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### **CABINET APPROVES NPA 2**

On 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, Cabinet approved the Phase II of the National Plan of Action, for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (WFCL) in Ghana (NPA2:2017-2021) and will be launched on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018.

The approval of the NPA 2 follows the success chalked after the implementation of the Phase I of the National Plan of Action (NPA 1:2009- 2015) by the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations and its stakeholders working to reduce the worst forms of child labour to the barest minimum.

Available records indicate among others that during the implementation of the NPA I, over 11,000 children, approximately 1 per cent of a total of 1.27 million children between the ages of 4 and 17 years were withdrawn from the menace while those at risk were prevented through direct action.

The approval of the NPA 2 therefore underscores government's commitment to pursue the elimination of the WFCL.

The NPA 2 aims at consolidating the gains made during the implementation of the NPA 1 and also replicate the good practices and lessons learnt over the years, and to effectively and efficiently coordinate the various interventions to eliminate the WFCL thereby reducing it 10 per cent by 2021.

The move will also help contribute to the laying of strong social, policy and institutional foundations for the elimination and prevention of all other forms of Child Labour in the longer term.

The NPA 2 will further consolidate the gains made under NPA 1 re-enforcing the linkages between the various child development policies and provide a vehicle for continued enforcement of relevant policies and laws.

Moreover, it will continue to foster strong collaboration between partners and enhance the coordination of their actions. In particular, it will contribute to the realization of the objectives of the Child and Family Welfare Policy (CFWP), by providing mechanisms for combating violence, abuse and exploitation of children.

In order to realize this dream, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the MELR and thirty-six (36) institutions. The MoU expresses the cross-sectorial collaboration and partnership approach endorsed in the development of the NPA 2. In addition, it is designed to cement the multi-sectorial functional linkages and the synergies anticipated in the implementation and delivery of output, objectives and the desired impact of the NPA 2.

The government, Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs) involved in the implementation of the NPA 2 are as follows:

## **LEAD AGENCIES UNDER NPA2**

1. Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations
  - Labour Department
  - Child Labour Unit
  - Youth Employment Agency (YEA)
  - Employment Information Branch
2. Ministry of Interior
  - Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Ghana Police Service
3. Ministry of Chieftaincy, Culture and Traditional Affairs
4. Ministry of Education and Ghana Education Service
  - Ghana Education Service
  - Non-Formal Education (NFE) Division
5. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
  - Office of the Head of Local Government Service
6. Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection
7. Ministry of Food and Agriculture
  - Agricultural Extension Service Division
8. Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
9. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources

- Minerals Commission
10. Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice
  11. National Development Planning Commission (NDPC)
  12. Parliamentary Select Committee on Social Welfare, Employment and State Enterprises
  13. Judicial Service
  14. National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA)
  15. Trades Union Congress of Ghana (TUC-GH)
  16. Organized Labour
  17. Ghana National Association of Teachers (GNAT)
  18. General Agricultural Workers Union (GAWU)
  19. Ghana Employers Association (GEA)
  20. Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD)
  21. Council for Indigenous Business Association (CIBA)
  22. Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC)
  23. Ghana Journalists Association (GJA)
  24. Media Foundation of West Africa (MFWA)
  25. Social Mobilization Partners Against Child Labour (SOMOPAC) Network
  26. Ghana NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child (GNCRC)
  27. Christian Council of Ghana (CCG)
  28. National Catholic Secretariat/Catholic Bishops Conference
  29. Federation of Moslem Councils
  30. National Commission on Civic Education (NCCE)
  31. Ghana National Education Campaign Coalition (GNECC)

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