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Introduction

This is in the first series of IERIS' monthly media report on education in Ghana. It provides a summary of educational issues reported in two newspapers namely; The Daily Graphic and The Ghanaian Times in January, 2023. The overall objective is to document issues on education, facilitate reference and to provide information for research in education. Our major data collection approach was to go through all the pages in the Daily Graphic and Ghanaian Times to identify issues reported on education daily. Service personnel and interns were the Research Assistants. The daily reports were collated to generate a monthly output. The report starts from 5th to 31st January, 2023. Most of the reports on education in the Daily Graphic were on page 28 while the Ghanaian Times were on pages 13, 15 and 17. The main areas covered included basic education, secondary education, tertiary education and other topics of education.

Report summary

The tertiary education report centered on accommodation for fresh students, a call for collaboration between methodist church and methodist university, digital payment platform by the Student Loan Trust for loan recovery and a breakthrough for Evangelical Presbyterian University as they rolled out postgraduate programmes.

Reports on secondary education were on support of endowment fund by Konongo Odumasi SHS, students' vandalism at Krobea Asante Technical Vocational School which led to the close down of the school, disruptive behaviours of students at Chiana, United Bank of Africa (UBA) sponsorship of the National Essay Competition for Senior High Schools and the provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facility for Mawuli Senior High School.

On basic education, there were reports on the distribution of textbooks by the Ministry of Education to basic schools, provision of infrastructure at LaDMA in the Greater Accra Region and Techiman in Bono East, and the date for the release of the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE). In addition, the daily graphic reported on the confirmation of Dr. Eric Nkansah as the Director General of Education and the visit of a delegation from Sierra Leone to the Ministry of Education.

Conclusion

The reports centered on tertiary, secondary and basic education. Going forward, we intend to widen the scope of search to include other media outlets such as myjoyonline and citinewsroom.com in our next series.

Major Themes

1. Tertiary education

Date	Topic	Source	Page	Website
09/01/23	University of Environment and Sustainable Development (UESD) Management moves to doorstep of students	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/uesd-management-moves-to-doorstep-of-students.html
12/01/23	Methodist University Vice-Chancellor calls for Church--university collaboration	Ghanaian Times	15	https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/methodist-varsity-vice-chancellor-calls-for-church-university-collaboration/
12/01/23	Evangelical Presbyterian University College (EPUC) begins postgraduate programmes February	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/epuc-begins-postgraduate-programmes-february.html
14/01/23	University of Ghana accommodation crisis: Over 9000 freshers frustrated	Daily Graphic	14	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/ug-accomodation-registration-portal-hacked-authorities.html
21/01/23	Vice President Bawumia addressing participants in the opening of the 74 th Annual New Year School and Conference at Legon in Accra	Ghanaian Times	12	https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/74th-annual-new-year-school-conference-opens-in-accra-today/
26/01/23	Students Loan Trust sets up digital payment platform for loan recovery	Ghanaian Times	13	https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/students-loan-trust-sets-up-digital-payment-platform-for-loan-recovery/

2. Secondary education

10/01/23	Nsein SHS to be renamed after Dr. Kwame Nkrumah	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/nsein-shs-to-be-renamed-after-dr-kwame-nkrumah.html
10/01/23	Konongo Oduamse SHS Old Students rally support for endowment fund	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/konongo-odumase-shs-old-students-rally-support-for-endowment-fund.html
23/01/23	Student disruptive behaviors “Case of 8 Chiana girls”.	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/student-disruptive-behaviours-case-of-8-chiana-girls.html
23/01/23	Students of Krobea Asante Tech, Vocational School run amok, vandalise property	Ghanaian Times	23	https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/students-of-krobea-asante-tech-vocational-school-run-amok-vandalise-property/
24/01/23	Krobea Asante Technical, Vocational School closed down indefinitely	Ghanaian Times	13	https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/krobea-asante-technical-vocational-school-closed-down-indefinitely/
31/01/23	Mawuli School gets psychiatric nurse, washroom	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/mawuli-school-gets-psychiatric-nurse-washroom.html
31/01/23	UBA rewards 2022 National Essay competition winners	Daily Graphic	15	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/uba-rewards-2022-national-essay-competition-winners.html

3. Basic education

20/01/23	Reforming girls in correctional homes: first batch of Junior Girls Vocational Centre passes NVTI exams	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/reforming-girls-in-correctional-homes-first-batch-of-junior-girls-vocational-centre-passes-nvti-exams.html
05/01/23	Education Ministry begins distribution of textbooks to basic schools	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/education-ministry-begins-distribution-of-textbooks-to-basic-schools.html
05/01/23	800 private school teachers undergo training	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/ghana-news-800-private-school-teachers-undergo-training.html
06/01/23	Parent advised to monitor children's uses phones	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/ghana-news-parents-advised-to-monitor-childrens-use-of-phones.html
11/01/23	Most basic school pupils report to school the first day of the academic year	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/most-basic-school-pupils-report-for-school.html
21/01/23	BECE results to be released Jan 25	Ghanaian Times	17	https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/bece-results-to-be-released-jan-25/
21/01/23	LaDMA inaugurates classroom block for St. Paul's Anglican JHS	Ghanaian Times	17	https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/ladma-inaugurates-classroom-block-for-st-pauls-anglican-jhs/
26/01/23	Techiman MCE cuts sod for construction of six-unit classroom block for Aduana School	Ghanaian Times	12	https://www.ghanaiantimes.com.gh/techiman-mce-cuts-sod-for-construction-of-six-unit-classroom-block-for-aduana-school/

06/01/23	Be good role models to your children: Educationist to parents	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/gh-ana-news-be-good-role-models-to-your-children-educationist-to-parents.html
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4. Miscellaneous

09/01/23	Dr. Eric Nkansah confirmed GES Director-General	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/politics/dr-eric-nkansah-confirmed-as-substantive-director-general-of-ges.html
11/01/23	Asanteman Norway to run online Twi course	Daily Graphic	28	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/education/asanteman-norway-to-run-online-twi-course.html
23/01/23	Sierra Leone delegation calls on Education Minister	Daily Graphic	26	https://www.graphic.com.gh/news/general-news/sierra-leone-delegation-calls-on-education-minister.html#:~:text=A%2012%2Dmember%20delegation%20from,education%20in%20their%20respective%20countries.