



**Monitoring Indecent Language on Radio:  
Findings for September 1-30, 2024**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

This report presents findings from the daily monitoring of selected programs on 30 radio stations in Ghana. The data was collected from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. It specifically cites the number of indecent expressions recorded, categorizes these expressions, and identifies the individuals who made the remarks. Additionally, it lists the radio stations where these expressions were made as well as hosts who made indecent remarks. The report concludes with recommendations for relevant stakeholders.

### **1.1 Background**

For the past 31 years, Ghana has maintained a relatively peaceful and democratically stable environment, earning global recognition and favourable rankings. Notably, in the 2022 Global Peace Index (GPI) Report, Ghana was ranked as the most peaceful country in West Africa, 2nd in Africa, and 40th worldwide—an improvement over its 2019 and 2020 rankings. However, the 2023 index saw a significant decline, with Ghana falling to 51st globally, 4th in Africa, and 2nd in West Africa. This decline in rankings is attributed to several factors, including divisive narratives that exacerbate polarization along partisan, ethnic, religious, and chieftaincy lines, as well as the rise of radicalism. These narratives often manifest through hate speech, inflammatory language, political propaganda, and misinformation disseminated via radio.

During election periods, Ghana often witnesses the use of abusive and inappropriate language directed at political opponents, institutions, and other groups. Unfortunately, some radio stations allow political parties and their representatives to misuse the airwaves, with little or no intervention from hosts or presenters. This unchecked behaviour tends to escalate political tensions every four years. In a proactive move to address this issue, the Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) has been implementing a language monitoring project since 2012. This initiative monitors, reports, and publicly identifies individuals who engage in hate speech and indecent expressions on radio.

Building on insights gained from the 2012, 2016, and 2020 language monitoring projects, the MFWA is once again monitoring radio broadcasts during the 2024 election season. The goal is to contribute to Ghana's peace and democratic stability by fostering a national culture that rejects hate speech, incitement to violence, and other divisive narratives while promoting a narrative of

peaceful coexistence and respectful political discourse. The project involves daily monitoring of selected programs on various radio stations to track and report the use of hate speech and other inappropriate language by politicians and other participants. It also assesses the effectiveness of presenters or hosts in moderating these programs.

## 2.0 Methodology

The project involves the daily monitoring of expressions used by politicians and other actors who feature on radio programmes such as news bulletins, political discussions and current affairs discussions. It also involves assessing and reporting how presenters or moderators of selected programmes on radio stations handle their programmes and whether or not they tolerate the use of hate speech and other indecent language on their programmes. This report covers the monitoring of ten radio stations in Ghana from September 1 to September 30, 2024. The stations were selected based on findings from previous reports, perceived allegiance to or ownership by politicians or politically exposed persons, and geographical spread. Table 1 presents names and regional locations of the 30 radio stations that were monitored under the current phase of the project.

**Table 1: Radio stations monitored under the current phase**

No.	Name of Radio Station	Region
1	Accra Fm	Greater Accra
2	Adom FM	Greater Accra
3	Akpini Radio	Volta
4	Angel FM	Ashanti
5	Angel FM	Ashanti
6	Asempa FM	Greater Accra
7	Ashh Fm	Ashanti
8	Happy FM	Greater Accra
9	Haske FM	Ashanti
10	Holy FM	Volta
11	Kesben FM	Ashanti
12	Kingdom FM	Greater Accra
13	Link Radio	Nbobo East
14	Maxx Empire FM	Upper East
15	Nananom FM	Ahafo
16	North Star Radio	Northern
17	Okay FM	Greater Accra
18	Oman Fm	Greater Accra
19	Onua FM	Greater Accra

No.	Name of Radio Station	Region
20	Oyerepa Fm	Ashanti
21	Power Fm	Greater Accra
22	Radio Gold	Greater Accra
23	Radio Justice	Northern
24	Radio Tamale	Northern
25	Shaft FM	Ashanti
26	Suncity Radio	Bono East
27	Tain FM	Bono
28	Winners FM	Bono East
29	Wontumi Radio	Ashanti
30	Zaa Radio	Northern

The monitoring is done based on a validated [monitoring instrument](#). Thirty (30) language monitors have been recruited (one monitor per station) and trained on the use of the monitoring instrument. Each monitor is assigned a digital recorder for purposes of recording the programmes they monitor. Monitors send daily reports to the MFWA which are analysed by a team of programme staff and researchers for a consolidated report to be produced.

### 3.0 Findings

Table 2 provides a summary of radio discussions monitored across 30 stations in Ghana from September 1 to 30, 2024, focusing on a variety of political and social issues. The data shows that elections-related issues dominated the discussions, accounting for 50% of the total 164 discussions. This is not surprising given the heightened political atmosphere likely surrounding upcoming elections or key electoral activities during that period. Political party activities/issues and illegal mining were the second most discussed topics, each representing 12% of the total discussions. Political party matters often feature prominently in media discourse, particularly in election seasons, while illegal mining remains a critical issue in Ghana due to its significant environmental and economic impact. Particularly, the rise in turbidity in rivers and water bodies has increased the cost of producing portal drinking water as indicated in a [press statement issued by the Ghana Water Company](#) on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. Other issues, including conflicts, demonstrations, etc. (7%), corruption (4%), and development projects (2%), received moderate attention, suggesting ongoing public interest in governance, social unrest, and development concerns.

