



SPRING-UP GLOBAL NETWORK

IMPACT REPORT 2024

*"We measure our progress by the number of children in school, and by the quality of our education",
Dr. Kwame Nkrumah*

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Volunteers, Alumni, and Partners,

Warm greetings from the Executive Desk of Spring-UP Global Network. I hope that 2024 has been a year of growth and success for you, despite the many challenges we continue to face both individually and collectively. This annual Impact Report is designed to keep you informed about all the developments within SUGN and to share the stories of our journey with you, our valued stakeholders.

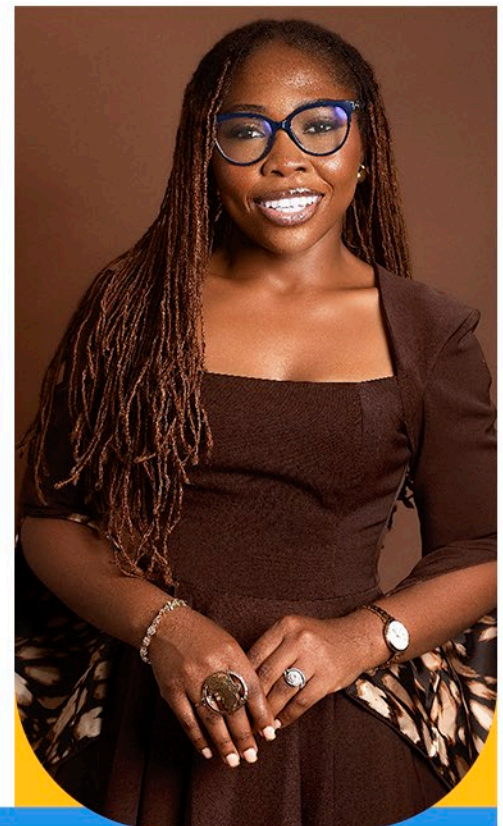
In 2024, our partnership with Deloitte enabled us to provide eight libraries in five regions within 20 months through the Deloitte WorldClass Initiative. This initiative significantly scaled the impact of our iRead iLead Campaign, and for this, we are grateful to Deloitte. We continued our partnership with the It's Nana Churcher Multimedia to organize mentorship sessions in schools. Additionally, Coderina EdTech Foundation supported us by facilitating robotics lessons in some of the schools hosting our libraries.

This year, I had the opportunity to share our work at various events and media channels, particularly on Asaase Radio, Joy Learning, and at the 2024 Africa Non-Profit Summit at the University of Ghana. In 2025, SUGN is energized to do more, working together with you, our valued stakeholders, to reach the future leaders—the children we impact. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Best regards,

Akorfa Ama Akoto

Executive Director, SUGN



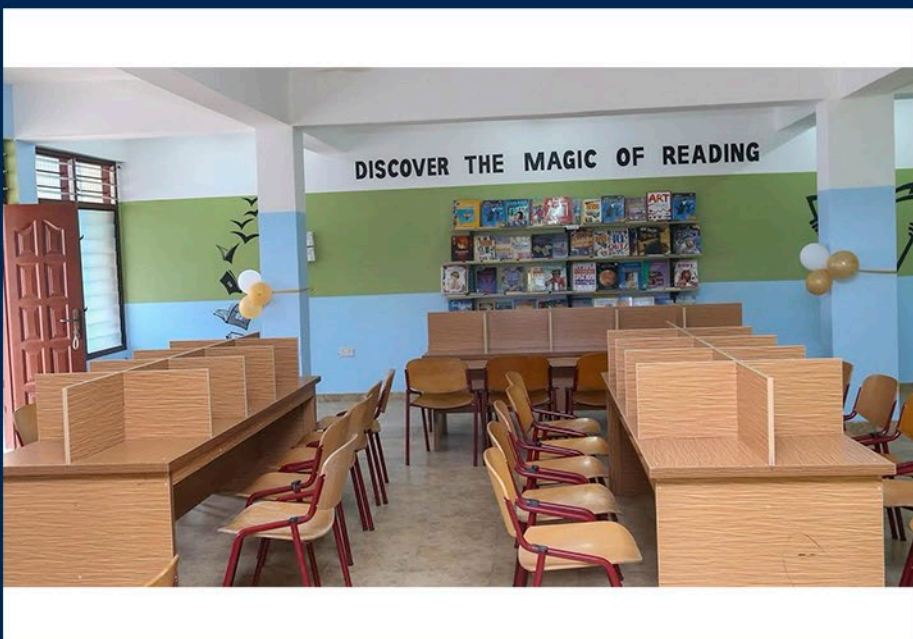
OUR PROGRAMMES

Our programmes are designed to promote the foundational literacy and learning skills of children in public pre-tertiary schools, leading to improved equitable access to education.

