



**GHANA LIBRARY AUTHORITY**  
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## MANDATE

The Ghana Library Authority, formerly Ghana Library Board was established in 1949 by the Gold Coast Ordinance CAP 118 and came into effect in January, 1950. The Ordinance was re-enacted as the Ghana Library Board Act, 1970 (Act 327) to establish, equip, manage and maintain public libraries in Ghana.

## VISION

To connect every Ghanaian to knowledge resources.

## MISSION

Be a leading knowledge services hub in the sub-region by connecting all citizenry to knowledge resources to radically improve literacy and development outcomes which transform lives and communities.



## Executive Summary

Ghana Library Authority (GhLA) has undergone various stages of transformation amidst key challenges in maintaining operations and holding on to the vision to connect Ghanaians to knowledge resources. Progress made in 2019 cannot be overlooked because of the significant changes that occurred in public libraries nationwide. The year 2019 was declared the “Year of Reading” as a prelude to the Authority’s 70th Anniversary in 2020. The Year of Reading campaign was also part of the Authority’s rebirth strategy to connect every Ghanaian to knowledge resources.

### **Our 2019 performance can be analyzed based on five main key objectives:**

- Promote literacy and lifelong learning.
- Introducing new access points for patrons to engage with public libraries.
- Creating an enabling and more conducive environment for learning across the library network.
- Improvement book collection.
- Increasing accessibility to reading materials through technology.



## Executive Summary

Ghana is a fast-growing economy, and the Authority has been well positioned to provide library services to the citizenry. While the School and College Libraries Department was reestablished to have special oversight of school library development, other department such as Estate, which is responsible for managing all public library buildings across the country, Corporate Affairs, which is responsible for the overall visibility of the Library Authority and the Acquisition and Distribution in charge of receiving and allocating books across all public libraries have been established to play pertinent roles in the general development of the Institution.

The period under review (January-December, 2019) shown progress in line with GhLA objectives and KPIs for 2019. The report demonstrates the initiatives of the agency, how the agency achieved the initiatives, the outcomes and its linkage with the Education Strategic Plan (ESP), the National Development Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs).



## Executive Summary

Ghana Library Authority with objective to promote literacy and life long learning launched the Year of Reading campaign, organized Reading Competitions across the country, held 40 Personality Readings, Hosted the 3rd African Ministerial Roundtable Meeting, Relaunched Mobile Library Service (**10** vans) and trained **701** Senior High School and branch Librarians. In increasing access points, GhLA expanded its library network by adding **9** more libraries to its existing branches making a total of **70** libraries. While expanding the library network, **25** dilapidated existing library buildings were renovated to create more conducive environment for reading and learning. The Ghana Library app, which is the first digital library to be created by a public library in Africa received **6,365** downloads within the first six months of its launch. In 1981, GhLA had a total of **1,049,526** however, in 2016 the total book stock had decreased to **349,941**. **521,865** and **651,413** books were recorded in 2017 and 2018 respectively. In 2019, through direct purchase from government and donations, **255,887** books were added to the existing book stock making a total of **909,385**.

The activities in the period under review led to 107.90% increase in library membership (from 2018's figure) and **1,074,275** patronage/visits.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019

### ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019

27 public libraries were renovated nationwide.

Ten mobile library vans were refurbished and re-launched.

701 SHS Librarians were trained.

Added 9 new Libraries

Added 255,887 new books to our book stock.

Recorded 26,334 Library Membership and 1,074,275 Library visits

Developed a digital mobile library.

Automated our book collection.

Added 3 Technology and Innovation hubs and connected all regional Libraries to the internet.

Created 8 STEM study hubs in 6 schools and 2 Regional Libraries.



## Strategic Objectives for 2019



Create an enabling and more conducive environment for learning across the library network.



Increase accessibility to reading materials through Technology



Improve the book collection.



Introduce new access points for the public to engage with GhLA libraries



Promote literacy and life-long learning





## 2019 Performance


### Objective 1: Promote Literacy and Life-long learning



Year of Reading Launch




40 Personality Reading



Relaunch of Mobile  
Library Service ( 10 Vans)




4 International day commemorations  
held (IBBY, WorldBook Day, ILD,  
Francophone Day)



Reading competitions  
across the country



Hosted 3<sup>rd</sup> African Ministerial  
Roundtable Meeting



Nationwide training for  
School and Public Librarians.  
701 personnel benefited.





