



GFZA Newsletter

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90 Days Of Ghana Free Zones Authority

Investment Promotion & Enterprise
Experiential



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CEO's WELCOME ADDRESS

The year 2022 albeit difficult, was good thanks to the collective role played by our Stakeholders, Free Zones Enterprises and the hardworking staff of Ghana Free Zones Authority in delivering on our mandate of promoting export-led industrial growth as a strategy to achieve economic development.

Over the years, the Authority has made conscious efforts to attract investors both locally and internationally into the Free Zones, as at the end of 2022, the total number of licensed Free Zones enterprises stood at **220**.

These companies contributed an estimated **US\$1,869,195,489.18** in export earnings and a total of **32,702** employment.



Amb Michael Oquaye
C.E.O, GFZA

During the year under review, the Authority commemorated the successful celebration of some events such as the National Chocolate Week Celebration, Ghana Month Celebration, International Women's Day, Prostate Cancer and the Annual Investment Week after a 2-year break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The year was climaxed with a night of Nine lessons and Carol during which deserving staff were rewarded for their long years of service to the Authority. Staff who had in diverse ways contributed to the advancement of the Authority through social media promotions and overall work ethics were also appreciated.

As we begin the 2023 operational year, the Authority will continue to deliver on its mandate to propel development. The new strategy of my management is to embark on more targeted marketing by identifying potential businesses or businesspeople, both locally and internationally, and attracting them to locate in the designated SEZs.

We will also focus on rigorous monitoring and compliance to ensure that free zone enterprises comply with the rules and regulations. As an additional service, we have recently introduced the concept of "aftercare" to provide value-added services to existing free zone enterprises within our mandate to make their investment in Ghana worthwhile.

I wish all our stakeholders, Free Zones enterprises, potential investors and Staff of the Ghana Free Zones Authority the very best of the year in 2023 – Amb. Michael Oquaye Jnr.



INVESTMENT PROMOTION

The Marketing and Investment Promotions Unit facilitated and received several business delegations during the first quarter of the year on behalf of the Authority. The purpose of these visits was to chart new paths to boost trade and create jobs for the GFZA and the country.

Among the delegations received was a high-profile delegation from Malta led by H.E. Jean Claude Galea Malia, High Commissioner of the Republic of Malta to Ghana. The Unit also received a trade and investment delegation from India led by Mr. Wali Kashmi; GL Rapha, a South Korean pharmaceutical company, were also hosted by the Unit during a 5-day fact-finding mission to Ghana.

As part of efforts to strengthen the Authority's relations with its diplomatic partners, the Unit received the General Director of the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM), Mr. Walid Farghal, who paid a courtesy call on Amb. Oquaye Jnr.

Also, the African Association of Automotive Manufacturers (AAAM), in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MoTI) and the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA), led a team of businesspersons and stakeholders during a working visit to the Authority.

The objective of the tour was to facilitate the engagements of some global players in the automotive industry with stakeholders in Ghana as part of efforts to industrialise the automotive industry in Ghana.

Amb. Oquaye Jnr assured the delegations of the Authority's readiness to extend hand-holding services to enable them to join the Free Zones.





EXPERIENTIAL MOMENTS

The Authority kicked off its events with the **National Chocolate Week Celebration**, the focus of the celebration was to highlight the unique contribution of Free Zone Enterprises operating within the Cocoa Value Chain. The celebration was climaxed with the distribution of assorted cocoa products from the C.E.O to staff and clients of the Authority on Tuesday 14th February 2023. Amb. Oquaye encouraged staff to consume and gift more cocoa products to support the local cocoa processing companies.

The Authority as part of its activities to commemorate **International Women's Day** celebration organized various Inter departmental games aimed at honouring and celebrating female staff whiles harmonizing the bond among staff. The day was filled with giggles, music, cheers, laughter and smiles. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Embracing Equity

Another event in the quarter was the **Ghana Month Celebration**, the day is set aside to celebrate Ghana's Independence and to portray the beautiful culture and heritage of Ghana. Management and staff were beautifully clad in various traditional attire to represent the various regions of Ghana. Staff were also treated to pure traditional music and delicacies like etor, abolo with fried fingerlings (aka one man thousand) topped with local drinks.





