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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the United States Agency for International Development in Ghana (USAID/Ghana), we are pleased to present our fiscal year 2015 Annual Report, which highlights some of our achievements during the period from October 2014 through September 2015.

We work in four areas: Economic Growth; Health, Population, and Nutrition; Education; and Democracy, Rights and Governance. Our sectoral approach is rooted in the assessment of key gaps and constraints that impede Ghana's development, and the identification of the institutional-base required for sustainable development. Targeted interventions in these areas are identified in partnership with the Government of Ghana (GoG), civil society and development partners. These interventions are designed to achieve a "catalyst" effect that complements Ghanaian public and private investments, foreign investment, and development partner support to enable Ghana to realize its ambitious yet achievable goal of becoming an established lower middle-income country by 2022.

USAID/Ghana has identified key priority areas that are integrated into our programs and activities to fully leverage USAID's comparative advantage to achieve sustainability, development results and local ownership. These "principles of engagement" focus our sectoral work and initiatives into a holistic approach to sustainable development, and include critical cross-cutting issues such as human and institutional capacity development, gender equity and equality, good governance, decentralization, resource leveraging, coordination, and evidence based management for results.

Despite the challenging macroeconomic situation currently facing the country, there has been some progress in the areas of poverty reduction and nutrition, particularly in the Northern Region of Ghana. USAID/ Ghana recently conducted a Population Based Survey that shows an 12 percent decrease in poverty, a nearly 25 percent decrease in households experiencing moderate or severe hunger from the 2012 baseline, a 17 percent decrease in the prevalence of stunted children since 2012 in targeted districts in the north; and 20 percent increase in daily per capita expenditures.

As one of many development partners and a piece to the puzzle in Ghana's social and economic development, these positive achievements cannot be solely attributed to USAID/ Ghana, but to the partnerships we have established over the years with GoG, non-governmental organizations, private institutions and development partners.

While we look back on the strong partnership between the U.S. and Ghana with gratification, we are also looking forward to the challenge of finding creative ways to reduce poverty and make sure the people of Ghana continue to prosper and lead healthy, productive lives.



HISTORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO GHANA

U.S.-Ghana technical cooperation dates back to the year of Ghana’s independence from colonial rule. On June 3, 1957, Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana’s Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, and Peter Rutter, Charge d’Affaires of the United States to Ghana, signed a Technical Cooperation Agreement establishing cooperation and exchange of technical knowledge and skills between the two countries. Throughout the years we have established strategic partnerships with the private sector, encouraged innovation to unlock development constraints, and strengthened Ghanaian institutions. Today, USAID is one of the largest donors in Ghana, and works to strengthen inclusive, democratic governance; spur sustainable and broadly shared economic growth; increase educational outcomes; and improve health and wellbeing. Throughout the years, USAID has helped improve the lives of millions of Ghanaians.





OUR COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION STRATEGY (CDCS)

Our programs increase agricultural production, employment opportunities, and incomes for the poor; improve the quality of health services and education; and strengthen local government institutions.

OUR WORK

Democracy, Human Rights and Governance

USAID's Democracy, Rights, and Governance Program works to strengthen local governance, boost accountability, fight corruption, increase the capacity of civil society organizations to advocate on behalf of citizens, ensure free, fair, and peaceful elections, and support the inclusion of women and people with disabilities in political processes.

Economic Growth and Trade

USAID's Economic Growth program works to realize sustainable and broadly shared economic growth in Ghana by increasing agricultural productivity, boosting access to markets, supporting macroeconomic policy reform, improving access to technology, capital, and information, and improving natural resource management.

