

# Journalists Undergo Gender Equality Training

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THE AFRICAN Centre for Parliamentary Affairs (ACEPA) and the African Parliamentary Press Network (APPN) have organ-

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so far since its inception."

Officer at the Donor Care Unit of Effia Nkwanta Hospital Blood Bank, Mary Avormey, praised MTN for the initiative.

She was hopeful the annual campaign will help address critical gaps in blood supply and promote voluntary blood donation thereby contributing to saving several lives and also reducing maternal mortality in the region.

She, however, mentioned that the main referral health facility in the region would need more blood for the blood bank and appealed to other organizations to emulate what MTN is doing by encouraging more Ghanaians to undertake voluntary blood donations.

ised a gender equality training for the parliamentary press corps.

The event was held under the auspices of the Global Affairs Canada-funded Inclusive Legislatures for Gender Responsive Policies (ILGRP), implemented in partnership with the Parliamentary Centre for Canada.

National Parliamentary Advisor and Team Manager (ILGRP), Dr. Gifty Adika, highlighted that gender equality awareness session and training seek to boost the gender sensitivity of civil society organizations and the media, equipping them with the skills needed to advocate for gender-responsive legislation.

She emphasized that such awareness sessions can

create a supportive environment for discussing sensitive gender-related topics like violence, discrimination, and harassment, enabling media practitioners to report on these issues sensitively and responsibly.

Speaking on the topic 'Understanding Key Gender Concepts', Gender and Influencing Specialist, Plan International Ghana, Esenam Ahiadorme, discussed the deeply rooted gender roles and norms in society, underlining the progress made in promoting gender equality through legislation and policies while acknowledging the challenges and disparities that persist.

"Ghana has made significant progress in increasing women's representation in leadership positions, but women are still underrepresented in Parliament, business, and other decision-making roles.

"Looking at this year's election, it has been predicted that a lot more women will lose their seats as Members of Parliament, which will negatively affect effort made by government and CSOs in championing women's participation in politics," she said.