Topics like presidential affairs, District Assembly, chieftaincy issues, and constitutional matters were discussed only once each, making up 1% of the total discussions, indicating that these subjects were not major concerns during the monitoring period. Overall, the data shows a strong focus on political and governance issues, especially those related to elections and political party activities, reflecting the prevailing political climate.

**Table 2: Main subject of news story/programme/discussion**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Elections-related issues	82	50
Illegal mining	20	12
Political party activities/issues	19	12
Other	18	11
Conflicts, demonstrations, etc.	11	7
Corruption	6	4
Development Projects	3	2
President/Vice President/ Presidential affairs	1	1
Parliament	1	1
District Assembly	1	1
Chieftaincy issues	1	1
Constitutional matters	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>100</b>

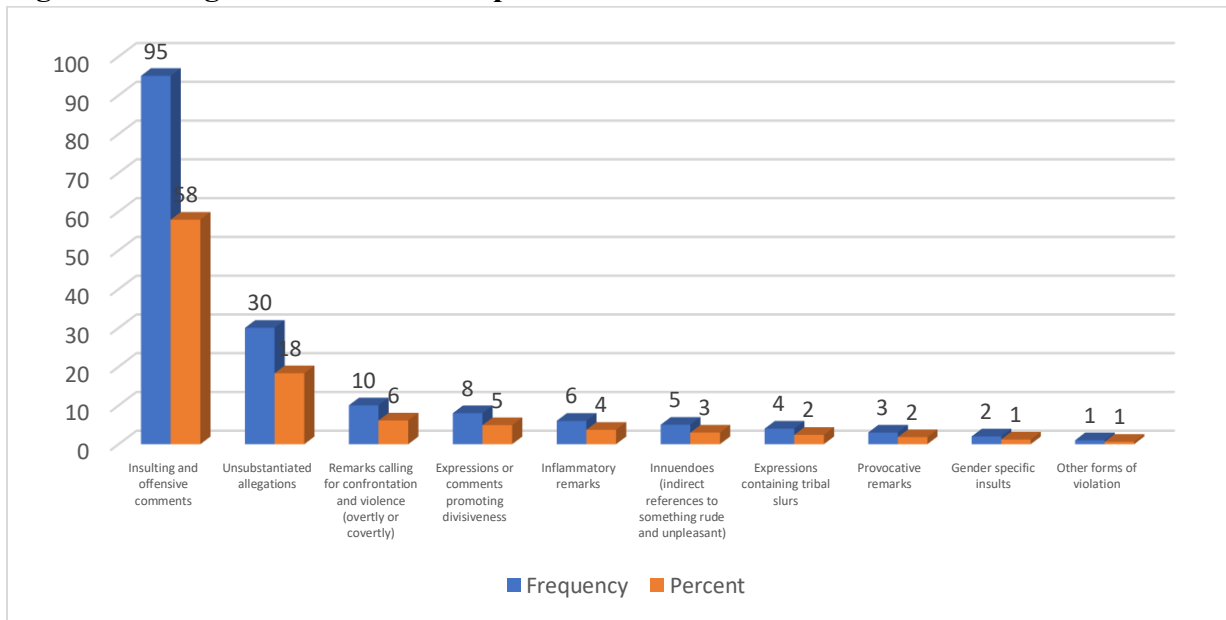
### **3.1 Categories of Indecent Expressions Recorded**

Figure 1 categorizes the types of indecent language violations identified during the period under review, revealing the nature and severity of inappropriate comments made on radio. The findings from the monitoring of language violations on air reveal a concerning trend of indecent and harmful language use during radio broadcasts. The most prevalent type of violation, by a significant margin, was insulting and offensive comments, which accounted for 58% of the total instances. With 95 occurrences, this suggests that much of the discourse on air was marked by personal attacks and derogatory remarks, reflecting a hostile communication environment. Such language not only degrades the quality of public debate but also contributes to a culture of disrespect, particularly in the political context where these discussions often take place.

The second most frequent violation, unsubstantiated allegations, comprised 18% of the total, with 30 instances recorded. This points to a tendency among political party communicators, show hosts,

and discussants to make claims without evidence, which can mislead audiences and contribute to misinformation, a particularly dangerous trend during politically charged periods like elections. Other significant violations included remarks calling for confrontation and violence (6%), and expressions promoting divisiveness (5%). Together, these types of comments totalled 18 occurrences, indicating that language which fosters social division and encourages conflict remains a notable issue. Such rhetoric can further polarize listeners, exacerbating tensions within communities.