TRADE FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

Cocoa is the second largest export in Ghana. Cocoa contributes significantly to the country's total foreign exchange earnings, second only to mineral exports.

Ghana exported **\$1.7 billion** in goods to the United States in 2021. Ghana's top exports include cocoa, gold, and oil.



Cocoa




Gold



Oil


UPCOMING EVENTS




**THE GFZA
BUSINESS
SUPPORT INTERACTION**




THEME
"DRIVING BUSINESS GROWTH THROUGH SUSTAINABLE
ACCESS TO RESOURCES, INFORMATION AND MARKETS"


 **WEDNESDAY**
31ST MAY, 2023

 **10AM**

 **GFZA
HEAD OFFICE**

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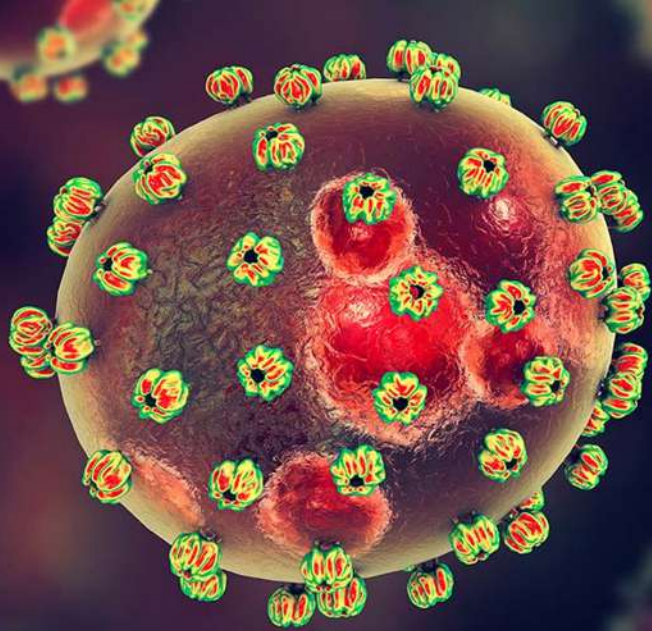
   

Aftercare  POWERED BY GFZA AFTERCARE

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HEALTH TIPS



What is Lassa Fever ?

Lassa fever is an animal borne or zoonotic, acute viral illness spread by the common African rat

Common Signs of Lassa Fever



Chest Pain



Diarrhoea



Vomiting

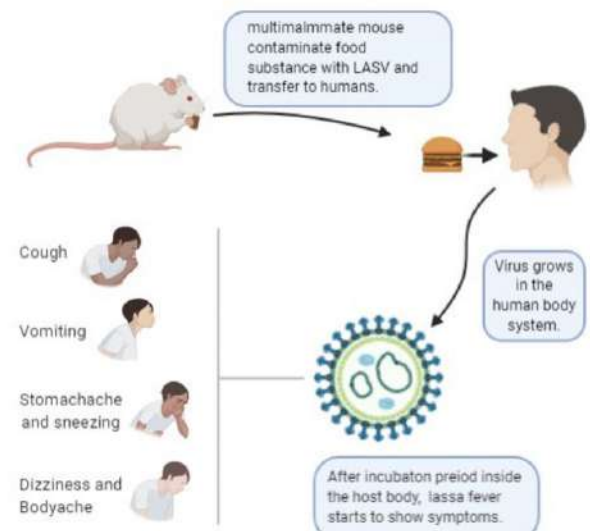
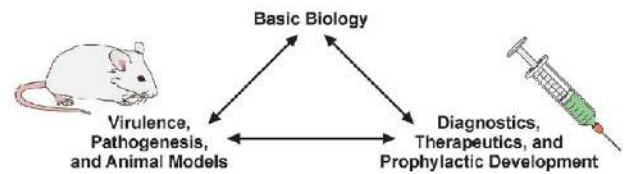
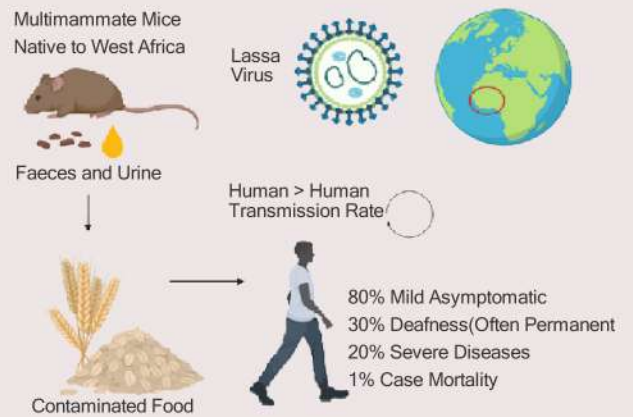