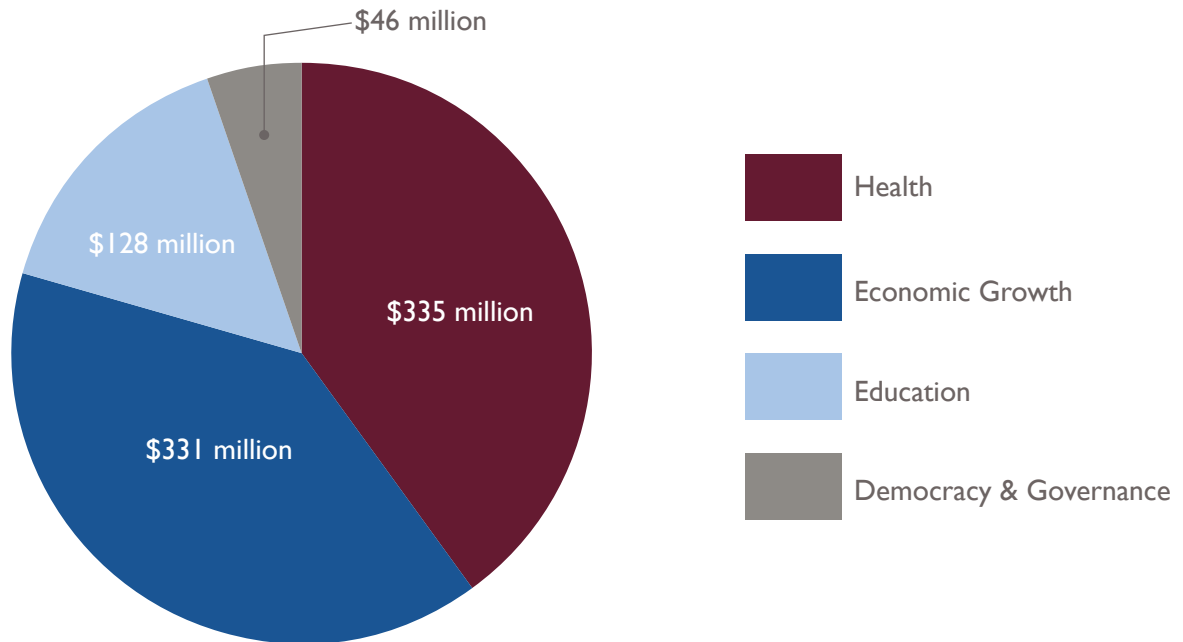
Health, Population and Nutrition

The goal of USAID's integrated health, population, and nutrition program is to increase equitable access and use of quality health care. USAID works with the GOG to reduce unintended pregnancy; reduce maternal mortality; reduce newborn and under-five mortality; prevent malaria; improve the nutritional status of Ghana's vulnerable population; and reduce the spread of HIV among the most at-risk populations.

Education

As the largest bilateral donor in Ghana's education sector, USAID's Education program works in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Ghana Education Service to increase access to and improve the quality of basic education, with an emphasis on improving reading performance in public primary schools.

ESTIMATED CDCS CONTRIBUTION FY 2013 - 2017 (\$US MILLIONS)





DEMOCRACY, RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

USAID/Ghana's Democracy, Rights, and Governance Program works with and provides technical assistance to civil society, governmental and non-governmental institutions, and independent constitutional bodies such as the Electoral Commission to improve local government service delivery, increase government accountability and transparency and reduce corruption and support Ghana's ability to hold credible and peaceful elections. All activities support the inclusion of women and persons with disabilities as members of local government and civil society organizations. In FY 2015, USG development assistance through USAID focused on four major areas related to the strengthening of governance in Ghana.

Strengthening Local Governance

By working with local government institutions to build responsiveness to the needs of citizens, generate revenue and improve services.

Increasing Government Accountability

To achieve improved development outcomes in almost half of Ghana's 216 district-level governments.

Boosting Civil Society Participation

To improve the ability of civil society organizations (CSOs) to advocate for improved government services.

Supporting Elections

To strengthen electoral institutions and processes in order to ensure peaceful and credible Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.