**Figure 1: Categories of Indecent Expressions Recorded**



While less frequent, provocative and inflammatory remarks (4% and 2% respectively) also pose a risk to civil engagement, as they are designed to provoke and escalate discussions rather than foster constructive debate. Tribal slurs and innuendoes were among the least common forms of violation, accounting for only 3% and 2% respectively, yet their presence is still significant as they can perpetuate harmful stereotypes and deepen ethnic divisions. Overall, the findings show a worrying pattern of language violations that can undermine the integrity of public discourse and escalate social tensions. The prevalence of offensive comments, unverified claims, and divisive rhetoric highlights the need for stricter moderation and greater accountability among radio presenters and participants in these discussions. Additionally, gender-specific insults represented 1% of the violations, with 2 recorded instances. This highlights the presence of gender-based discrimination in public discourse, reflecting ongoing challenges in promoting equality and respectful dialogue.



### **3.2 Radio Stations and Incidents of Indecent Expressions Recorded**

The data from Table 3 provides a breakdown of various types of language violations across the 30 radio stations monitored in September 2024. A total of 164 violations were recorded, with significant differences in the distribution of these violations across the radio stations. Power FM stands out with the highest number of violations, totalling 51, of which 49 are categorized as insulting and offensive comments. Oman FM follows closely with 48 violations, displaying a more varied pattern of infractions. The station recorded 19 instances of unsubstantiated allegations, the highest across all stations. Additionally, Oman FM had 11 instances of insulting and offensive comments, along with 5 comments promoting divisiveness and 1 gender-specific insults. The diversity in the types of violations points to broader issues in content moderation at Oman FM, where various categories of indecent expressions are more recorded. Other notable stations include Wontumi Radio with 10 violations, where the most frequent issues were unsubstantiated allegations (4 instances), followed by insulting and offensive comments (2). Similarly, Accra FM had 9 violations, predominantly, insulting and offensive comments (7 instances), mirroring trends at Power FM but on a smaller scale.

**Table 3: Radio stations and the category of violations recorded**

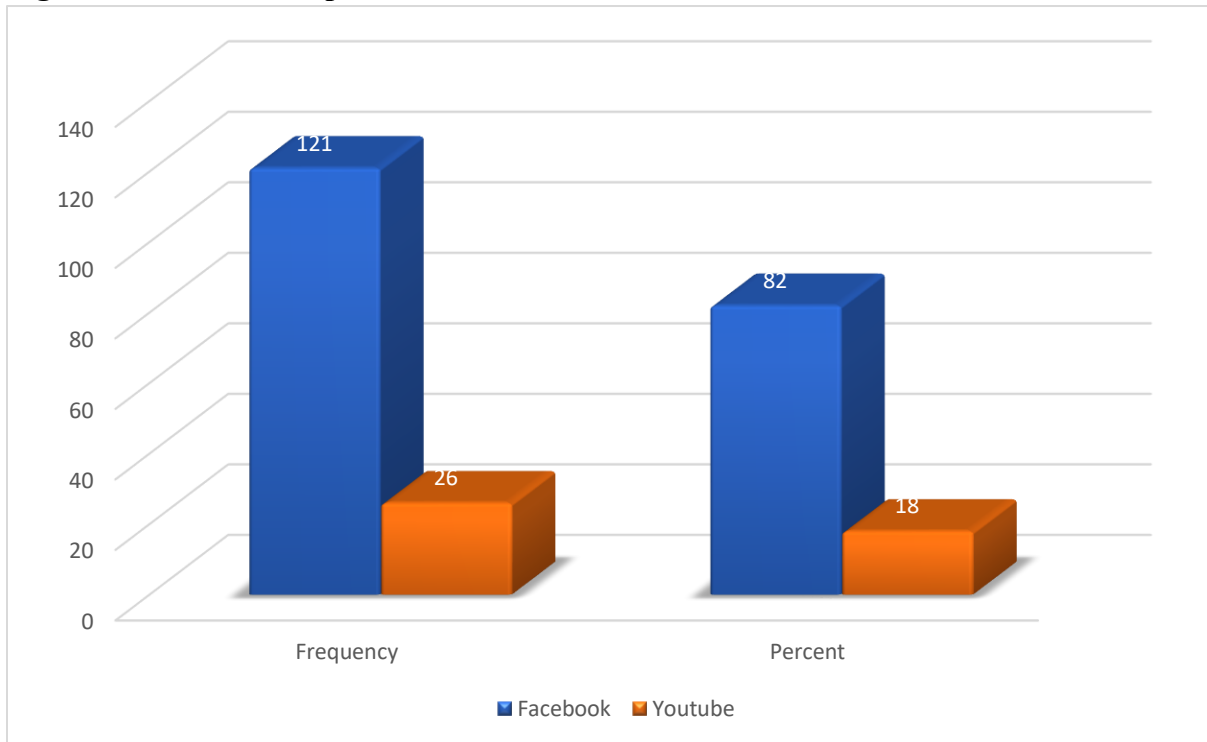
Station	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	Insulting and offensive comments	Expressions containing tribal slurs	Innuendoes	Inflammatory remarks	Gender specific insults	Expressions promoting divisiveness	Provocative remarks	Unsubstantiated allegations	Other forms of violation	Total
Power Fm	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	51
Oman Fm	3	11	0	4	5	1	5	0	19	0	48
Wontumi Radio	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	10
Accra Fm	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	9
Haske FM	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Ashh Fm	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Radio Tamale	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	5
Kingdom FM	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Onua FM	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Radio Gold	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Shaft FM	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Adom FM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Kesben FM	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nananom FM	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
North Star Radio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Radio Justice	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Asempa FM	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Happy FM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Link Radio	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Okay FM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oyerepa Fm	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oyerepa FM	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Winners FM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>164</b>