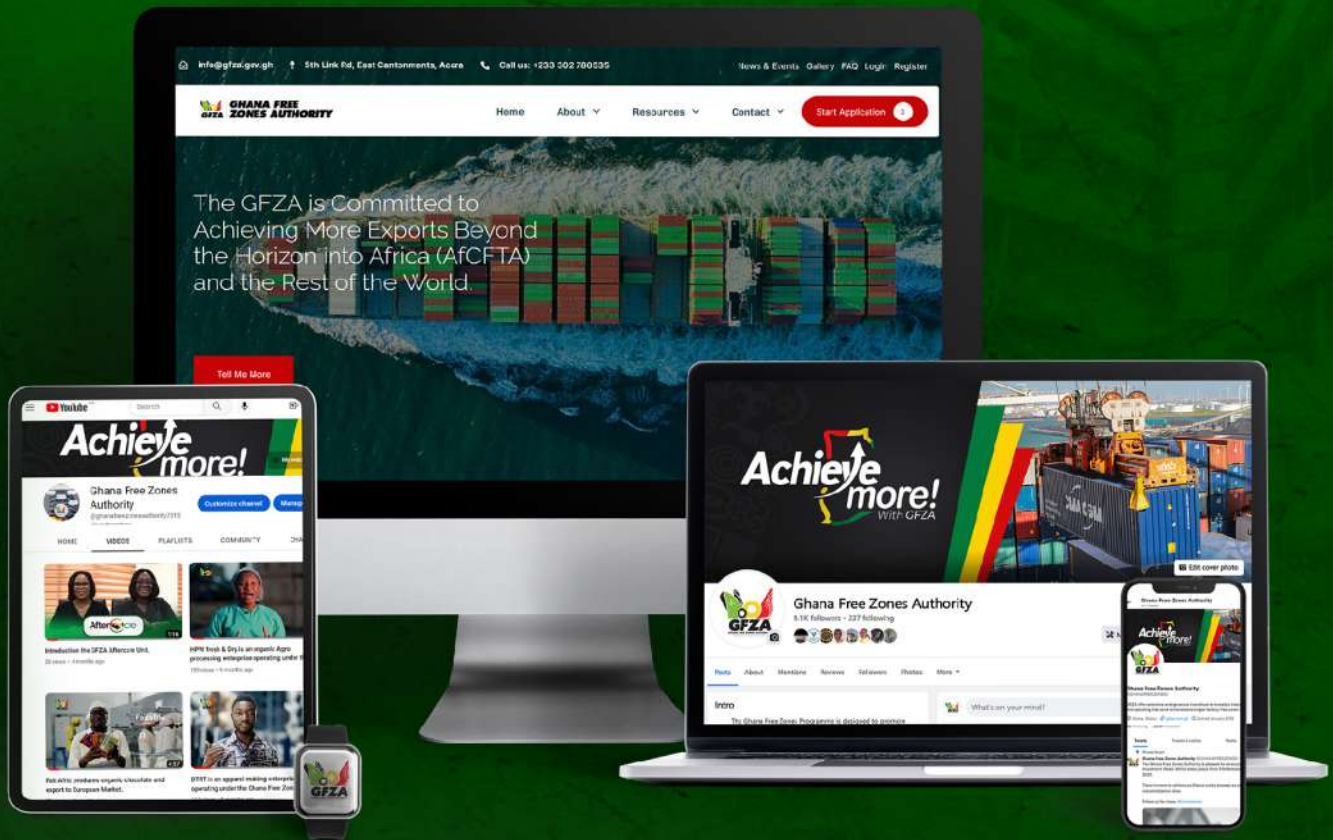
Abdominal pains.

Prevention

Put food away in rodent - proof containers and keep the surroundings clean to discourage rodents from entering the home.

Lassa Virus Transmission and Mortality





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