



Integrating OFSP into School Nutrition Initiative – Africare’s Experience

Sweetpotato Support Platform Meeting, Cape Coast

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Components of the Nutrition Initiative

1. Promotion of school nutrition gardens as a food-based approach to nutrition enhancement
2. Training
 - Community Health Nurses and Health Volunteers
 - School Teachers
 - Women's groups
3. Support for Monthly Growth Monitoring and Promotion:
 - Logistics (infantometers, weighing scales, charts, Motor bikes and bicycles for Nutrition unit and volunteers)
4. Nutrition Behaviour Change Communication (infant and young child nutrition).



Backyard Gardening Initiative

- Goal: To contribute to improved nutritional status of children in cocoa farming communities in Wassa Amenfi West district.
- Purpose: To provide basic gardening, nutrition, and food safety information to cocoa farming communities in Africare's target communities.
 - Funding provided by Mars inc.
- Pilot initiative in eight communities in Wassa Amenfi West district of W/R



Project Locations

Community	Comment
1. Bokakore	School garden
2. Jantuakrom	School garden
3. Nkwantanum	School garden
4. Nsabrekwa	Women's group
5. Nyame nnae	Sweet potato multiplication site
6. Tachikrom	Sweet potato multiplication site
7. Wiredukrom	School garden
8. Essakrom	Women's group

- Education on production and consumption;
- Support from District Crop Officer (MOFA), GES and GHS (Nutrition Unit)



School Education

Production - field & classroom

Food safety – including hand-washing



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Education of school Children on
the nutritional value of
selected foods
Nutrition Unit of GHS and
School Teachers





Nyame Nnae School garden harvest day

- School meals
- Sharing of produce to parents



Vine multiplication sites

- Nyame Nnae
- Takyikrom



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Other Components of School Nutrition Initiative

- Monthly Growth Monitoring and Promotion
- Community education
 - Community Health Volunteers
 - Women's groups



Growth Monitoring and Promotion



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Looking forward

- Scaling up
 - Market access
 - Access to clean vines
 - Training and capacity support
- Balancing nutritional needs with income needs



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