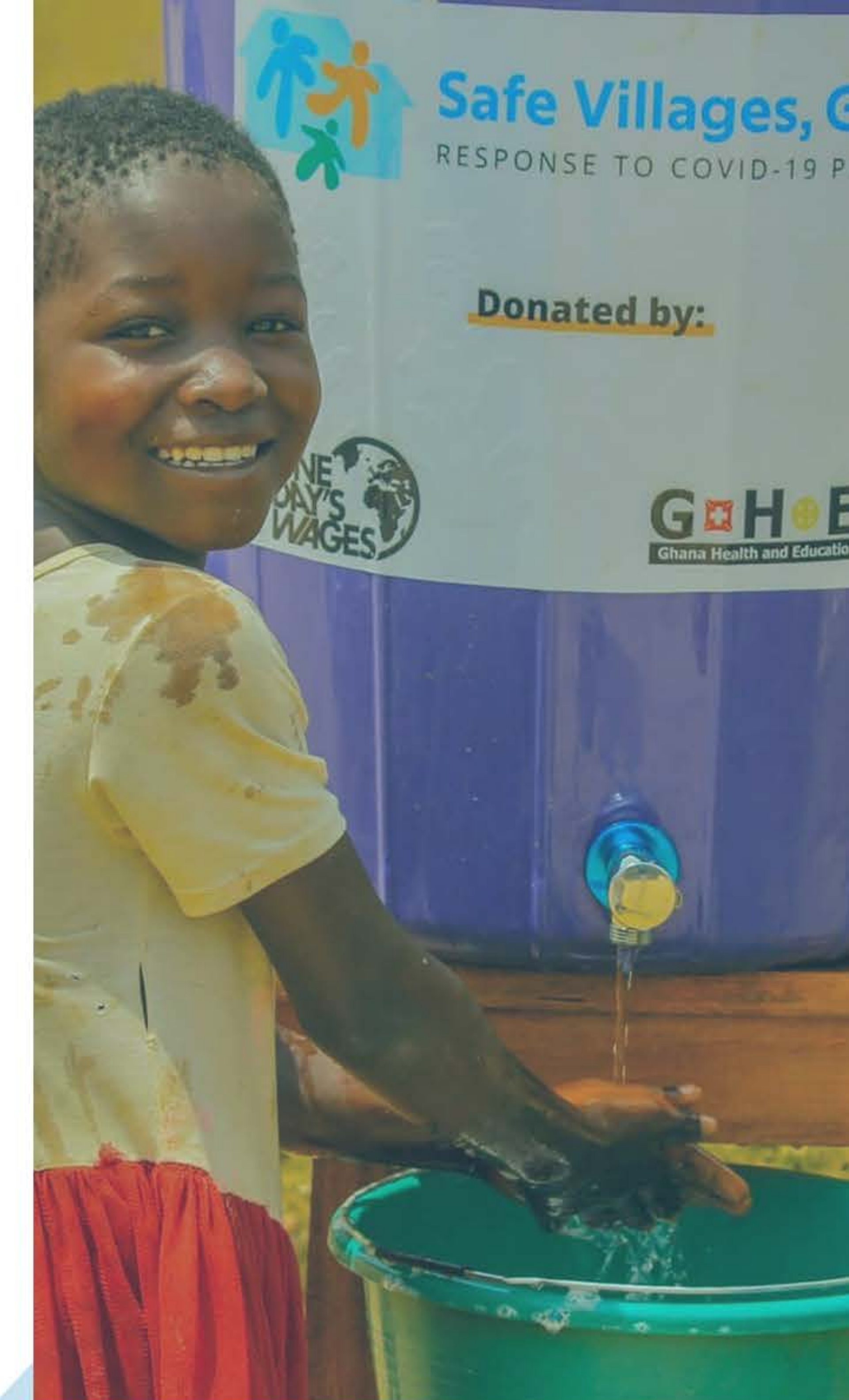
TOPICS INCLUDE *prevention, stigmatization, breastfeeding & child care, safety precautions for travelling, vaccines*

WASH & HANDWASHING

Installed **23 handwashing stations** in key locations
 Provided **42 public transport workers** with disinfectants & cleaning materials

EDUCATION

Provided **2,067 hours** of remote learning to **91 basic school students**
 Provided **20 textbooks** to primary school students for at-home learning



" COVID-19 is an emergency on a scale we have not seen or experienced before. We are supporting the capacities of vulnerable populations and most importantly engaging with them through two-way communication channels to alleviate confusion and misunderstandings around the disease. **"**

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 Co-founder &
 Country Director, GHEI