3rd Ministerial Roundtable Meeting



Nationwide Quiz Competitions



Year of Learning Launch



Nationwide Training



Personality Read

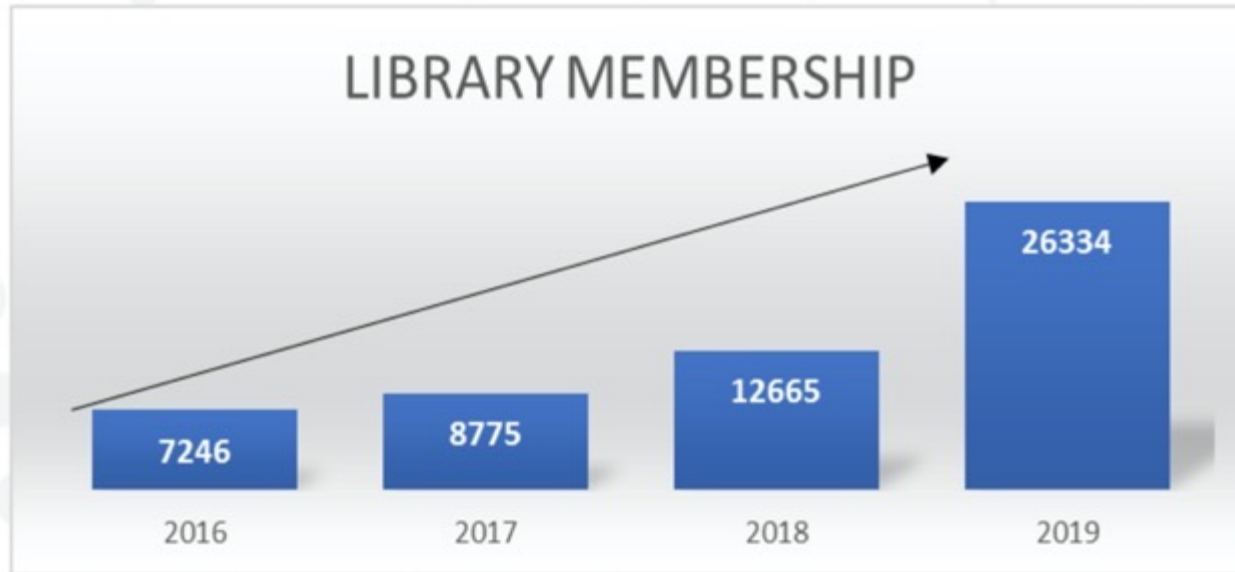


Mobile Library Services

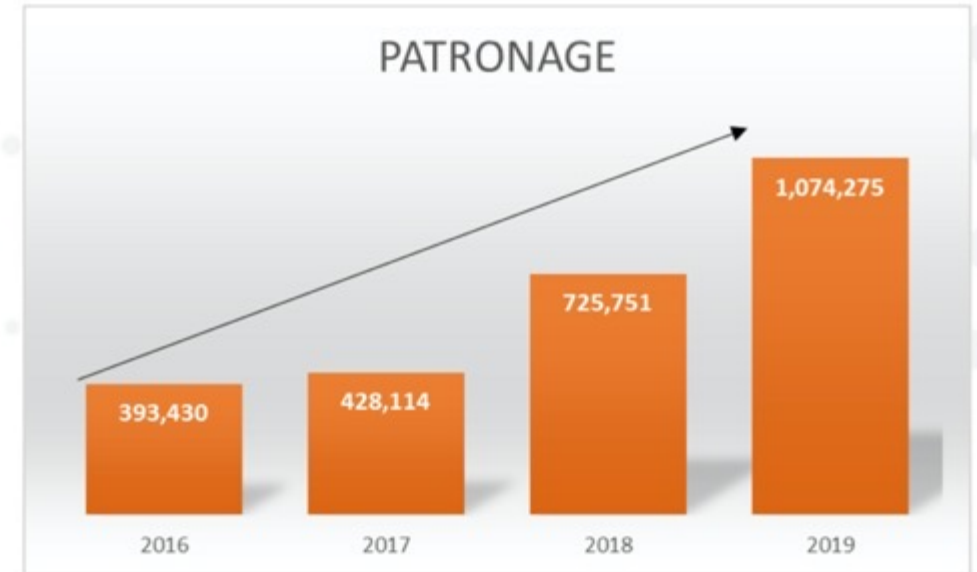


## Outcome

2016-2019: **263.43%** increase in Library Membership.  
2018-2019: **107.90%** increment in library Membership.



2016 – 2019: **173.1%** increase in Library Visits  
2018-2019: **48.10%** increment in Library Visits



## Objective 2: Introduce new access points for the public to engage with GhLA Libraries

### Outcome

We increased our network of libraries by 9.