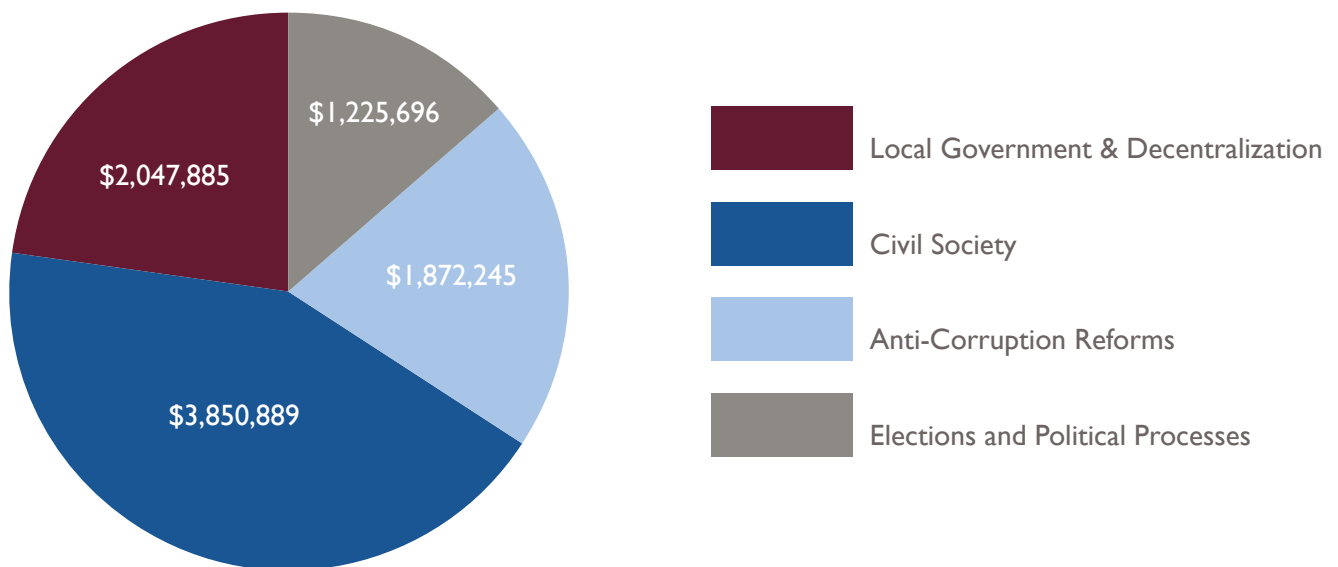
Promoting Human Rights

To work with civil society and local and national governments to promote the inclusion and participation of vulnerable populations, especially women and persons with disabilities, and to combat harmful traditional practices such as the exile of people accused of witchcraft from their communities, harmful widowhood rites, and female genital mutilation.

Current Partners

Care USA
 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
 Ghana Audit Service
 Ghana Centre for Democratic Development
 Ghana Electoral Commission
 Ghana Integrity Initiative
 Management Systems International
 Ministry of Chieftaincy and Traditional Affairs

DEMOCRACY & RIGHTS FY 2013 - 2015 DISBURSEMENTS

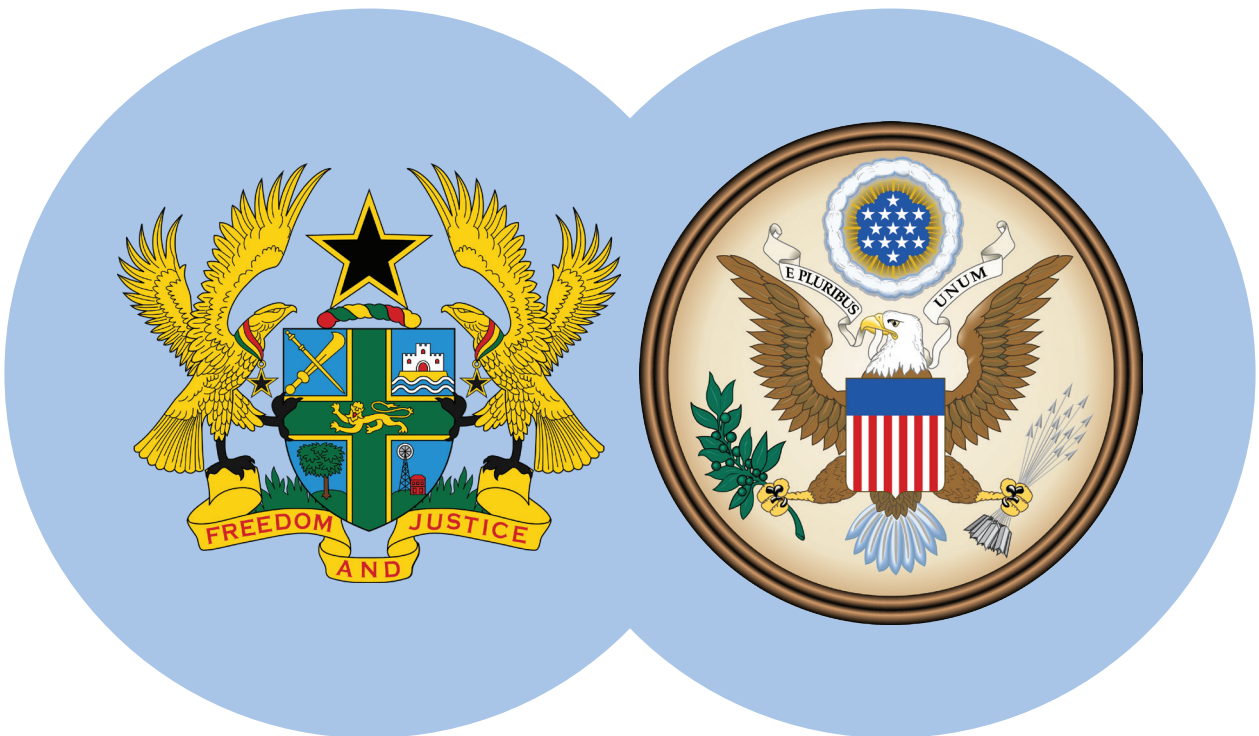




FY 2015 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

	Democracy, Rights, and Governance
LOCAL GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced mapping and database technology in five pilot districts in the Western Region, enabling the local government to ensure streets were named and properties were numbered. Street and property addressing initiative increased local tax revenues in target districts between 18 and 45 percent, enabling local governments to improve services. 32 sub-national entities operating in the Western Region received assistance to improve performance through training to increase internally generated funds.
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnered with the Ghana Audit Service to conduct performance audits of capital development projects in 50 randomly selected districts. Supported the Public Accounts Committee of Ghana's Parliament and citizen associations to reduce corruption and strengthen incentives and improve accountability.
CIVIL SOCIETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported civil society organizations (CSOs) at the grassroots level in 50 of Ghana's 216 districts to monitor local governments' management of development projects such as the construction of schools and health facilities. Supported CSO-led information campaigns to provide citizens and district officials with detailed information on the quality of district infrastructural projects and citizen scorecards to report on service delivery. Trained CSOs to advocate for legislative change and report corruption. Established an electronic platform for citizens to report corruption.

