



Report on World Environmental Health Day 26th September, 2023

Introduction:

World Environmental Health Day is celebrated globally on September 26th each year to raise awareness about environmental health issues and promote sustainable practices for a healthier planet. This report provides an overview of the World Environmental Health Day celebration organized by Metro Public Health Department.

Theme:

The theme for this year's World Environmental Health Day celebration was "Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health each and every day." The theme focused on the following key messages.

Objectives:

1. **Raise Awareness:** To increase awareness among the public about environmental health issues and their impact on human health and well-being.
2. **Promote Action:** To inspire individuals and communities to take action towards protecting the environment and adopting sustainable practices.
3. **Advocate for Policy Change:** To advocate for policy changes and interventions that promote environmental sustainability and public health.

Activities:

1. **Community Clean-Up Campaign:** A community clean-up campaign was organized in collaboration with local residents, schools, and businesses. Participants gathered to clean up litter from streets, parks, and water bodies, promoting a cleaner and healthier environment within the three submetros.

2. **Educational Workshops and Seminars:** Educational workshops and seminars were conducted to raise awareness about various environmental health issues, such as air and water pollution, waste management, and climate change. Experts in the field delivered presentations and engaged with the audience in discussions.
3. **Tree Planting Initiative:** A tree planting initiative was launched to emphasize the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem preservation. Participants planted trees in designated areas, contributing to carbon sequestration and enhancing green spaces in the community.
4. **Health Screenings and Wellness Activities:** Health screenings and wellness activities were offered to promote individual health and well-being. Participants had the opportunity to receive health check-ups, engage in physical activities, and learn about the connections between environmental health and personal health outcomes.
5. **Awareness Campaigns:** Social media campaigns, posters, and informational materials were disseminated to reach a wider audience and reinforce key messages about environmental health and sustainability.

Key Messages:

1. **Protect Our Planet:** Emphasized the importance of preserving natural resources and ecosystems for future generations.
2. **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle:** Promoted sustainable waste management practices to minimize environmental pollution and waste generation.

3. **Healthy Environment, Healthy People:** Highlighted the interconnections between environmental health and human health, advocating for a holistic approach to well-being.
4. **Community Engagement:** Encouraged community members to take ownership of environmental issues and work together towards solutions.

Impact:

1. **Increased Awareness:** The celebration generated widespread awareness about environmental health issues and inspired individuals to take action in their communities.
2. **Behavioral Change:** Participants reported adopting more sustainable practices, such as reducing plastic usage, recycling, and participating in environmental conservation efforts.
3. **Policy Advocacy:** The event provided a platform for advocacy and dialogue, leading to discussions about potential policy changes and interventions to address environmental health challenges.
4. **Community Empowerment:** The celebration fostered a sense of community empowerment, with residents coming together to address environmental issues and create positive change.

Conclusion:

The World Environmental Health Day celebration organized by the department was a resounding success, bringing together individuals, organizations, and policymakers to raise awareness, promote action, and advocate for environmental sustainability. The event underscored the importance of collective efforts in safeguarding the environment and ensuring a healthy future for all.

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Please find attached some pictures to that effects.



Figure 1: Lecture on going at the climax of World Environmental Health Day



Figure 2: Greater Accra Regional Coordinating Chief Director handing a present to an awardee