**Akim Swedru, Krofrom, Bia , Effiduase, Asokore, Suhyen, Apeguso, Oyoko and Jumapo**



Apeguso



Krofrom



Bia



Akim Swedru



Oyoko



Suhyen



Effiduase



Asokore

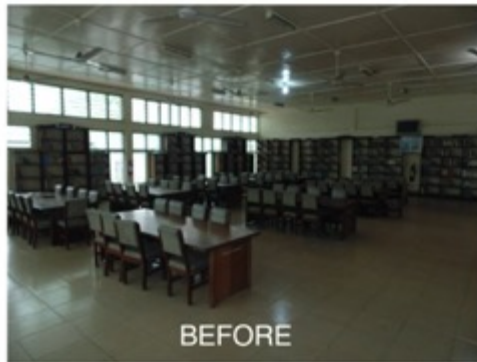


Jumapo



### Objective 3: Create an enabling and more conducive environment for learning across the Library network

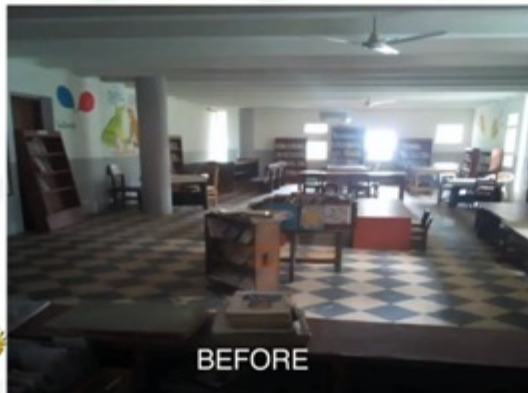
**27 libraries** have been renovated, Teshie, Dansoman, Dodowa, Sunyani children's library, Sefwi Wiawso, Kpando, Tsito, Sekondi, Nkawkaw, Konongo, Accra Central Library, Tema, Koforidua, Tamale, Bolgatanga, Cape Coast, Adjumako, Abura Dunkwa, Keta, Abiriw.



