

Statement by Civil Society on Ghana's 3rd Voluntary National Review (VNR) at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

We, representatives of Ghana's civil society, commend the Government of Ghana for establishing a robust system for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and for undergoing its third consecutive VNR during the HLPF 2025. We acknowledge the government's efforts to collaborate with stakeholders, including civil society, in developing the VNR reports.

While several successes have been chalked there remain key challenges that need to be effectively addressed. Attention should be put into the full implementation of the AAL so that issues around inclusion which still exist - access to education, health, employment and participation will be fully addressed. The Disability Act and Employment Equity Policy must be implemented to ensure that the further marginalisation of people with disabilities are included.

The health system should be built on robust policies and legislations that address the myriads of challenges, including Immunization financing, eye health policy, public health emergencies and improving primary health care, especially in the last mile communities.

Prioritize building strong institutions to facilitate robust monitoring, accountability and transparency debt management system that drive formidable development.

A meaningful development strategy relies on robust evidence-based and disaggregated data. The government must ensure that data is available and captures the marginalized and the forgotten to ensure that we there is inclusion in implementation of our development agenda.

Finally, we call on the government to ensure that no-one absolutely no one is left behind on the implementation of sustainable development.