



**MINISTRY OF SANITATION  
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**WORLD TOILET DAY**  
Valuing Toilets



## COMMEMORATION OF 2021 WORLD TOILET DAY

Ghana will join the Global Community to Commemorate the World Toilet Day on Friday 19th of November 2021. World Toilet Day is a day for Action; it is a day to raise Awareness about all the people who do not have access to Toilets, and the urgent need to end this Sanitation crisis. World Toilet Day is a day to stand up to do something about inadequate access to Toilet in the World.

The World recognized the need for an international day to draw global attention to the Sanitation crisis and hence World Toilet Day was established on 24th July 2013. The UN declared that World Toilet Day should become an official UN day and should be commemorated on 19th November every year, by a resolution adopted by 122 countries at the 67th session of the UN General Assembly in New York.

This year, Ghana has adopted the Local theme **"Stop Open Defecation, Own a Household Latrine now, Let's play our part in a COVID-19 era"**. The Local theme for this year's commemoration highlights on the need for every Household in Ghana to make the frantic effort to own a Household Latrine even in this era of COVID-19 Pandemic. The adopted Local theme ties in very well with the Global Theme of **"Valuing Toilets"**. Toilets are so important, because they impact directly on Health, Education, Gender, Climate Change, Tourism and the Economy.

On Friday 19th November 2021, a commemorative event to mark the day will be held at the Jubilee Park, Kumasi in the Ashanti Region. Highlights of activities planned for the day include:

- Greater Kumasi Media Dialogue on Combating Open Defecation.
- Mass Media Activities: TV and Radio Talk shows, Social Media.
- Commitment Statements from the National Stakeholders.
- Reading of Sanitation Messages/Sermons in Churches and Mosques.
- Float through the Principal Streets of the Greater Kumasi Metropolitan Area (GKMA).
- Launch of 'Own a Toilet Campaign.

All MMDAs, Other Government Institutions, Development Partners, Civil Society Organisations, International and Local NGOs, Consultants and Private Sector Organisations working in the Sanitation and Hygiene sector in Ghana are encouraged to plan activities to commemorate the day, to make it a memorable one.

We need to continue to address the silent taboo called Toilets and discuss and shine a spotlight on it every Day.

The Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, wishes all Ghanaians a Happy World Toilet Day in advance. Play your part, Own a Toilet today.

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## Who cares about toilets?

3.6 billion people do. Because they don't have one.\*