Koforidua Children's Library



Tamale Children's Library



Bolgatanga Children's Library



Cape - Coast Children's Library





BEFORE



AFTER

Accra Central Library



BEFORE



AFTER

Tema Library



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AFTER

Konongo-Odumasi Library



BEFORE



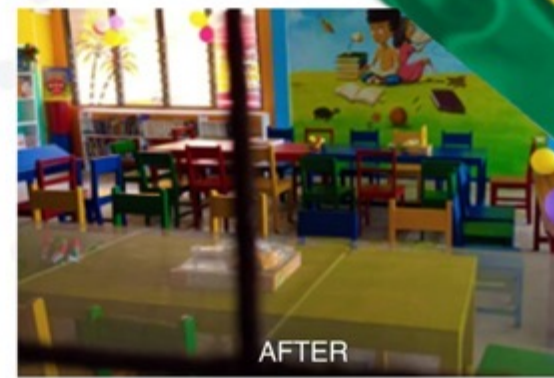
AFTER

Keta Library





Abiriw Library



Sekondi Children's Library



Dansoman Library



Teshie Library





Before



After

Nkawkaw Library



Eastern Regional Library



Before



After

Oda Library



Takoradi Library Complex





Kpando Library



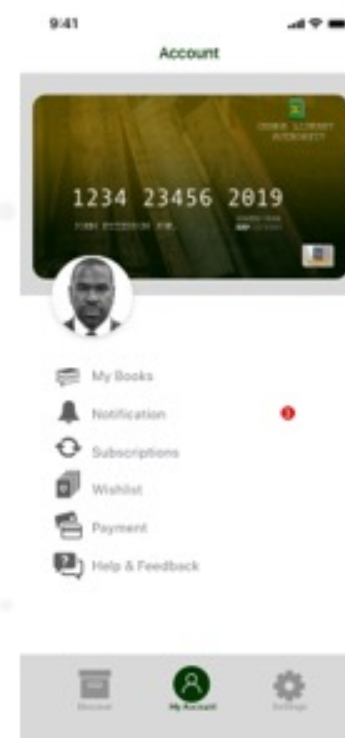
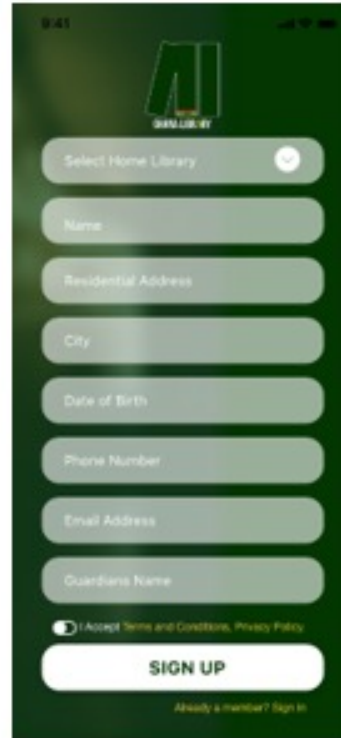
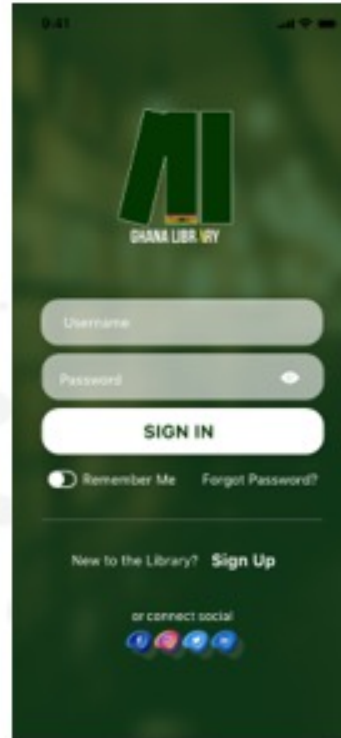
Ashanti Regional Library



## Objective 4: Improve the Book Collection



## Objective 5: Increase accessibility to reading materials through Technology



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## Kids learning ICT



## Technology and Innovation Hubs



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**All Regional Libraries are  
connected to the Internet**



## HOW THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN HAVE IMPACTED THE SECTOR'S PERFORMANCE AND THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF GHANA

Reading promotion activities for 2019 (*Year of Reading, National Reading Festivals, 40 Personality Reading, 3rd African Ministerial Roundtable Meeting, Relaunched Mobile Library Service (10 vans), National Training for School and Public Librarians, of which 701 personnel benefited*), the increased of the new public libraries, renovations, improved book collection and increased in technology with regards to service delivery have boosted the Agency's image positively.

An activity like the Year of Reading Campaign and other events by the GhLA in 2019 increased the number of visits to over a million. One of the objectives of the Year of Reading Campaign was to promote literacy and life-long learning. Promotion of literacy and life-long learning are seen as important drivers of the social and economic development of a nation. Higher literacy may lead to greater economic output, higher level of employment, better health and other socio-economic development variables.