Democracy, Rights, and Governance	
ELECTIONS	<p>Supported Ghana's preparations towards the district level elections held in September 2015 which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabled the Ghana Electoral Commission to deliver voter education programs to 2,280 citizens representing various local groups and 410 media practitioners; and the printing and distributing of 47,789 tactile ballot jackets to polling stations for visually challenged persons to cast their ballots in secret. • Supported the training and deployment of 681 domestic election observers as poll watchers, and provided over 23,000 citizens with civic education awareness training. • Worked in 86 selected districts to train 2,467 candidates to improve their understanding of how local government systems work and how to effectively campaign and communicate to the electorate.
HUMAN RIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Ghana's Ministry of Chieftaincy and Traditional Affairs and the National House of Chiefs to undertake field research and sensitization on harmful traditional practices with the goal of devising a strategy for their elimination.





ECONOMIC GROWTH

Ghana faces significant challenges that pose a threat to its long-term economic growth. These include insufficient supply of power, low access to credit and high borrowing costs, low agricultural productivity, weaknesses in the business climate that undermine private sector growth, regional income disparities, and constraints in regional trade. The goal of USAID's Economic Growth program is to realize sustainable and broadly shared economic growth in Ghana.

Increasing Agricultural Competitiveness

Ghana is a focus country under Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's agriculture and food security initiative. USAID's Economic Growth program focuses on boosting the productivity of rice, maize, and soybeans in northern Ghana, which is the poorest and most vulnerable region in Ghana. The program also engages women and strives to address the effects of climate change on food production.

Stimulating Private Sector Growth

USAID supports macroeconomic policy reform, facilitates public-private dialogue on policy and regulation, and helps farmers access markets. USAID also supports access to credit by guaranteeing bank loans.

Expanding Trade and Facilitating Access to Markets

USAID helps the private sector to access and supply domestic, regional and international markets and links small-holder farmers to these same markets. In addition, USAID works with companies to improve market information, meet required food safety and health standards, and improve their technology and environmental practices.

Rebuilding Fish Stocks

USAID works with local communities and district governments to protect ecosystems and fisheries in the Western Region in order to protect incomes and prevent the depletion of fish stocks.

Developing the Power Sector

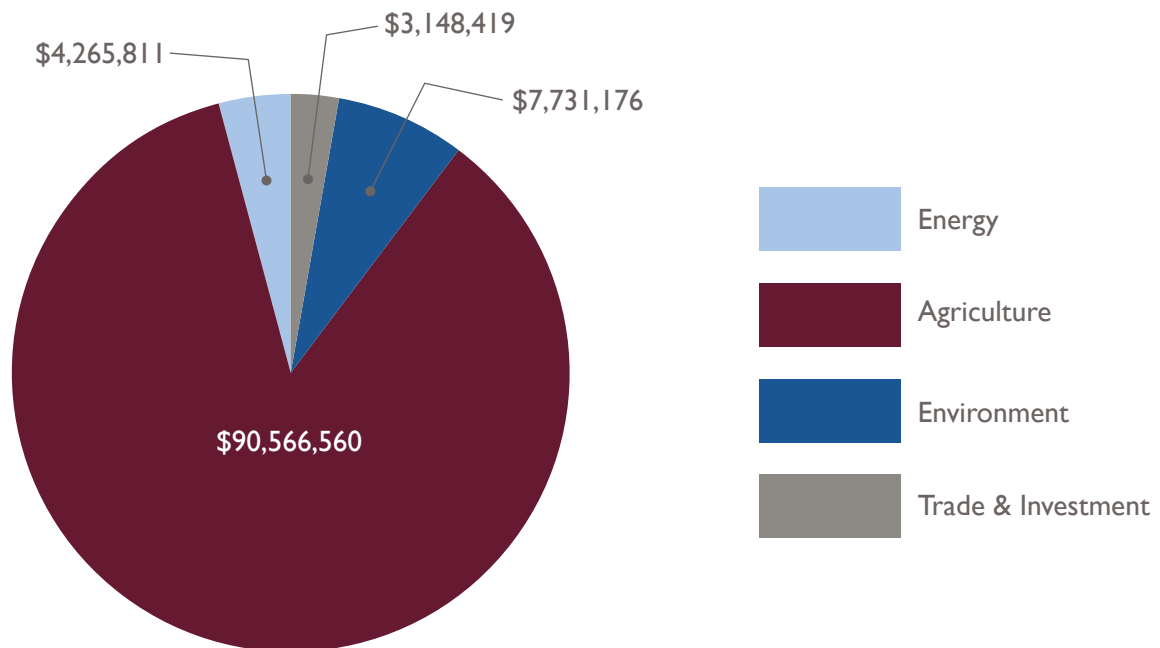
Through the U.S. Government Power Africa Initiative, USAID works with the Government of Ghana to increase its power generation capacity and define and implement institutional, regulatory, and commercial strategies in the development of the oil, gas, and power sector.

