



STATEMENT ON WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 2022.

Today is World Children's Day 2022.

It's six decades since the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which includes the Right to Education. Children cannot realize their full human potentials without access to quality basic education.

In furtherance of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, Article 38 (2) of Ghana's 1992 constitution provided for free Compulsory Universal Basic Education (fCUBE) for all Ghanaian children.

Seventeen (17) years, after implementing fCUBE, about 1.2 million children are still not in school, according to the Ghana Statistical Service.

Seventeen (17) years after implementing fCUBE, public basic education is still neither truly free, compulsory nor universally accessible to all Ghanaian children. Hidden fees, low government investment in building new schools and maintaining and operating existing ones, and poverty continue to hamper universal access.

On this occasion of World Children's Day 2022, the Government of Ghana must revisit fCUBE and re-commit to making basic education free, universally accessible and compulsory for all Ghanaian children by increasing capital investments and financing of public basic education.

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