# BRANCHES IN GHANA

## ASHANTI REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Ashanti Regional Library	Kumasi, Kejetia	P.O. Box 824 Kumasi	AK-034-1560
Obuasi Branch Library	Obuasi	P. O. Box 130 Obuasi	AO-17-1094
Konongo Odumase Branch Library	Konongo	P.O. Box 824 Kumasi	AC-0017-7413
Effiduase Branch Library	Effiduase- Asokore	P.O. Box 824 Kumasi	AR-0007-8563
Chirapatre Branch Library	Chirapatre	P.O. Box 824 Kumasi	AK-498-3898
Odumase/Ash Town Community Library	Kumasi	P.O. Box 824 Kumasi	AK-039-5028
Bantama Community Library	Kumasi	P.O. Box 824 Kumasi	AK-034-1857
Nana Yaw Baah Library	Krofrom	P.O. Box 824 Kumasi	AK-026-6368

## BONO REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Brong Ahafo Regional Library	Sunyani	P.O. Box 124 Sunyani	BS-0014-3468
Sunyani Children's Library	Sunyani	P. O. Box 124 Sunyani	BS-0025-7355
Dormaa District Library	Dormaa Ahenkro	P. O. Box 579 Dormaa-Ahenkro	BD-0003-9579

## AHAFO REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Goaso Branch Library	Goaso	P. O. Box 58 Sunyani	BU-0000-0997
Tano-North District Library	Duayaw- Nkwanta/Tan o North	P. O. Box 124 Sunyani	B2-0000-7355



# BRANCHES IN GHANA

## BONO EAST REGION

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>	<b>GPS</b>
Kintampo Branch Library	Kintampo	P.O.Box 100 Kintampo	BK-00043-3417
Techiman Branch Library	Techiman	P. O. Box 716 Techiman	BT-0010-3699

## EASTERN REGION

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>GPS ADDRESS</b>
Eastern Regional Library	Koforidua	P.O. Box 380 Koforidua	EN-001-5009
Koforidua Children's Library	Koforidua	P.O. Box 380 Koforidua	EN-010-5675
Abetifi Branch Library	Abetifi	P. O. Box 9 Abetifi	EH-0009-3920
Abirw Branch Library	Abirw		E2-0004-1517

Nkawkaw Branch Library	Nkawkaw	P. O. Bx 284 Nkawkaw	EJ-0021-4497
Akim Oda Branch Library	Oda	P. O. Box 400 Akim-Oda	EB-0007-6680
Ferguson Memorial Library	Apeguso	C/O 112 Akosombo	EA-0782-2855
Effiduase Branch Library	Effiduase	P.O. Box 80 Effiduase	EN-057-4121
Asokore Branch Library	Asokore	P.O. Box 80 Effiduase	EN-181-3081
Suhyen Branch Library	Suhyen	P.O. Box 80 Effiduase	EN-516-6478



# BRANCHES IN GHANA

## EASTERN REGION

Oyoko Branch Library	Oyoko	P.O. Box 80 Effiduase	EN-353-1932
Akim Swedru Branch Library	Akim-Swedru		EZ-0001-5223
Jumapo Branch	Jumapo	P.O. Box 80 Effiduase	EN-484-4584
J.B.Danquah Library	Kyebe		EN-057-4121

## GREATER ACCRA REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS ADDRESS
Greater Accra Regional Library	Accra Central	Accra Central Library P.O. Box 2362 Accra	GA-183-1723

Teshie Branch Library	Teshie	c/o Accra Central Library P. O. Box 2362 Accra	GZ-058-4604
Tema Branch Library	Community 5	P. O. Box 324 Tema	GT-018-5391
Dodowa Branch Library	Dodowa	c/o Accra Central Library P. O. Box 2362 Accra	GO-0000-0819
Dansoman Children's Library	Dansoman	c/o Accra Central Library P. O. Box 2362 Accra	GA-563-6516



# BRANCHES IN GHANA

## GREATER ACCRA REGION

Osu Children's Library	Osu Regal	c/o Accra Central Library P. O. Box 2362 Accra	GA-15-8019
Lartebikorshie Branch Library	Lartebikorshie	c/o Accra Central Library P. O. Box 2362 Accra	GA-364-1675
George Padmore Research Library on African Affairs.	Accra, Ridge Gamel Abdul Nasser Avenue	Near Ridge Church School)	GA-078-0499