We are on a mission to connect tertiary students and young professionals to provide career guidance, mentorship, and leadership training to pre-tertiary schools in Ghana. In addition, we're nurturing the reading, writing, and STEM skills of children through our iRead iLead Campaign.

Our Programmes:

- iRead iLead Campaign
- LitSTEM Leaders Programme
- Mentor Me Programme
- Back to School Drive



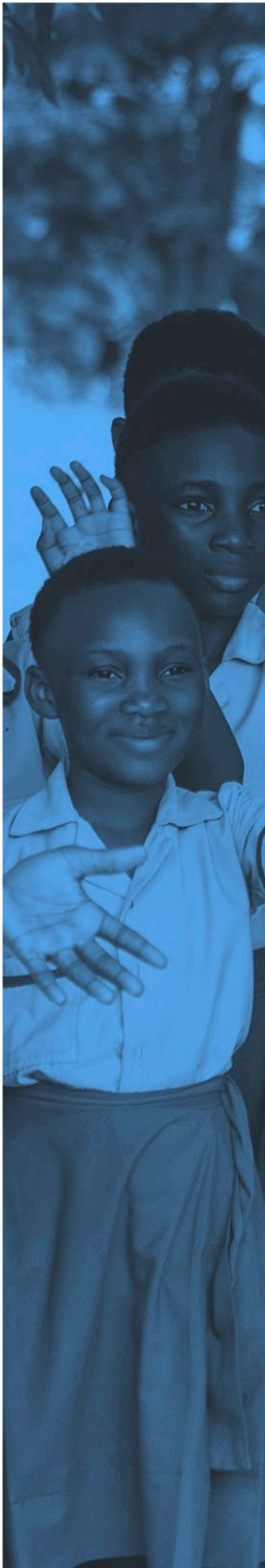
SUCCESS STORIES

In January 2024, SUGN received LEGO kits from Coderina EdTech Foundation to support the operations of the LitSTEM Leaders programme in three (3) partner schools.



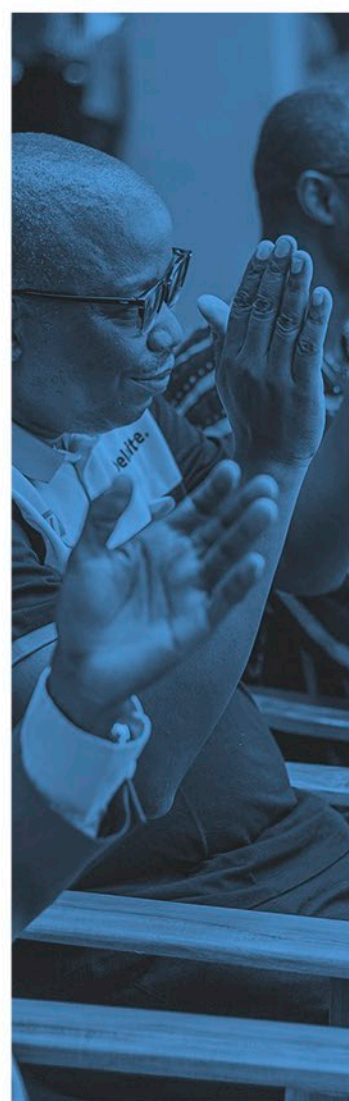
A robotics training session was held at Trinity Model Presby Basic School, Adweso. The session was facilitated by our partners at the Coderina EdTech Foundation.





We commissioned the Hohoe East Library in the Volta Region on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. This is the seventh school to benefit from Deloitte's WorldClass Initiative in Ghana. The library serves three thousand one hundred and thirty-three (3,133) students in the seven (7) schools listed under the Hohoe East Cluster of Schools. We are grateful to Deloitte and all stakeholders and dignitaries who graced this colorful ceremony, including the Volta Regional Director of Education (GES), Mr. Francis Agbemadi.