Several stations like Haske FM (6 violations), Ashh FM (5 violations), Radio Tamale (5 violations), and Kingdom FM (4 violations) showed a moderate presence of offensive language. These stations primarily featured insulting comments, with Haske FM also recording a provocative remark, and Kingdom FM including a divisive comment. Some stations exhibited relatively low levels of violations, such as Radio Gold, Shaft FM, and Onua FM, each recording 3 violations. In summary, while Power FM and Oman FM were the biggest contributors to the overall violation count, the presence of harmful language across nearly all monitored stations raises concerns about the general tone of public discourse on radio. The most frequent violations—insulting and offensive comments and unsubstantiated allegations—highlight the need for tighter controls and accountability in radio broadcasting to maintain a more civil and fact-based media environment, especially during sensitive times like election periods.

### 3.3. Social Media Broadcast

The findings reveal that a significant portion of the indecent expressions recorded on the radio stations monitored were streamed live on social media platforms (Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Social Media platforms that broadcasted violations live on radio**



The data reveals a concerning trend where social media, particularly Facebook, plays a pivotal role in perpetuating indecent expressions beyond their initial broadcast. With 82% of the indecent expressions streamed live on radio occurring via Facebook, and 18% via YouTube, the reach of such content extends far beyond the live airing of the show. One of the significant effects of this social media presence is the perpetual availability of indecent expressions. Unlike traditional radio broadcasts that are ephemeral, content streamed on platforms like Facebook and YouTube remains accessible long after the show ends. This means that indecent language, offensive remarks, and inflammatory comments can be replayed, shared, and circulated repeatedly. As a result, even if a radio station retracts or apologizes for offensive content, the damage persists, with the material remaining accessible to a global audience.

Facebook, with its massive reach and engagement, exacerbates the issue by allowing such content to spread rapidly. When indecent expressions are streamed live, users can share, comment, and repost these broadcasts in real-time, further amplifying the reach. The viral nature of social media means that what might have been a momentary offense in a localized radio show can quickly snowball into a larger issue, affecting public discourse long after the original airing. Moreover, the interactive features of social media platforms—such as likes, comments, and shares—can unintentionally promote the normalization of indecent expressions. When content garners attention, whether positive or negative, it encourages further engagement, perpetuating the cycle of exposure. This creates an ecosystem where indecent and harmful content remains in circulation, continuously shaping public opinions and attitudes.

### **3.4 Culprits of Indecent Expressions Used on Radio**

Table 4 shows the names of the individuals who authored the 164 indecent expressions. The expressions are presented according to the identified categories. Further details of the radio stations and the dates on which the categorised expressions were made are presented in the appendix of this report. The findings reveal a concerning pattern of indecent expressions on the radio, with certain individuals emerging as repeat offenders across multiple categories of offensive speech. The most frequent offenders include Mugabe Maase, Oheneba Boamah Bennie, and Ernest Owusu Bempah, with each showing a consistent tendency to make indecent expressions in public discourse.

Mugabe Maase stands out as one of the leading offenders, particularly in the category of insulting and offensive comments. With 24 recorded instances, Maase's behaviour on the airwaves reflects a persistent pattern of personal attacks and derogatory speech. Similarly, Oheneba Boamah Bennie, with 22 counts in the same category, is also a frequent contributor to the toxic atmosphere on the radio. Ernest Owusu Bempah is another individual who appears repeatedly across different categories of offenses (16). While he has been responsible for 4 cases of insulting and offensive comments, his involvement is more pronounced in other areas, particularly in the making of unsubstantiated allegations. With 4 counts in this category, Bempah has been cited for spreading baseless claims. Furthermore, he also made expressions that promote divisiveness. Another frequent name in the list is Nicholas Omane Acheampong, who, while not as dominant in insulting comments (1), plays a significant role in spreading unsubstantiated allegations (6).

**Table 4: Number and Categories of Expressions Authored by Culprits**

Culprit	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	Insulting and offensive comments	Expressions containing tribal slurs	Innuendoes	Inflammatory remarks	Gender specific insults	Expressions or comments promoting divisiveness	Provocative remarks	Unsubstantiated allegations	Other forms of violation	Total
Mugabe Maase	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Oheneba Boamah Bennie	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	22
Ernest Owusu Bempah	2	4	0	2	1	0	3	0	4	0	16
Kwabena Bobie Ansah	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	9
Nicholas Omane Acheampong	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	9
Kwame Baffoe Abronye	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	7
Jerry	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	6
Unidentified Texter/ vox pop/ caller	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
Yaw Amofa Boakye	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kwabena Frimpong	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Listowel Nana Kusi Poku	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kwabena Senkyere	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Amankwah	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Tweneboa Kodua	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
suhail Abdul Mumin	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Akwesi addae Odike	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
chris Dugan	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Robbicom Mornahson	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Ohema Adwoa Kyerewa	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kwaku Antwi Boasiako	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Paa Solo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Dr. Sampson Anoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Margaret Ansei	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Alhaji Saawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Chairman Zaanyeya	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