Current Partners

ACDI/VOCA
 CARANA Corporation
 Centre for Policy Analysis
 Chemonics International
 Consultative Group for International Agricultural
 Research
 Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
 Development Alternatives Inc.
 District Assemblies of Cheroni, Sababa, West
 Gonja, Tamale and Tolon
 DOWI/DANIDA
 Ecobank Ghana Ltd.
 Esoko
 Global Communities
 ICF International
 International Fertilizer Development Center
 International Food Policy and Research Institute

Ministry of Finance/Agribusiness Unit
 Ministry of Finance/Americas Unit
 Ministry of Finance/Public Investment Division
 Nexant LLC
 Opportunity International Savings and Loans Ltd
 Pyxera Global
 Northern Regional Coordinating Council
 Tetra Tech
 University of Cape Coast
 University of Ghana
 University of Illinois
 University of Michigan
 University of Rhode Island
 U.S. Department of Agriculture
 U.S. Department of Treasury
 U.S. Forest Service
 U.S. Peace Corps
 World Bank /Ministry of Food and Agriculture

ECONOMIC GROWTH 2013 - 2015 DISBURSEMENTS





FY 2015 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Economic Growth	
AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 103,000 farmers reached. • Maize profits increased 81 percent, rice profits increased over 73 percent, and soya profits increased over 700 percent amongst beneficiaries.
PRIVATE SECTOR GROWTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Partnership for Growth established the Ghana Alternative Exchange for small and medium enterprises to access alternative sources of finance. • Facilitated \$38 million of financing to over 500 private sector businesses.
TRADE AND ACCESS TO MARKETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linked more than 180 outgrower businesses to markets. • Worked with the GoG to facilitate trade, remove technical barriers to trade, and encourage policies to promote regional trade and attract investment.
FISH STOCKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the implementation of the National Marine Fisheries Management Plan, which contains initiatives that will reduce the strain on fish stocks such as capping of fleet sizes and establishing a closed season. • Supporting the establishment of the Centre for Coastal Management at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. • Supporting University of Cape Coast to train 5 PhD, 10 masters' degree, and 7 undergraduate students in fisheries and coastal management.
POWER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the GoG in implementing a Gas Action Plan for thermal generation, enabling it to meet the conditions for signing the Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact II. • Supporting transactions to add about 2000 MW to Ghana's grid, increasing current capacity by about 60 percent. • Assisting the GoG to improve planning, pricing, efficiency, and natural resource management and reduce environmental impact.



HEALTH, POPULATION & NUTRITION

USAID supports the Government of Ghana (GoG) to expand coverage and quality of health services through scaling up interventions to improve the nutritional status of the population while also reducing: unintended pregnancy, maternal, newborn and under-five mortality, and the spread of HIV among the most-at-risk populations. USAID's health activities, concentrated in the Northern, Central, Western, Volta and Greater Accra regions, provide focused technical assistance to the GoG to ensure high quality services are broadly accessible and supported by efficient and accountable systems. USAID also assists the GoG with the development of high quality, technically appropriate policies and protocols at the national level, including the exploration of innovative technology applications that will increase progress towards development goals. As a major donor for malaria, family planning, and HIV activities, USAID provides a significant portion of the health commodities used by the government.

Malaria

Malaria is endemic in all parts of Ghana and accounts for a significant portion of outpatient and hospital admissions. USAID leads the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) which aims to reduce the burden of malaria in Ghana. To realize this goal, PMI is supporting the scale-up of four proven and highly effective malaria prevention and treatment measures: insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs), indoor residual spraying (IRS), accurate diagnosis and prompt treatment with artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs), and intermittent preventive treatment of pregnant women (IPTp). Over \$11 million in malaria commodities were purchased by the U.S. Government in 2015.

Family Planning & Reproductive Health (FP/RH)

USAID's interventions increase understanding about and access to a range of contraceptive methods. Activities include promoting access to and use of FP/RH services at the facility and community levels; strengthening competencies for social and behavior change communication; and strengthening FP services through the private sector and the scale-up of social marketing. USAID also focuses on creating an enabling environment for commodity security and purchased nearly \$5 million in family planning commodities in 2015.

Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH)

Activities integrate maternal services with treatment and prevention of childhood diseases, including malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia and malnutrition. Maternal health activities focus on improving the quality of services through providing necessary healthcare equipment and training healthcare service providers.

Nutrition

As part of the U.S. Government's Global Health Initiative and Feed the Future Initiative, USAID works with the GoG to improve the nutritional status of women and young children. Activities include improving community services to treat and prevent severe acute malnutrition and teaching individuals and communities about infant feeding practices and care and dietary diversity. The U.S. Government purchased over \$800,000 in nutrition-related commodities in 2015.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

USAID is a key donor in the WASH sector, working in six of the ten regions of Ghana and encompassing roughly half of the total population. The Greater Accra, Central, Western, Eastern, Northern, and Volta regions include densely populated urban areas as well as rural districts, with corresponding challenges for access to WASH services. USAID primarily addresses the WASH challenges through the provision of small town water schemes, mechanical and manual borehole drilling, and rehabilitation of broken systems. To address other challenges, USAID works closely with the Coca-Cola Company and Rotary International to deliver WASH services to deprived communities. Throughout its work, USAID uses a community-led total sanitation market approach to facilitate the construction of sanitation facilities.

HIV/AIDS

USAID is a leading donor in Ghana for HIV activities. The U.S. Government's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program in Ghana provides leadership and advisory support to the national HIV/AIDS response. USAID's activities under PEPFAR focus on policies and services for prevention, care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS and two key populations that are 10-20 times more vulnerable to HIV: specifically men who have sex with men and female sex workers. USAID supports innovative and evidence-based interventions to reduce new HIV infections, which is a key strategy towards long-term sustainability of programs.

Health Systems Strengthening

USAID's support to the health sector in Ghana is deeply rooted in a systems approach, strengthening the underlying systems that affect health care operations and outcomes including leadership and governance, health workforce, information systems, supply chain and financing. A major focus for health financing is to ensure that existing funds are used efficiently to reach poor and underserved populations. USAID works with the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) to strengthen its management, improve quality assurance through clinical audit and scale-up a new provider payment mechanism. USAID is also prioritizing efforts to strengthen management of medical products and technologies, with emphasis being placed on the implementation of Ghana's Supply Chain Master Plan to ensure commodities are accessible and affordable, meet defined standards for quality, efficacy and safety and are stored and distributed appropriately. USAID is partnering with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to strengthen private sector engagement in the supply chain.

Social Protection

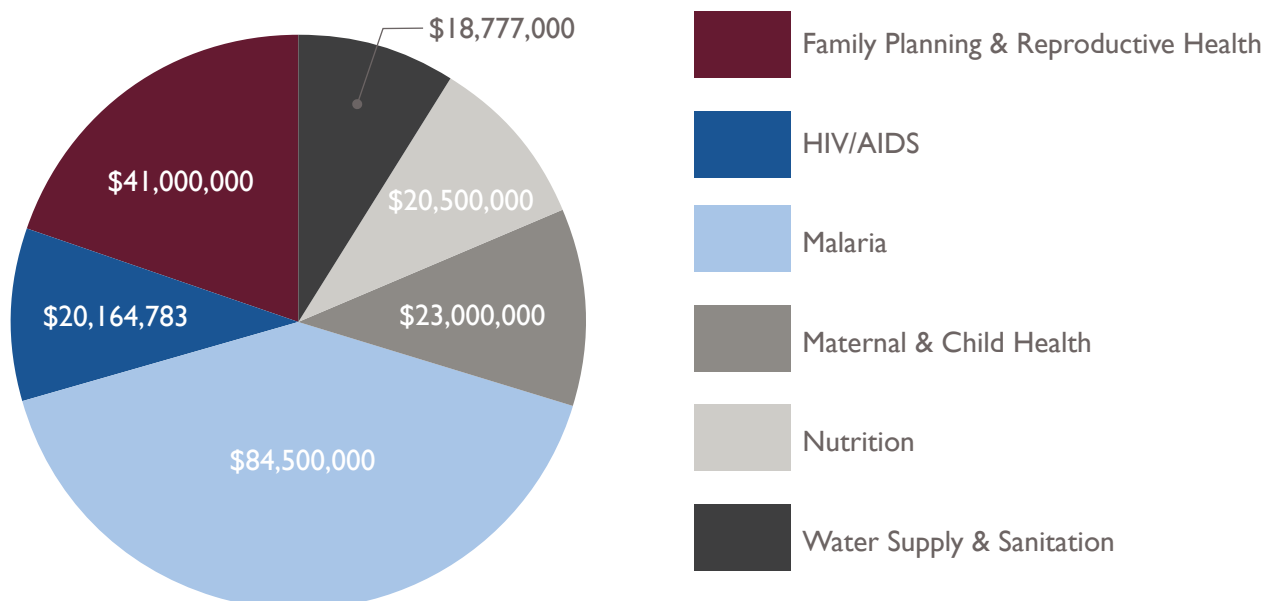
In 2015, USAID added social protection programming into the health portfolio for the impact that it has on nutrition and overall improvements in health status. The Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty 1000 (LEAP 1000) is a GoG social cash transfer program implemented by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, aimed at reducing poverty and stunting in poor households across selected districts in Ghana. Targeting 6,000 households with pregnant and lactating women and women with children under 12 months of age, the program expects to improve the nutritional outcomes of infants, for the crucial first 1,000 days of life, when the consequences of malnutrition are particularly severe.