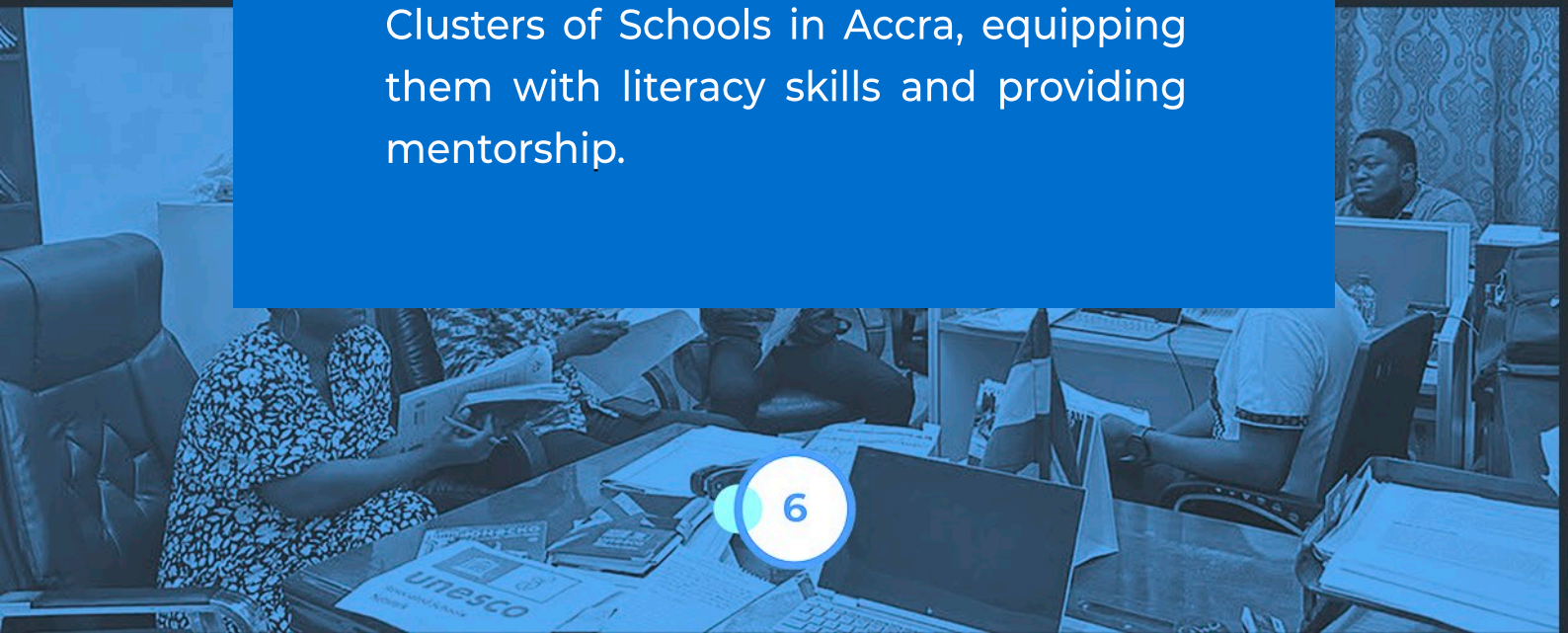
We commissioned the eighth library under the Deloitte WorldClass Initiative in Ghana on Friday, May 10th, 2024. The library serves three thousand three hundred and ninety-four (3,394) students in the ten (10) schools listed under the Aburi Cluster of Schools in the Eastern Region. In attendance was the Director-General of Ghana Education Service, Dr. Eric Nkansah; the Country Managing Partner of Deloitte Ghana, Mr. Daniel Kwadwo Owusu; the Eastern Regional Director of Education, Dr. Mrs. Ivy Asantewaa Owusu; and the Executive Director of Spring-UP Global Network, among others.





We began engagement with partner organizations, including the Ghana Commission for UNESCO and the Coderina EdTech Foundation, to develop a comprehensive framework and curriculum for implementing and facilitating the second phase of the iRead iLead Campaign, the LitSTEM Leaders Programme.

SUGN supported Deloitte to organise its 2024 Volunteer Day. Over 400 staff of Deloitte Ghana dedicated their entire working day to students of three Clusters of Schools in Accra, equipping them with literacy skills and providing mentorship.





Our Executive Director joined a panel discussion at the 2024 Africa Non-Profit Summit organized by the National Consortium for Voluntary Organisations, held at the University of Ghana.



Our Executive Director was interviewed on the Asaase Breakfast Show to discuss how SUGN is using the iRead iLead Campaign to nurture the foundational literacy and numeracy skills of children.




We were hosted on Joy Learning TV to discuss the impact of the iRead iLead Campaign.