<b>Culprit</b>	<b>Remarks calling for confrontation and violence</b>	<b>Insulting and offensive comments</b>	<b>Expressions containing tribal slurs</b>	<b>Innuendoes</b>	<b>Inflammatory remarks</b>	<b>Gender specific insults</b>	<b>Expressions or comments promoting divisiveness</b>	<b>Provocative remarks</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated allegations</b>	<b>Other forms of violation</b>	<b>Total</b>
Nana Agyenim Boateng (Gyataba Kantinka)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kwaku Twumasi	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Christian Kwabena Andrews (Osofo Kyerebosom)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Honorable Samuel Adongo	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rev. Obofour	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ransford K. Boakye	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hon. Haruna Yussif	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jerry Owusu	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Agyaba Kwaku	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Anthony Nukpenu	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sani Salis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kwasi addae Odike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Andy Appiah-Kubi	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kofi Asare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Alhaji Mohammed Sasa	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fuseini Sofianu	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Baba Chairman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hajia Zaharawu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Beposohemaa nana Yaa Foriwaa Amanfo	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dennis Kwakwa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dr.Kwasi Kyei	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jutice Opoku	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ohemaa Pokuaa	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Baba Makeri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Alhassan A. Adam	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Baba iddi	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Eric Adjei	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

<b>Culprit</b>	<b>Remarks calling for confrontation and violence</b>	<b>Insulting and offensive comments</b>	<b>Expressions containing tribal slurs</b>	<b>Innuendoes</b>	<b>Inflammatory remarks</b>	<b>Gender specific insults</b>	<b>Expressions or comments promoting divisiveness</b>	<b>Provocative remarks</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated allegations</b>	<b>Other forms of violation</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mr. Akwesi Addae Odekay	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Christian Adu Poku	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Nana	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Isaac Apaw-Gyasi	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Emma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Alhaji Inusah Mahama	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Michael Nii Yarboi Annan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Abora	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Georeg Mireku Duker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Wofa K	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>164</b>



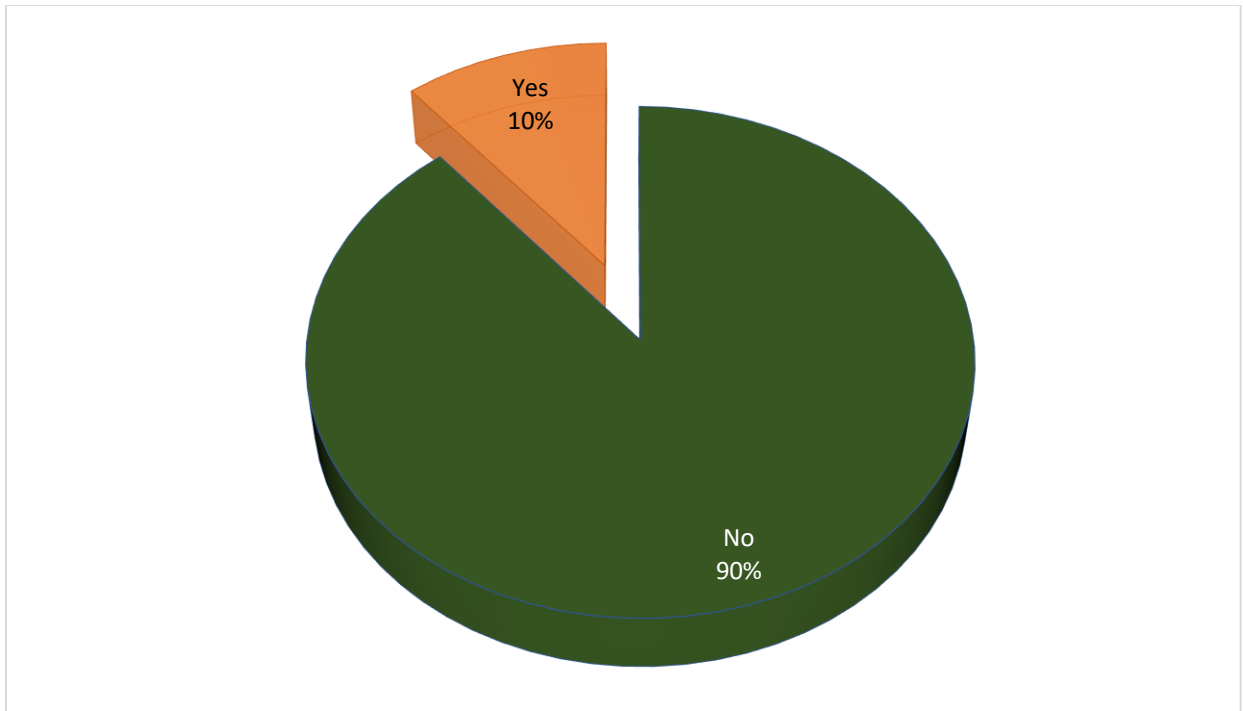
## 4.0 Assessment of Moderation of Programmes by Hosts

As part of the language monitoring project, moderators and hosts are evaluated to determine how they conduct themselves on their respective programs and manage discussions to prevent the use of hate speech and other indecent expressions.

