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Operational Context

Ghana is a lower middle-income and food-deficit country, with an estimated population of 28.2 million, and a gross domestic product per capita of USD 3,980.20 in 2016. Despite progress in reducing acute malnutrition and stunting at the national level in recent years, high rates of poverty rate of 21.4 percent and stunting persist in the Northern Savannah Ecological Zone. In addition, the March 2019 Cadre Harmonise indicates that 51,857 people were in a food crisis during the 2019 lean season (IPC phase 3).

WFP's long-term vision in Ghana includes improved food security and reduction of stunting and micronutrient deficiencies in the northern regions. This will be achieved through technical and policy support for the scale up of nutrition-sensitive social protection programming, as well as through public-private sector partnerships.

WFP has been present in Ghana since 1963



Population: 28 million.	2017 Human Development Index: 140 out of 189
Income Level: Lower middle	Chronic malnutrition: 31% of children between 6-59 months

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Main photo: WFP/GHS/Ajinomoto staff together with Chiefs and Elders.
Credit: WFP/Tani Aduko Bukari
Caption: WFP/Government of Japan/Ghana Health Service at the launch of the Nutrition support to children 6-23 months programme in Ashanti Region, Ghana.

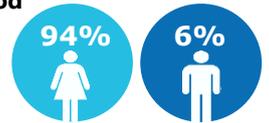
In Numbers

45,000 beneficiaries targeted for nutrition support in 2019.

22,020 smallholder farmers, 12 Nucleus farmers and 8 aggregators targeted for capacity strengthening and market linkages in 2019.

US\$ 0.2 m six months (September 2019 -February 2020) net funding requirements.

14,697 people received direct food assistance through vouchers.
in August 2019



Operational Updates

- **Nationwide cost benefit analysis and school feeding legislation dissemination meetings;** The cost-benefit analysis (CBA) was jointly undertaken by WFP and MasterCard leveraging both organizations' expertise. It was in collaboration with the Ghana school feeding programme (GSFP), under the oversight of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP). The purpose of the study is to provide evidence of the economic relevance of the school feeding programme in respect of the country's development. This analysis can be an advocacy tool used to leverage stakeholders' involvement in different aspects of the programme. It may be also used as a supporting tool in the conversations about further development of the GSFP.
- **Meeting on Explorative collaboration on food systems:** The main objective was to discuss issues around sustainable food systems, learn from WFP experiences and explore possible areas of collaboration. The aim is to feed lessons learnt into the second phase of a project they are currently developing for possible funding from the US Department for Agriculture (USDA). Initial discussions indicate possible areas of collaboration, but further discussions will be pursued at field level with the regional agricultural directorate to firm-up/identify possible areas of collaborations for inclusion in the funding proposal.
- **WFP organised a meeting with Donkey Sanctuary UK and SARI** to discuss the pilot animal drawn transportation project (Donkey Cart project). The team requested WFP to do an evaluation at the end of the year to determine the project's success rate so that the results could be used to raise funds from the World Bank to enable scale up to about 200 communities.

Country Strategic Plan (2019-2023)

2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	2019 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
16.1 m	7.7 m	0.2 m

Strategic Result 2: Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 1: Vulnerable populations including children and women of reproductive age in high burden regions have improved nutritious status in line with National targets by 2025.

Activity:

- Provide cash and vouchers for specialized nutritious foods and/or micronutrient-dense fresh foods for vulnerable children aged 6-23 months, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women under government safety nets, and support the Ghana Health Service about social and behaviour change communication to promote healthy diets in high burden areas

Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems

Strategic Outcome 2: Targeted populations and communities in Ghana benefit from more efficient, inclusive and resilient food systems that support nutrition value chains by 2030

Activities:

- Provide technical support for community and industrial production of fortified flour and for food safety and quality assurance. This includes technical support on food safety and quality for up to 30 community milling and blending women's groups, and financial and technical support for two industrial fortified flour producers in Brong Ahafo and Ashanti regions
- Provide support and Link smallholder farmers with the One District, One Warehouse programme by providing training and equipment to minimize post-harvest losses and facilitate quality assurance and market linkages with processors and institutional customers (SMS: Smallholder agricultural market support activities)

Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities

Strategic Outcome 3: Local and national institutions have enhanced capacity to target and manage food security, nutrition and social protection programmes by 2030

Activity:

- Provide technical support, including through South-South cooperation, for the national school meals programme, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the National Disaster Management Organization, the Food and Drugs Authority and the Ghana Health Service to optimize the nutritional quality of school meals; food security monitoring; the early-warning system; disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness, food safety and quality, and food-based dietary guidelines.

Strategic Result 6: policy coherence.

Strategic Outcome 4: Government efforts to achieve zero hunger by 2030 are supported by advocacy and coherent policy frameworks

Activity:

- Advocate for the promulgation and enforcement of policies and legislation on school feeding, gender equality, nutrition, food safety, weights, measures and standards, smallholder-friendly public procurement and market support (CSI: Institutional capacity strengthening activities)

Monitoring.

All the distributions sites planned for monitoring were visited.

Innovation: WFP Ghana's Monitoring and Evaluation and Vulnerability Assessment Mapping team developed an automated platform for process monitoring and beneficiary feedback management using Office 365. The platform will facilitate tracking of programme-related issues, beneficiary feedback and programmatic decisions and follow up actions in a more efficient manner. Initial tests were successful, and engagements/discussions about the system were done with the various WFP units at Regional and Head quarter's level. Further experimentations were done, and additional components were created for a more robust system.

Challenges

Insecurity in the Tamale-Kumasi area has affected WFP operations in August. WFP was forced to suspend all road travels after a WFP driver was attacked by armed robbers on the Table-Kumasi road. The Area Security Advisor has also issued similar security advisory to all UN agencies in the field.

Partnerships

- WFP Ghana maintains an active collaboration with government partners, civil society organizations, private sector, academia, development partners and other United Nations Agencies, particularly the Rome-based Agencies, to ensure the harmonization of activities in food security and nutrition.
- WFP will continue to participate in working groups in key sectors such as Education, Social Protection, Agriculture, Health and Nutrition. WFP also collaborates with the National Development Planning Commission to advocate for increased investment in school feeding and nutrition using the Ghana Cost Benefit
- Final assessment of selected Medium scale and community level food processors was done jointly with Food and Drugs Authority, Food Research institute and Women in Agriculture; a unit under the Ministry of Agriculture.

Funding opportunities for CSP

Canada, Ghana, Japan, Private Donors.