

PPAG AND PARTNERS MARK DAY OF 8 BILLION

The world's eight billionth human has been born in Accra, Ghana. The baby came with the fortune of being celebrated as the baby who symbolically marks the eight billionth member of the world's population. The global population was projected to reach eight billion on November 15, 2022, according to the World Population Prospects 2022 released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Currently, Ghana's population stands at 30.8 million per the 2021 Population and Housing Census.



Photo: The symbolic 8 Billionth baby and mum

The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and partners including the Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana marked the birth of the eight billionth baby. The baby girl was born five minutes after mid-night at the Greater Accra Regional Hospital.

World Population hits 8 billion.

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At a brief ceremony at the Maternity Unit of the Ridge Hospital, the Government Statistician, Professor Samuel Kobina Annim, said it was time for the country to take advantage of the symbolic commemoration to discuss how to make Ghana a statistics-driven nation.

He indicated that the increasing population must be translated into a good human resource with the capacity to transform the country from a lower middle-income status to a high income one.



Photo: PPAG YAM joining in the commemoration

Country Representative of UNFPA, Mr Barnabas Yisa, in a speech read on his behalf by the International Operations Manager, Ritesh Mistry, said a world of eight billion presented the world with eight billion possibilities and opportunities towards the world the global community aspired. He added that, Ghana had reached the stage where no women should die through childbirth which then translates into a reduction in maternal and child mortality.

“While acknowledging this historic day in population growth, we must not only pay attention to the challenges associated with the growing population, rather we must take advantage of the opportunity to reap the demographic dividend by socio-economically investing in the population, especially, young people,” he said

The commemoration was on the theme: “8 Billion global population: A world of infinite possibilities”.