**Table 5: Status of Culprits**

<b>Status of Culprit</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Host/Hostess	72	44
Discussant	75	46
Phone in	8	5
Voice Note (recorded)	8	5
Text message sender	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>100</b>

The findings from the period under review (September 1-30, 2024) indicate that the majority of the offensive language comes from discussants, who include guests, phone-in participants, voice note contributors, and text message senders, collectively responsible for 56% of the instances (Table 5). Hosts and hostesses, who are tasked with managing discussions, contribute a substantial 44% of the inappropriate language. Despite this high frequency of offensive expressions, moderators intervened to correct discussants only 10% of the time, leaving 90% of the instances unchecked (See Figure 3). A key reason for this low intervention rate is that the hosts themselves are significant culprits. Specifically, Mugabe Maase, the host of *Inside Politics* on Power FM, and Oheneba Boamah Bennie, host of the *Battle Ground* show also on Power FM who recorded 24 and 22 violations respectively, collectively accounting for 28% of the total violations. Their own involvement in using inappropriate language makes them less likely to step in and correct others, as they may either be unaware of their own lapses or unwilling to self-regulate. This creates a permissive environment where inappropriate language goes largely unchallenged.



**Figure 3: Attempts by show hosts/moderators to correct the use of indecent language on air**

## 5.0 Conclusion and Recommendations

This report summarizes the findings from the radio language monitoring exercise conducted between September 1 and 30, 2024, on 30 selected radio stations across Ghana. The project aimed to monitor and assess the language used by politicians and other public figures during radio programs, including news broadcasts, political debates, and current affairs discussions. It also examined how program hosts managed their shows, particularly in preventing or enabling hate speech and other inappropriate language.

The findings revealed a concerning trend, with 164 instances of indecent expressions recorded during the period. The most frequent violations involved insulting and offensive remarks, often made during discussions on sensitive topics like election-related issues, political party activities, and illegal mining. Accra-based stations such as Power FM and Oman FM recorded the highest number of these violations. The spread of these remarks on social media platforms like Facebook and YouTube amplified their reach and potential impact. The data also highlighted the significant role of radio presenters and hosts in either controlling or perpetuating indecent language.

A substantial portion of the violations was attributed to the hosts themselves, indicating poor moderation and oversight. Notably, Mugabe Maase, host of *Inside Politics* on Power FM, and Oheneba Boamah Bennie, host of the *Battle Ground* show on Power FM, recorded 24 and 22 violations respectively, making them the most frequent offenders during the review period. Ernest Owusu Bempah, the worst offender among discussants, also committed 16 violations. Unlike the top two offenders – who primarily resorted to insults – the NPP Deputy Director of Communications, was found guilty across several categories of indecent expressions, including unsubstantiated allegations, insults and offensive comments, comments promoting divisiveness, and remarks calling for confrontation and violence.

In consideration of the above findings, the MFWA makes the following recommendations:

1. Radio stations, particularly presenters and moderators, should maintain professionalism by refraining from indecent expressions and ensuring that their guests adhere to respectful, fact-based expressions.
2. Program moderators should establish and enforce clear ground rules for their shows to maintain decorum.
3. Political party leaders should urge their representatives, affiliates, and communicators to prioritize issue-based discussions and avoid using indecent language.
4. The National Media Commission (NMC), the Ghana Independent Broadcasters Association (GIBA), and the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA) need to enhance regulatory and self-regulatory mechanisms to enhance media professionalism

## Appendix: Reference to Indecent Expressions Recorded in September 2024

<b>Date</b>	<b>Culprit Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Station</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
19.09.24	Abora	Discussant	Haske FM	Safiyar Haske	Insults and offensive comments	1
11.09.24	Agyaba Kwaku	Host	Kingdom FM	Anopa Nkommo	Insults and offensive comments	1
24.09.24	Akwesi Addae Odike	Discussant	Onua	Pae Mu Ka	Insults and offensive comments	1
24.09.24	Akwesi Addae Odike	Discussant	Onua FM	Pae Mu Ka	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
25.09.24	Alhaji Inusah Mahama	Discussant	Nananom FM		Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	1
19.09.24	Alhaji Mohammed Sasa	Discussant	Radio Tamale	Bugum Beni	Gender specific	1
11.09.24	Alhaji Saawa	Discussant	Oman FM	Islamic Hour in Politics	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
12.09.24	Alhassan A. Adam	Discussant	Radio Tamale	Ashahara Nye Dini	Insults and offensive comments	1
11.09.24	Amankwah	Discussant	Oman FM	Islamic Hour in Politics	Provocative remarks	2
20.09.24	Andy Appiah-Kubi	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Insults and offensive comments	1
24.09.24	Anthony Nukpenu	Discussant	Asempa FM	Ekosiisen	expressions containing tribal slurs	1
04.09.24	Baba Chairman	Discussant	North Star Radio	Morning Show in Dagbani	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
04.09.24	Baba Iddi	Discussant	Haske FM	Safiyar Haske	Insults and offensive comments	1
12.09.24	Baba Makeri	Discussant	Haske FM	Safiyar	Expressions or comments promoting divisiveness	1
02.09.24	Beposohemaa Nana Yaa Foriwaa Amanfo	Discussant	Power FM	Inside Politics	Insults and offensive comments	1
19.09.24	Caller Without Name	Discussant	Radio Justice	Justice Supper Morning Show	Expressions or comments promoting divisiveness	1
18.09.24	Chairman Zaanyeya	Discussant	Radio Justice	Justice Supper Morning Show	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	1
25.09.24	Chris Dugan	Discussant	Power FM	Inside Politics	Insults and offensive comments	1
25.09.24	Chris Dugan	Discussant	Power FM	Inside Politics	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
12.09.24	Christian Adu Poku	Discussant	shaft FM	Shaft Fm Kase3	Provocative remarks	1
20.09.24	Christian Kwabena Andrews (Osofo Kyereabosom)	Discussant	28	Evening News	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	1
09.09.24	Dennis Kwakwa	Discussant	Angel FM	Angel In The Morning	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	1
09.09.24	Dr. Kwasi Kyei	Discussant	Ash fm	Key Note	Insults and offensive comments	1

