



# WFP Ghana Country Brief

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## Operational Context

Ghana is a lower middle-income and food-deficit country, with an estimated population of 27 million, and a gross domestic product per capita of USD 1,340 in 2015. Despite progress in reducing acute malnutrition and stunting at the national level in recent years, high rates of poverty and stunting persist in the Northern Savannah Ecological Zone.

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: <b>27 million</b>	2016 Human Development Index: <b>139 out of 188</b>
Income Level: <b>Lower middle</b>	Chronic malnutrition: <b>31% of children between 6-59 months</b>

### Main Photo

Credit: The Presidency, Republic of Ghana  
Caption: President of the Republic of Ghana, HE Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo launching Ghana's Zero Hunger Strategic Review Report

## In Numbers

**43,000** beneficiaries targeted for nutrition support

**30,000** adolescent girls receive take-home rations as incentive for school attendance

**10,000** smallholder farmers targeted for capacity strengthening and market linkages

**US\$ 0.23 m** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 132,800** six months (June- Nov 2018) net funding requirements, representing 1.3% of total

**17,980** people assisted in May 2018

## Operational Updates

- Ghana has officially launched its Zero Hunger Strategic Review report. The President of the Republic of Ghana, HE Nana Ado Dankwa Akufo-Addo reiterated the Government's commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 through various innovative programmes that are being implemented in the country such as "Planting for food and jobs", "one district one factory", "one Village one Dam" among others.
- The stunting prevention programme has been scaled up to all the seven target districts. Distribution of specialised and non-specialised food commodities for pregnant and lactating women was carried out in Gushegu and East Maprusi districts while distributions for "GrowNut" targeting children aged 6-23 months were done in Yendi and Central Gonja.
- Take-home ration distributions for adolescent girls in junior high schools were done in Nkwanta South and Nkwanta North districts in Volta region as part of WFP's continued effort to incentivise girls to remain in school.
- WFP intends to embark on "demand creation" for fortified nutritious foods in selected regions. To initiate the intervention, WFP has commissioned a baseline survey that is currently underway in two selected districts-Sagnarigu and Zabzugu to assess household awareness of fortified nutritious products and their willingness to pay for them.
- The two selected industrial food processors under the Enhanced Nutrition and Value Chains project continue to receive technical capacity support to upgrade their Food Safety Management Systems from WFP Ghana's food technologist.

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WFP Country Strategy		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>Interim Country Strategic Plan (2018)</b>		
10.2 m	10.2 m	132,000
<b>Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 1: Vulnerable women, adolescent girls, people living with HIV and children aged 6-23 months in targeted areas have enhanced nutritional status all year-round</b> <i>Focus area: Root Causes</i>		
6.9 m	5.1 m	0.1 m
<b>Strategic Result 4: Sustainable food systems</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 2: Targeted populations and communities benefit from enhanced food systems which support nutrition Value Chains by 2020</b> <i>Focus area: Root Causes</i>		
2.8 m	2.8 m	0 m
<b>Strategic Result 5: Countries strengthened capacities</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 3: National institutions have strengthened capacity to manage food security and safety nets programmes by 2020</b> <i>Focus Area: Root Causes</i>		
0.28 m	0.28 m	0 m
<b>Strategic Result 6: Policy Coherence</b>		
<b>Strategic Outcome 4: Government efforts towards achieving Zero Hunger by 2030 are supported by effective and coherent policy frameworks.</b> <i>Focus area: Root Causes</i>		
0.21 m	0.21 m	0 m

## WFP Country Activities

- SO 1**
1. Provide take-home rations, nutrition education and Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Education to adolescent girls in junior high school.
  2. Provide commodity vouchers to access locally produced specialised nutritious foods to pregnant and lactating women and girls, people living with HIV and children aged 6-23 months.
  3. Provide capacity strengthening to Ghana Health Service for Nutrition Counselling, and Social and Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC).
- SO 2**
4. Provide technical support to selected community-level processors of blended flours.
  5. Provide financial and technical support to two industrial processors for equipment upgrade.
  6. Provide capacity development and equipment support for smallholder farmers on good agricultural practices, post-harvest handling and quality assurance.
- SO 3**
7. Provide technical support to the National School Feeding Programme on policy implementation and monitoring, targeting, nutritious quality of school meals and linkages to smallholder farmers.
- SO 4**
8. Provide technical support for policies and legislation related to social protection, nutrition, local fortification and smallholder farmers to the Government.

## Monitoring

### Monitoring coverage

All the 68 sites planned for monitoring visits in May were covered. This represents 100 percent of the sites monitored against the monthly plan.

### Beneficiary Feedback

In May, nine calls were received from the people assisted by WFP. One beneficiary called to compliment the stunting prevention programme, another called to seek information on how to use the "GrowNut", a product that is targeting children (6-23months) while the rest of the seven called with regards to technical challenges experienced in redeeming their products especially related to finger-print reading. Most of these challenges had been resolved at points of redemption.

## Challenges

There were no major challenges experienced in May.

## Partnerships

- Preparations are ongoing to formalize new partnerships with selected government agencies on the implementation of activities under SO 3.
- 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 maintains active partnership in UN thematic groups on Gender, Communication, HIV and Emergencies.
- WFP participates 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 nutrition using the Ghana Cost of Hunger Analysis.

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