

Message from Ghana Environmental Health Practitioners on the celebration of WEHD,
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The World Environmental Health Day is observed to raise awareness of the crucial work done by environmental health professionals' worldwide. The 2022 World Health Day is under the theme **‘Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals’**

World Environmental Health Day focuses on all the physical, chemical, and biological aspects that are external to a person, an animal or the environment itself, as well as all the associated aspects that have an impact on behavior.

It includes the evaluation and management of environmental elements that may have an impact on the health of living things.

It aims to prevent illness and build conditions that encourage good health.

The goal of the World Environmental Health Day is to increase public awareness of the negative effects that today's top environmental concerns have on both human and animal health.

Every year, the day is observed to increase public knowledge of the field and the health dangers that must be addressed, as well as to give organizations throughout the world a chance to collaborate and organize activities that will benefit the public.

After the COVID-19 outbreak, Ghana is currently experiencing outbreaks of Marburg virus, Monkey pox and Lassa fever.

According to a report by the Ghana Health Services, two people in Ghana died on July 18, 2022, from the Marburg virus, one person died on July 31, 2022, from monkey pox, and some people Tested positive for Lassa fever.

Nevertheless, each of the aforementioned illnesses is zoonotic and was acquired by the carrier Agents from the environment. Thus, mapping the health of people, animals, and the environment is essential for disease prevention.

Signed

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