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18.09.24	Dr. Sampson Anoma	Discussant	Wontumi radio	Morning Show	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	1
04.09.24	Emma	Host	Oman FM	Islamic Hour In Politics	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
13.09.24	Eric Adjei	Discussant	Radio Gold	Pampaso	Insults and offensive comments	1
24.09.24	Ernest Owusu Bempah	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	2
24.09.24	Ernest Owusu Bempah	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Insults and offensive comments	4
24.09.24	Ernest Owusu Bempah	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	inflammatory remarks	1
24.09.24	Ernest Owusu Bempah	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	inflammatory remarks	1
24.09.24	Ernest Owusu Bempah	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	innuendoes	1
24.09.24	Ernest Owusu Bempah	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Provocative remarks	3
24.09.24	Ernest Owusu Bempah	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Unsubstantiated allegations	3
24.09.24	Ernest Owusu Bempah	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
17.09.24	Fuseini Sofianu (Guest)	Discussant	Radio Tamale	Yelvuhi Dindongni	Insults and offensive comments	1
13.09.24	George Mireku Duker	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
03.09.24	Hajia Zaharawu	Discussant	North Star Ghana	Agenda For Dr Bawumia	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
17.09.24	Hon. Halidu Seidu	Discussant	Ash FM	National Agenda	Insults and offensive comments	1
17.09.24	Hon. Halidu Seidu	Discussant	Ash FM	National Agenda	Provocative remarks	1
26.09.24	Honorable Haruna Yussif	Discussant	Kessben FM	Maakye	Insults and offensive comments	1
17.09.24	Honorable Samuel Adongo	Discussant	Kingdom FM	Anopa Nkomo	Insults and offensive comments	1
06.09.24	Isaac Apaw-Gyasi	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Insults and offensive comments	1
11.09.24	Jerry	Discussant	Oman FM	Islamic Hour In Politics	Insults and offensive comments	2
11.09.24	Jerry	Discussant	Oman FM	Islamic Hour In Politics	inflammatory remarks	1
11.09.24	Jerry	Discussant	Oman FM	Islamic Hour In Politics	innuendoes	1
11.09.24	Jerry	Discussant	Oman FM	Islamic Hour In Politics	Unsubstantiated allegations	2
17.09.24	Jerry Owusu	Discussant	Kingdom FM	Anopa Nkommo	inflammatory remarks	1
11.09.24	Justice Opoku	Discussant	Ash FM	Key Note	Insults and offensive comments	1
20.09.24	Kantinka	Discussant	Link Radio	Oman Nkommo	Insults and offensive comments	1
29.09.24	Kofi Asare	Host	Wontumi radio	Evening Show	Other forms of violation	1
02.09.24	Kwabena Bobie Ansah	Host	Accra FM	The Citizen Show	Insults and offensive comments	2
03.09.24	Kwabena Bobie Ansah	Host	Accra FM	The Citizen Show	Insults and offensive comments	1

