

Africa

Constellation: AF South C8

Ghana, Nigeria



NEEDS

Continent: **Africa**

Constellation: **AF South C. 8**

Country: **Ghana**

Cry of the Earth

- recurrent drought in north severely affects agricultural activities
- deforestation
- overgrazing
- soil erosion
- poaching and habitat destruction threaten wildlife populations
- water pollution
- inadequate supplies of potable water

Cry of the Poor

- Poverty has declined in Ghana, but it remains pervasive in the northern region, which is susceptible to droughts and floods and has less access to transportation infrastructure, markets, fertile farming land, and industrial centers.
- The northern region also has lower school enrollment, higher illiteracy, and fewer opportunities for women.
- forced labor and sex trafficking
 - Ghanaian children are subjected to forced labor in fishing, domestic service, street hawking, begging, portering, mining, quarrying, herding, and agriculture, with girls, and to a lesser extent boys, forced into prostitution
 - Ghanaian women and girls are sex trafficked in West Africa, the Middle East, and Europe
 - Ghanaian men fraudulently recruited for work in the Middle East are subjected to forced labor or prostitution, and a few Ghanaian adults have been identified as victims of false labor in the US

Commitments

Continent: **Africa**

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Country: **Nigeria**

Cry of the Earth

- serious overpopulation and rapid urbanization
- urban air and water pollution
- rapid deforestation
- soil degradation
- loss of arable land
- oil pollution - water, air, and soil have suffered serious damage from oil spills

Cry of the Poor

- lethal attacks by at least two Boko Haram factions in the northeast
- communal violence between nomadic herdsman and farmers spreading southward from north-central states
 - increasing spate of banditry, kidnapping, and general criminality especially in northwestern states of Kaduna, Katsina, and Zamfara
- Widespread poverty and high youth unemployment
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