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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.

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: One of the 4 Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potatoes (OFSP) Nurseries.
Credit: WFP
Caption: Beneficiaries demonstrate how they harvest the OFSP Tubers

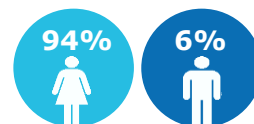
In Numbers

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\$ 8.9 m six months (August 2019 _January 2020) net funding requirements.

9,394 people assisted in July 2019



Operational Updates

- The country office officially launched four Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potato (OFSP) nurseries in Upper West and Northern regions. Established to serve as multiplication centres of vines for target communities, they are equipped with solar- powered water pumps for year-round cultivation. 28 communities are expected to benefit from the project.
- As part of WFP's Gender and Markets initiative, Ghana officially launched a "Donkey-Cart" pilot project in Upper East region, to provide animal-drawn transportation to women farmers to enable them to move their produce from farms to storage facilities and to markets. 10 women groups have received three donkeys and a four wheeled cart each. The intervention is part of WFP's Gender and markets initiative.
- Scale-up of nutrition support in Ashanti region, targeting children aged 6-23months for stunting prevention and out of school adolescent girls for anaemia prevention commenced in July. A total of 80 health staff were trained on social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) and 40 selected retailers were trained on distribution of the specialised nutritious food items to beneficiaries. Distributions are ongoing.
- Distribution of specialised nutritious products to pregnant and lactating (PLW) women in seven Districts in Northern region is ongoing.
- WFP country office finalised assessment of three medium scale and two community level food processors across the three Northern regions; the processors will receive financial and technical support from WFP to enhance their capacity to process high quality nutritious blended flours.
- Live radio broadcast on the Food Safety, Quality Control, Standard Weights and Measures is on-going in 13 municipalities and Districts in Bono, Bono East and Ashanti regions.
- WFP in partnership with ADRA trained 100 lead farmers on post-harvest management across the three Northern regions

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	8.9 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 36 distributions sites planned for monitoring were visited.
- **Innovation:** WFP Ghana M&E/VAM team has developed an automated platform for process monitoring and beneficiary feedback management using Office 365. The platform, which is being finalised will facilitate tracking of programme-related issues and beneficiary feedback in a more efficient manner.

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.

Success Story



"In a typical season, I would harvest 15-16 bags (50kg) of maize from my 3-acre plot of land. After listening to the ENVAC Green Leaf radio programme, I have learnt new practices for planting and harvesting maize. Through these teachings and support from Agriculture extension officers, I have been able to harvest 80 bags (50kg) from the same 3 acres of land" says Mr. Huduhulu, one of the farmers supported by WFP under the ENVAC project. Mr. Huduhulu who is also an aggregator has received training on post-harvest handling and has been linked to one of the Industrial food processors supported by WFP to supply maize. "The education I have received on post-harvest practices has helped me to store my maize well and therefore selling it is not a problem" he says

Funding opportunities for CSP

Canada, China, EU – DEVCO Funds & Foundations (WFP 2030 Fund etc), Germany (BMZ), AfDB, Ghana - Government Counterpart Cash Contributions, Japan, KOICA, Private Sector and World Bank.