With \$8 million funding from the Displaced Children and Orphans Fund, USAID is supporting Ghana's national child care reform, with the aim of preventing child separation and reintegrating and placing children in residential care into family-based care. Activities will be implemented through UNICEF and a direct government-to-government agreement with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection.

Current Partners

Abt Associates
 Banyan Global
 Chemonics International
 FHI360
 Global Communities
 HealthKeepers Network
 Jhpiego
 John Hopkins Center for Communication Programs
 John Snow, Inc. (JSI)
 MalariaCare
 Management Systems International (MSI)
 Population Services International (PSI)
 Social Enterprise Development (SEND)
 United States Pharmacopeia (USP)
 University Research Co., LLC (URC)
 West Africa Program to Combat Aids and STI (WAPCAS)

HEALTH FY 2013 - 2015 DISBURSEMENTS





FY 2015 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

	Health
MALARIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained more than 13,000 health workers in case management with artemisinin-based combination therapy. • Provided more than 1.1 million rapid diagnostic tests. • Purchased and distributed more than 1.4 million insecticide-treated nets.
FAMILY PLANNING & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67 percent of U.S. Government-assisted service delivery sites provide family planning and/or services. • Contributed to 1.9 million Couple-Years of Protection (indicates the amount of time a couple will be protected against an unwanted pregnancy based on the contraceptive method used).
MATERNAL, NEONATAL, & CHILD HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 327,308 deliveries were assisted by a skilled birth attendant in U.S. Government-supported health facilities. • 307,565 women received uterotonics in the third stage of labor. • More than 3,000 midwives graduated from a U.S. Government-supported training institution.
NUTRITION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided infant and young child feeding training to 1,105 facility-level health staff in target districts. • Supported 395 health facilities in Northern and Upper East regions with nutrition supplies addressing acute malnutrition at both the community and facility levels. • Trained 3,842 Community Health Nurses in child health and nutrition.
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided 14,588 people with access to improved water supply; • Distributed 576,000 Aquatabs which purified 11.5 million liters of water. • Provided over 3,000 people with access to improved sanitation facilities.

	Health
HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the development of a National Condom and Lubricant Strategy to support the decrease of HIV and STI infection incidence, increase access to condoms (male and female) and lubricants, and foster a supportive social and political environment for HIV prevention, especially among key populations.
HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) with the roll-out of capitation to three regions--Upper East, Upper West and Volta. Approximately 80 percent enrollment has been achieved in these regions. Supported provider mapping across four regions to obtain detailed information on the clinical capacity and services offered across 1,250 primary health care providers.
SOCIAL PROTECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works in partnership with the GOG's Ministry of Gender and Social Protection, together with UNICEF, to implement Livelihoods Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Program, which targets 150,000 extremely poor individuals in Ghana and disburses a bi-monthly cash stipend through direct cash and some e-payments.





EDUCATION

The goal of the USAID/Ghana Education Office is to ensure that children are given the foundational skills to read with understanding in the early grades of primary school. USAID's activities in Ghana improve the quality of reading instruction; strengthen the management of educational institutions; improve accountability and transparency among parents, schools and local government; and help communities contribute to student and teacher performance.

Strengthening Children's Ability to Learn to Read

USAID is working with the Government of Ghana to improve the percentage of primary school pupils who can read with fluency and comprehension. A 2015 assessment indicates that only two percent of grade 2 students are able to read at a grade appropriate level. USAID supports teacher training, rigorous student assessment, strengthening of national, regional, and district systems, and the provision of quality textbooks and learning materials. USAID also works collaboratively with head teachers, School Management Committees and Parent Teacher Associations, education officials at the central and decentralized levels, and District Assemblies to strengthen school governance.

