



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 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 interventions focus on direct food assistance using vouchers to improve nutritional status in line with national targets, ensure communities in Ghana benefit from efficient and resilient food systems which supports nutritional value chains, Capacity strengthening activities to manage food security, nutrition and social protection programmes and the Advocacy and coherent policy frameworks support to key cooperating partners

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**

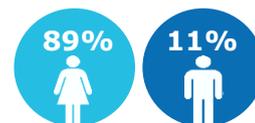
In Numbers

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\$ 2.1 m six months (November 2019 -April 2020) net funding requirements.

22,611 beneficiaries received direct food assistance through vouchers in October 2019



Operational Updates

- The stunting prevention programme in the three Northern regions conducted two separate distributions for pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and caregivers with children aged 6-23 months, where specialized nutritious foods (SNFs) and non-SNFs were redeemed by the beneficiaries. Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) on health, Water and Sanitation (WASH) and nutrition key messages were given to the beneficiaries by Ghana Health Service staff at the various implementing facilities for improved lifestyle and to increase to redemption of the commodities.
- The third durbar for the quarter, one of the SBCC strategies being employed by GHS in Asokore Mampong to reach out to people on the benefits of KOKO Plus, was organized in the reporting period. There was demonstration of various nutritious local recipes with KOKO Plus added.
- The National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) reported heavy and continuous rains in the Upper East region which led to the loss of lives (28), injuries (19), collapsed houses and displacement in nine districts. Some relief items were mobilized by the Government and distributed to the affected victims by NADMO. Appeals are ongoing by NADMO for relief items especially NFIs and food.
- GSFP/NEPAD/WFP/PCD Collaboration;** WFP collaborated with NEPAD to provide nutrition training on school meals to caterers in the Ashanti Region. This is part of a wider programme of support to improving nutrition quality of meals provided under the school feeding programme. Africa Union Development Agency (formerly NEPAD), PCD, WIAD and Yedent as well as caterers and cooks school children, egg producers' association and the media were also present. The event was followed by some cooking demonstrations

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Main photo: The Chief of Asokore Mampong Tasting food prepared with KOKOPLUS

Credit: Tani Aduko Bukari

Caption: During the SBCC durbar in Asokore Mampong.

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	2.1 m*

*six-months Net Funding Requirements as at 30 October 2019

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.

Monitoring continued in all the seven implementing districts. In all, 28 out of the 50 sites were visited and remote monitoring conducted to the 50 implementing sites. Support was provided to retailers on both biometric and manual redemption processes as well as good storage practices. Retailers and health staff were guided to collect beneficiary data to update SCOPE for easy graduation and bulk enrolment of beneficiaries into appropriate interventions.

Success story



My child developed some skin rashes before I started feeding her KOKO PLUS. I realised the rashes started to disappear after my child started consuming this product. I usually divide the product into three portions, and mix a portion with rice or porridge, and my child enjoys it. This has encouraged me to travel a journey of 53.5 km from Konongo to Kumasi, attend CWC at the health facility and redeem my e-voucher for KOKO Plus from the retailer says Rachel who is a beneficiary mother under the Nutrition Support to children under 6-23 months intervention in Asokore Mampong. Rachel emphasized that she initially doubted and felt reluctant to go for redemption. But she stood her grounds and decided to put her child first and register for the product.

Partnerships

- WFP Ghana actively collaborates 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.
- 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.
- WFP is also partnering with UNICEF on Adolescent Girls Nutrition Intervention towards addressing the triple burden of malnutrition targeting out of school adolescents

Funding opportunities for CSP

Canada, Ghana, Japan, Private Donors.