InFocus


Topic: Enhancing Reading and Literacy among Kids





Saturday
25th May 2024
10:00am



Guest




AKORFA AMA AKOTO
Executive Director, Spring-Up
Global Network




InFocus


Topic: iRead iLead Literacy Program



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8th June 2024
10:00am







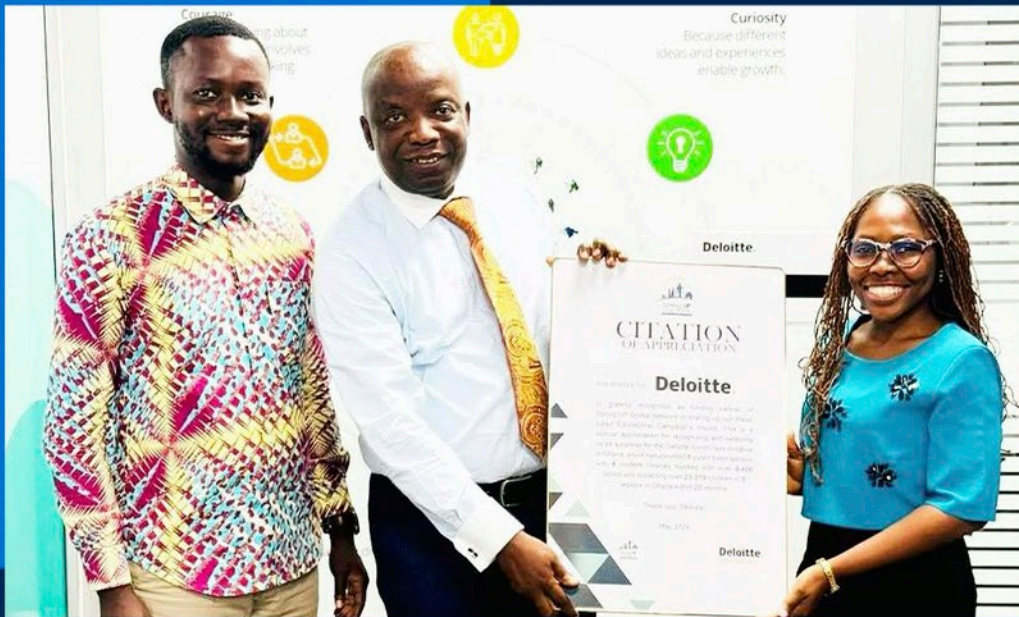
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On Wednesday, September 12th, 2024, we were privileged to meet with the Country Managing Partner of Deloitte, Mr. Owusu, to express our heartfelt appreciation. We are grateful for his belief in our young nonprofit team and the over twenty months of support that enabled Deloitte and Spring-UP Global Network to establish eight (8) modern libraries across five (5) regions, serving eight (8) clusters of schools, providing over 9,400 books, and benefiting more than 23,000 children in the first year of implementation.



OUR VISIONARY VOLUNTEERS



GET TO KNOW OUR STAR LEADERS



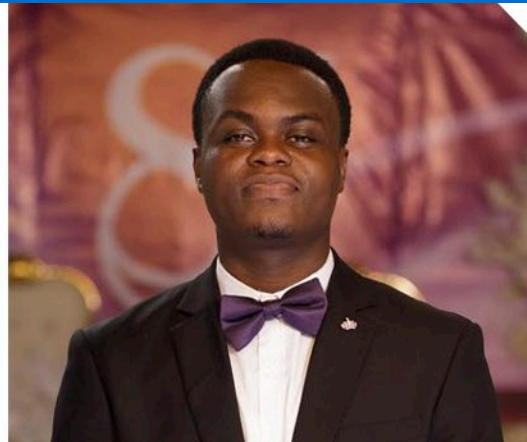
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Head, People and Culture



ERIC KWESI OPPONG
Head, Programmes
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LOOKING FORWARD

- Looking ahead to 2025, we are filled with hope and determination to continue sowing seeds of hope into the lives of deprived children. Together, we can make a lasting impact and create brighter futures for those who need it most.
- In 2025, SUGN will enhance its monitoring plan for the 10 libraries across 5 regions in Ghana, provided under the iRead iLead Campaign.
- Through extensive stakeholder engagement, we will continue and complete the framework and curriculum development of the LitSTEM Leaders Programme. The programme is designed to complement the libraries by nurturing reading, writing, arithmetic, and creativity skills, and popularizing and demystifying the learning of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) through activity-based programmes. When operationalised, the programme will contribute to the Ministry of Education's overarching goal to accelerate the enrolment goal of a 60:40 admission ratio of science to humanities students at the tertiary level by 2030, as documented in the Education Strategic Plan (ESP 2018-2030).
- SUGN will also use feedback from past beneficiaries to scale up and improve the Mentor Me Programme (MMP), a school outreach programme that provides a platform for industry leaders, professionals, and tertiary students to offer personalized mentorship, career awareness, and career guidance to learners, helping them make informed career choices on emerging 21st-century opportunities.
- In 2025, SUGN will introduce the Student Ambassadors Programme to recruit more volunteers from various tertiary institutions.

THANK YOU

Thank you for being an integral part of the Spring-UP Global Network family. Your dedication and generosity fill us with the hope and determination to continue sowing seeds of hope into the lives of children in school.

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