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18.09.24	Kwabena Bobie Ansah	Host	Accra FM	The Citizen Show	Insults and offensive comments	1
26.09.24	Kwabena Bobie Ansah	Host	Accra FM	The Citizen Show	Insults and offensive comments	3
24.09.24	Kwabena Bobie Ansah	Host	Accra FM	The Citizen Show	Expressions or comments promoting divisiveness	1
02.09.24	Kwabena Bobie Ansah	Host	Accra FM	The Citizen Show	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
24.09.24	Kwabena Frimpong	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
11.09.24	Kwabena Senkyere	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	1
11.09.24	Kwabena Senkyere	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
02.09.24	Kwaku Antwi Boasiako	Host	Oman FM	National Agenda	Insults and offensive comments	1
19.09.24	Kwaku Twumasi	Discussant	Kessben FM	Maakye	Insults and offensive comments	1
24.09.24	Kwame Baffoe Abronye	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
17.09.24	Kwame Baffoe Abronye	Discussant	Wontumi Radio	Talk Ghana	Insults and offensive comments	1
17.09.24	Kwame Baffoe Abronye	Discussant	Wontumi Radio	Talk Ghana	expressions containing tribal slurs	1
17.09.24	Kwame Baffoe Abronye	Discussant	Wontumi Radio	Talk Ghana	Unsubstantiated allegations	3
11.09.24	Kwame Baffoe Abronye	Discussant	Happy FM	Epa Hoa Daben	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	1
11.09.24	Kwasi Addae Odike	Discussant	Adom FM	Dwaso Nsem	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
11.09.24	Listowel Nana Kusi Poku	Discussant	Power FM	Battle Ground	Insults and offensive comments	2
17.09.24	Magaret Ansei	Discussant	Onua FM	Pae Mu Ka	innuendoes	1
28.09.24	Michael Nii Yarboi Annan	Host	Radio Gold	Alhaji & Alhaji	Remarks calling for confrontation and violence	1
19.09.24	Mr. Agyenim Boateng (Gyataba)	Discussant	Oyerepa FM	Republic Talk Show	expressions containing tribal slurs	1
16.09.24	Mr. Akwesi Addae Odike	Discussant	Shaft FM	Shaft Morning Show Voice Of	Insults and offensive comments	1
02.09.24	Mugabe Maase	Host	Power FM	Inside Politics	Insults and offensive comments	11
25.09.24	Mugabe Maase	Host	Power FM	Inside Politics	Insults and offensive comments	3
27.09.24	Mugabe Maase	Host	Power FM	Inside Politics	Insults and offensive comments	3
30.09.24	Mugabe Maase	Host	Power FM	Inside Politics	Insults and offensive comments	7
12.09.24	Unidentified	Discussant	Kingdom FM	Anopa Nkommo	Insults and offensive comments	1
27.09.24	Nana	Discussant	Nananom FM	Ahafo Mpuntuo	Insults and offensive comments	1
29.09.24	Nicholas Omane Acheampong	Host	Wontumi radio	Evening Show	expressions containing tribal slurs	1
19.09.24	Nicholas Omane Acheampong	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Insults and offensive comments	1

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19.09.24	Nicholas Omane Acheampong	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Gender specific	1
10.09.24	Nicholas Omane Acheampong	Discussant	Oman FM	National Agenda	Unsubstantiated allegations	2
17.09.24	Nicholas Omane Acheampong	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
19.09.24	Nicholas Omane Acheampong	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Unsubstantiated allegations	2
24.09.24	Nicholas Omane Acheampong	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
09.09.24	Ohema Adwoa Kyerewa	Host	Oman FM	National Agenda	innuendoes	2
11.09.24	Ohemaa Pokuaa	Discussant	Ash FM	Key Note	Insults and offensive comments	1
02.09.24	Oheneba Boamah Bennie	Host	Power FM	Battle Ground	Insults and offensive comments	7
11.09.24	Oheneba Boamah Bennie	Host	Power FM	Battle Ground	Insults and offensive comments	6
16.09.24	Oheneba Boamah Bennie	Host	Power FM	Battle Ground	Insults and offensive comments	7
25.09.24	Oheneba Boamah Bennie	Host	Power FM	Battle Ground	Insults and offensive comments	1
16.09.24	Oheneba Boamah Bennie	Host	Power FM	Battle Ground	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
12.09.24	Paa Solo	Discussant	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
30.09.24	Phone-In (Asked for his identity not to be disclosed)	Discussant	Wontumi radio	Morning Show	Unsubstantiated allegations	1
25.09.24	Ransford K Boakye	Host	Radio Gold	Pampaso	Insults and offensive comments	1
25.09.10	Rev. Obofour	Discussant	Adom FM	The Trends On Dwaso Nsem	Insults and offensive comments	1
25.09.24	Robbicom Mornahson	Host	Radio Tamale	Citizens Not Spectators	Insults and offensive comments	1
25.09.24	Robbicom Mornahson	Host	Radio Tamale	Citizens Not Spectators	Provocative remarks	1
27.09.24	Sani Salis	Host	Haske FM	Safiyar Haske	Insults and offensive comments	1
24.09.24	Suhail Abdul Mumin	Host	Haske FM	Safiyar Haske	Insults and offensive comments	1
06.09.24	Suhail Abdul-Mumin	Host	Haske FM	Safiyar Haske	Insults and offensive comments	1
18.09.24	Tweneboa Kodua	Discussant	Okay FM	Ade Akye Abia	Insults and offensive comments	1
19.09.24	Tweneboa Kodua	Discussant	Shaft FM	Anopa Kase3	Insults and offensive comments	1
06.09.24	Wofa K	Discussant	Wontumi radio	Morning Show	Insults and offensive comments	1
17.09.24	Yaw Amofa Boakye	Host	Oman FM	Boiling Point	Insults and offensive comments	1
12.09.24	Yaw Amofa Boakye	Host	Oman FM	Boiling Point	inflammatory remarks	1
09.09.24	Yaw Amofa Boakye	Host	Oman FM	National Agenda	innuendoes	1



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