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Gender



• A noticeable change in the size or shape of one or both breasts can be a symptom.

781 Marginalised women benefit from CAMFED scholarship

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A total of 781 marginalised young women across the country are benefitting from a tertiary education programme supported by the Campaign for Female Education (CAMFED) Ghana.

CAMFED, an international non-profit organisation, in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, is implementing the programme dubbed "The CAMFED Tertiary Scholarship Programme".

The marginalised young women, selected from various public tertiary institutions in the country, receive a support package which covers tuition, accommodation, stipends and other academic-related expenses for the duration of their academic programme.

Programme

The Executive Director, CAMFED Ghana, Fairuza Abdul-Rashid Safian,

said this while addressing the 2025 Tertiary Convening orientation event for the beneficiary young women at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

The one-week orientation and enrichment programme was aimed at enhancing the soft skills of these young women to aid their transition.

Efforts

She said the organisation would not relent in its efforts to provide education and empowerment interventions to young people, as evidence demonstrated that investing in the education of the most marginalised girls was an important intervention.

"By building an ecosystem of support around them—one that engages families, communities, educational institutions, and policymakers—we will be preparing the next generation of medical doctors, lawyers,

journalists, entrepreneurs and teachers, who will step up as agents of change," she said.

She expressed gratitude to the Mastercard Foundation, Ministry of Education and Ghana Education Service, among others, for their

confidence and continuous partnership to empower young women through education and enrichment interventions.

Research

In a speech read on his behalf, the Minister of Education, Haruna Iddrisu, said research had consistently shown that when young women are educated, they are likely to prevent early marriage, have healthier families, to contribute to economic growth.

"Educating girls multiplies development outcomes. It is a multiplication that benefits all of society," he said, and indicated that the government alone cannot do it and, therefore, partnerships with

institutions such as CAMFED are indispensable towards making the vision a reality.

Be cautious

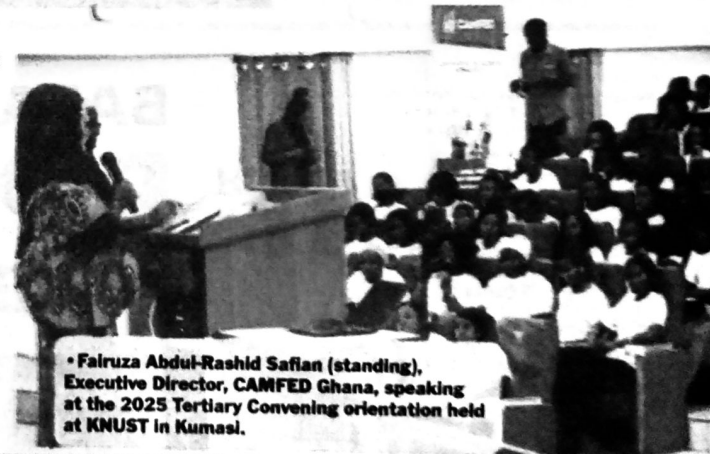
The Director, General Administration and Consular Services, University of Media Arts and Communication (UNIMAC), Dr Obaapanyin Adu Oforiwa, who was the keynote speaker, advised them to be cautious about the intimate relationships they enter into.

She further urged them to desist from engaging in cohabitation with their male counterparts since such a choice, if not well-handled, had the tendency to derail their personal development.

The Head, Diversity and Inclusive Education Unit, Ghana TVET Service, Nana Ama Mensah, said the event was an important platform for the participants to reflect and share ideas to chart a collective path towards educational transformation.

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• Fairuza Abdul-Rashid Safian (standing), Executive Director, CAMFED Ghana, speaking at the 2025 Tertiary Convening orientation held at KNUST in Kumasi.