

Adolescent Advocacy and the Bono Regional Library Campaign:

From Evidence to Policy Action:

One of the strongest demonstrations of adolescent-led advocacy and systems influence under the RCA Project was the campaign surrounding the abandoned Bono Regional Library project in Sunyani. The library project, which had remained incomplete since 2003, became a major symbol of limited investment in youth learning and educational infrastructure within the region.

Through the Adolescent Parliament and Adolescent Journalist platforms, adolescents consistently raised concerns about the impact of the abandoned facility on learning opportunities, access to educational resources, youth development, and safe spaces for young people. Using parliamentary sittings, stakeholder engagements, community forums, radio discussions, and media advocacy, adolescents amplified the issue as a critical development concern affecting the future of young people in the Bono Region.

The campaign evolved from local discussions into a broader public advocacy issue, with adolescent-generated evidence and sustained engagement helping to maintain public attention on the abandoned project. The advocacy efforts demonstrated how structured youth participation platforms can influence accountability discussions and strengthen public demand for responsive development action.

A major milestone was recorded in October 2025, when the Minister of Education, Hon. Haruna Iddrisu, speaking at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Conference of Heads of Assisted Secondary Schools (CHASS) held at the University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR), publicly announced government plans to complete regional library projects across the country, including the Bono Regional Library. This commitment was later reaffirmed by regional authorities and discussed during sessions of the Adolescent Parliament.

The Bono Regional Library campaign became a practical example of how adolescent voices, evidence generation, media engagement, and sustained advocacy can contribute to policy attention and institutional response. Beyond the infrastructure itself, the process strengthened adolescents' confidence in civic participation and demonstrated that young people can meaningfully contribute to accountability and development discussions within their cities.

- Key Change
 - Adolescent-generated evidence contributed to renewed policy attention and public commitment toward the completion of the Bono Regional Library project.
 - Increased recognition of adolescents as credible advocates within local governance and public accountability systems.
 - Strengthened confidence and civic participation among adolescent leaders and journalists.

A video link below:

[GLOMEF-HO VIDEO.mp4](#)



Figure 1: The abandoned Bono Regional Library project in Sunyani, left incomplete since 2003, became a major advocacy issue championed by the Adolescent Parliament and Adolescent Journalists under the RCA Project. Through sustained evidence-based advocacy, media engagement, and stakeholder dialogue, adolescents amplified the need for the completion of the facility as a critical investment in youth learning, safe spaces, and educational development within the region. The campaign contributed to