## NORTHERN REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Northern Regional Library	Tamale	P.O. Box 145 Tamale	NT-0001-2090

## SAVANNAH REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Damongo Branch Library	Damongo	P.O. Box 145	N5-00007-2058

## NORTH EAST REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Gambaga Branch Library	Gambaga	P.O. Box 145	NE-0000-0114

## CENTRAL REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Central Regional Library	Cape - Coast	P. O. Box 287 Cape Coast	CC-008-3164
Agona Swedru Branch Library	Agona Swedru	P. O. Box 287	CO-0009-8006



# BRANCHES IN GHANA

## CENTRAL REGION

Elmina Branch Library	Elmina	P. O. Box 287 Cape Coast	CK-0011-4033
Apam Branch Library	Apam	P. O. Box 287 Cape Coast	CI-0014-0016
Twifo Praso Branch Library	Twifo Praso	P. O. Box 287 Cape Coast	CT-0001-4538
Abura Dunkwa Branch Library	Abura Dunkwa	P. O. Box 287	CA-0005-3137
Winneba Branch Library	Winneba	P. O. Box 221 Winneba	CA-000-7126
Ajumako Branch Library	Ajumako	P. O. Box 287	CJ-0341-9300
Dunkwa-on-Offin Branch Library	Dunkwa-on-Offin	P. O. Box 141 Dunkwa	CU-0015-8861

## UPPER EAST REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	LOCATION	GPS
Upper East Regional Library	Bolga	P. O. Box 117 Bolgatanga	UO-005-4744
Builsa District Library	Sandema	P. O. Box 3 Sandema	UR-0000-8831
Navrongo Branch Library	Navrongo	P. O. Box 117 Bolgatanga	UK-0000-4275
Bongo District Library	Bongo		UP-005-4744
Bawku Municipal Library	Bawku		



# BRANCHES IN GHANA

## VOLTA

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>	<b>GPS ADDRESS</b>
Volta Regional Library	Ho	P. O. Box 86 Ho	VH-0003-0801
Hohoe Branch Library	Hohoe	P. O. Box 113 Hohoe	VC-0006-3279
Kpandu Branch Library	Kpandu	P. O. Box 91 Kpandu	VP-0006-8759
Keta Branch Library	Keta	P. O. Box 53 Keta	VK-0018-2634
Peki Branch Library	Peki	P. O. Box 51 Peki	VE-0929-7195

Agbozume Branch Library	Agbozume	P. O. Box 86 Ho	VZ-0898-3340
Tsito Branch Library	Tsito	P. O. Box 86 Ho	VI-1825-8870
Anloga Branch Library	Anglo Central	P. O. Box 86 Ho	VK-1621-3731

## OTI REGION

<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>	<b>GPS</b>
Jasikan Branch Library	Jasikan	P. O. Box 65 Jasikan	VJ-0000-4520



# BRANCHES IN GHANA

## WESTERN REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Western Regional Library	Sekondi	Adjacent to the Municipal Assemble old Axim Road	WS-000-1673
Takoradi Branch Library	Takoradi	P. O. Box 483 Takoradi	
Tarkwa Branch Library	Tarkwa	P. O. Box 348 Tarkwa	WT-0000-5206
Axim Branch Library	Axim		WN-000-7685

## WESTERN NORTH REGION

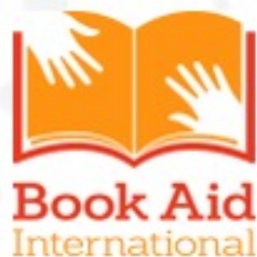
LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Bibiani Branch Library	Bibiani	P. O. Box 174 Sekondi	WB-0001-2588
Sefwi-Wiawso Branch Library	Sefwi-Wiawso	P. O. Box 174 Sekondi	WG-0040-3211

## UPPER WEST REGION

LIBRARY	TOWN	POSTAL ADDRESS	GPS
Upper West Regional	Wa	P.O. Box 294 Wa	XW-0022-7071



## 2019 Supporting Institutions



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