

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from FOSDA

We are excited to share with you the January Edition of our monthly newsletter.

In this edition, we spotlight key projects and activities from the month of September that have been advancing our mission to promote peace and human security for all.

FOSDA Commends Extension Of Ghana Gun Amnesty Programme:

PRESS RELEASE

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FOSDA believes that extending the amnesty period will allow for wider dissemination of information, reach underserved communities, and provide additional opportunity for individuals who may be hesitant or fearful to voluntarily surrender illicit firearms. We further call on security agencies, particularly the Ghana Police Service, to sustain and strengthen their visibility, professionalism, and operational effectiveness throughout the amnesty period.

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FOSDA has commended the Ministry of the Interior for extending Ghana's Gun Amnesty Programme to 30 January 2026, describing the move as timely and critical to curbing the spread of illicit small arms and light weapons. The extension comes amid a recent surge in armed violence, as reflected in FOSDA's 2025 Violent Incidents Monitoring, which recorded increasing gun-related incidents across the first three quarters of 2025 before a notable decline in the fourth quarter, attributed to enhanced security operations and the ongoing amnesty.

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FOSDA Kicks Off 2026 with Annual Staff Retreat and Strategic Work Plan Development



FOSDA has officially opened the year 2026 with its Annual Staff Retreat and Work Plan Development. The Retreat which was held in Aburi, Eastern Region from 15th-16th January 2026 was on the theme 'Reflect, Realign and Renew towards Strengthening FOSDA for 2026'. Eleven (11) engaging sessions provided opportunity for Reflection on Personal and Professional Growth; Emotional Intelligence; Team Effectiveness; Strategic Plan and 2025 Workplan Review. These set the tone for program and work approach prioritisation for 2026. The 2-day program saw innovative programming for another year of influencing work on human security.

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FOSDA Co-Hosts Regional Meeting on the Universalization of the TPNW in Accra



On the 27th of January, 2026, FOSDA in collaboration with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and the governments of Ghana and Austria, convened the West and Central African Regional Conference on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in Accra.

The conference underscored Africa's moral leadership in nuclear disarmament and the urgent need to address escalating global nuclear risks. Ghana hosted the meeting as the 74th State Party to the TPNW, following its unanimous parliamentary ratification in June 2025 and deposit of its instrument of ratification in September 2025.

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FOSDA Joins Global Partners to Launch MANDELA Project for Ghana and Five Other Countries



FOSDA participated in the kick-off meeting of the Multilateralism through Negotiation and Cultural Diplomacy Education in the Levant and Africa (MANDELA) Project, held in Cologne, Germany, on 20th January, 2026. The three-year, EU co-funded ERASMUS+ initiative brings together higher education institutions and civil society organizations across six countries to advance education-driven peacebuilding.

The MANDELA Project focuses on strengthening higher education capacity in conflict-affected and fragile contexts by enhancing curricula, professional skills, and institutional collaboration in peacebuilding, resilience, multilateralism, and social cohesion.

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Fosda Supports Women Peace Circle Members To Undertake Community Engagements On Preventing Violent Extremism



FOSDA, under the SURE Project, is actively supporting 12 Women Peace Circles (WPCs) across northern Ghana to lead community engagements and deep-dive dialogues on preventing violent extremism (PVE). Through this support, WPC members are convening women, men, youth, and community leaders to discuss peace and security concerns, share non-violent conflict resolution approaches, and strengthen community resilience to radicalisation. These community deep-dives are translating the project's training investments into visible grassroots action, amplifying women's voices as peace actors, and building stronger, more inclusive relationships among community members in the fight against violent extremism

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Violent Incident Reports: 1st Qtr, 2nd Qtr 3rd Qtr and 4th Qtr of 2025

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FOSDA's monitoring of violent incidents for the third quarter of 2025 reveals a sharp escalation in reported cases across the country. A total of 227 incidents were recorded, marking a significant 50.3% increase from the 151 incidents documented in the second quarter. The surge is even more striking when compared to the first quarter, showing an additional 119 cases, representing a 110% rise.

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