

Vivo Energy Launches Retailer Sustainability Programme on COVID-19

Vivo Energy Ghana, the Shell licensee, in partnership with its retailers has launched a novel sustainable initiative dubbed the **'Vivo Energy Retailer Sustainability Programme'** to implement human-centred projects in communities where it operates; with a focus on COVID-19 prevention.

The Retailer Sustainability Programme forms part of Vivo Energy Ghana's comprehensive programme on COVID-19 prevention being rolled-out to complement the government's efforts in combating the virus from Ghana and ensuring the decentralization of support to local communities.

The Managing Director of Vivo Energy Ghana, Mr. Ben Hassan Ouattara, commenting on the programme said as a corporate organisation, it has been following the development of the pandemic in the country and the socio-economic impact of the life-threatening coronavirus on families, communities, businesses and the nation in general.

"It is for this reason that we partnered with our Shell retailers to reach out to communities to help fight the virus. The programme has led to the implementation of several COVID-19 prevention initiatives in various regions across the country and I want to express my profound gratitude to our distinguished retailers for responding positively to our call", he said.

Since the launch of the programme, various government institutions have benefitted from the programme. They include the National Commission for Civic Education and Effiankwanta Regional Hospital in the Western Region, Tamale Teaching Hospital in the Northern Region, Kenyasi Health Centre, Ejura Sekyedumase District Assembly, Ahinsan Camp Prison in the Ashanti Region and New Juabeng South Municipal Assembly in the Eastern Region.

Some interventions include the construction of water tanks for underserved communities to encourage regular hand washing, donation of PPEs such as gloves, nose masks, goggles, coveralls, hand washing facilities, hand sanitizers, detergents, thermometers, donation of fuel for community sensitisation on COVID-19 and the construction of a 10-seater WC toilet facility for inmates of Ahinsan Camp Prison in the Ashanti Region who for the past 20 years have been living without a decent toilet facility with impact on their health.

The Coordinator of the Northern Sector Shell retailers, Mr. Frederick Fredua Anto, expressed his appreciation to Vivo Energy Ghana for the partnership with its retailers to ensure that COVID-19 prevention interventions are not only centralised in the cities but trickle down to various communities in the regions.

"Beyond selling quality Shell fuels and lubricants, we have the nation and our customers at heart. We are in difficult times and as business partners it gives us a great sense of fulfilment to have been able to offer a helping hand to the government in the prevention of this life-threatening virus.

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus in Ghana, Vivo Energy Ghana has embarked on several projects on COVID-19 prevention. These include the donation of PPE to the National COVID Case Management Team, funding of an e-learning application for students at home and donation of hand sanitizers and liquid soaps to some major bus terminals and retail stations for distribution to drivers and customers respectively.

In line with the company's Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) intervention processes, it has also equipped its Shell service stations with hand sanitizers and other cleaning solutions as a precautionary measure. The company has also introduced other electronic payment options like mobile money at some of its service stations to reduce the handling of cash.

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About Vivo Energy:

With a vision to become Africa's most respected energy business Vivo Energy Ghana, the company that distributes and markets Shell-branded fuels and lubricants was established in 2013. The Shell brand has been in Ghana since 1928.

Vivo Energy Ghana has a fuels storage capacity of 11,000m³ and 238 service stations, with many offering Shell Cards and convenience retail stores.

Vivo Energy Ghana employs 150 people. The company is recognised as a leader in the oil industry, championing and setting standards for safety.

Vivo Energy operates and markets its products in countries across North, West, East and Southern Africa. The Group has a network of over 2,100 service stations in 23 countries operating under the Shell and Engen brands and exports lubricants to a number of other African countries. Its retail offering includes fuels, lubricants, card services, shops, restaurants and other non-fuel services. It provides fuels, lubricants and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to business customers across a range of sectors including marine, mining, construction, power, transport, and manufacturing. Jet fuel is sold to customers under the Vitol Aviation brand.

The Company employs around 2,700 people and has access to over 1,000,000 cubic metres of fuel storage capacity. The Group's joint venture, Shell and Vivo Lubricants B.V., sources, blends, packages and supplies Shell-branded lubricants at plants in six countries.

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