Improving Education Infrastructure and Information Technology

USAID works with the Ministry of Education to improve education infrastructure to enhance conditions of access in rural areas, and in metropolitan areas, to eliminate the prevalence of the "multi-shift system" whereby one shift of students attends mornings classes while a second shift attends in the afternoon. USAID also works with the Ghana Education Service to improve teaching and learning, and the use technology to address data, financial, and human resource issues.

Partnership and Donor Coordination

USAID promotes aid effectiveness and coordination with education sector and government partners. The USAID Partnership for Education Project includes two program contribution activities to UNICEF and UKAID for education programs that contribute to Ghana's efforts to inclusively improve reading performance in public primary schools in Ghana for all children.

Current Partners

Ministry of Education
Ghana Education Service
Accra Metropolitan Assembly
RTI International
Social Impact, Inc.
FHI360
UNICEF
UKAID

The total disbursement for basic education during FY 2013-2015 was \$75,203,497.79





FY 2015 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Education	
LEARN TO READ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched USAID Partnership for Education to improve the reading skills of 2.8 million students and to train 51,000 teachers by 2019. • In July 2015, nationwide early grade reading and math assessments were administered to provide additional data on student performance. • Over 4,000,000 books covering 64 titles (in Ghanaian languages and English) procured for delivery to all public kindergartens and primary schools in the country. • Provided 342,368 textbooks and learning materials to schools. • Supported 2,512 Parent Teacher Associations. • Trained 968 education administrators and officials.
EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 school structures (classrooms, sanitation facilities, and District Education Offices) constructed in 10 regions of the country. • Piloted and trained schools to use Mobile School Report Cards (Msrc). • Conducted an Education Management Information System (EMIS) assessment.
PARTNERSHIP AND DONOR COORDINATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID and UNICEF partnered to improve quality education for disadvantaged populations and outcomes in pre-primary and primary schools. • USAID and DFID forged a partnership to extend the Ministry of Education's Complementary Basic Education (CBE) program. The expected outcome is a 15 percent reduction of out-of-school youth in the northern sector of Ghana, and a five percent reduction nationally. • USAID supported the Ministry of Education with its National Education Sector Annual Review.

OUR IMPACT



Joseph

“Now I have a job, my water business is doing very well because patronage is very good, and I have a constant source of supplies.”

Joseph Apam Tetteh has relied on a wheelchair for most of his life and until recently saw himself as a burden on his family due to his inability to bring home an income. The USAID Water Access, Sanitation and Hygiene for the Urban Poor (WASH-UP) project trains members of Ghanaian communities to become water and sanitation entrepreneurs. Joseph eagerly seized this opportunity. He received basic business development training including bookkeeping, customer relations, and water supply maintenance.



Mary

“I am now more confident than before and I have also achieved my ambition of representing my people at the district level. I will work hard to accelerate development in my area to change people’s misconception of women and leadership.”

USAID supported the Ghana Centre for Democratic Development to implement the “Enhancing Citizen Participation in the 2014/2015 Local Government Elections: Deepening Ghana’s Decentralization Process” activity. This activity sought to increase the political participation of marginalized and vulnerable groups, especially women and people with disabilities, with a focus on local elections. These women received training on campaigning, communication skills, manifesto development, and on Ghana’s local government system. They also benefited from the support of peer educators who provided encouragement, advice, and support. Mary Atatura, one of 384 women who were identified, nurtured and supported to run for seats in the 2015 District Level elections, attested the value of this support.



Victoria

“USAID has been very helpful to us. We had difficulty accessing plows. Our fields were always plowed after the men’s fields were attended to which was a source of worry to us because our fields were plowed late. Now we do not have to depend on the men to plow for us. They now depend on us for our plows.”

With USAID Support, Victoria Assaro— mother of four, from Binaba in the Upper East Region of Ghana went from being a smallholder farmer to a lead farmer cultivating two acres of maize, a 75-member women’s group and treasurer of the Input Dealers Association. USAID, through the ADVANCE Project trained Victoria and other farmers on good agricultural practices such as row planting, use of improved seed, appropriate fertilizer and other chemical application, post-harvest handling, record keeping and more. This training has helped her see farming as a business.

OUR MISSION:

We partner to end extreme poverty and to promote resilient, democratic societies while advancing our security and prosperity.

OUR APPROACH:

Partner to advance our Mission. Work as one Team. Model our Core Values. Innovate Continuously. Deliver Results.

OUR CORE VALUES:

PASSION FOR MISSION

We come to work to foster sustainable development and advance human dignity globally.

EXCELLENCE

We strive for efficiency, effectiveness, and meaningful results across our work.

INTEGRITY

We are honest and transparent, accountable for our efforts, and maintain a consistently high moral standard.

RESPECT

We demonstrate respect for one another, our partners, and the people we serve in communities around the world.

EMPOWERMENT

We elevate all voices striving for global economic, environmental, and social progress.

INCLUSION

We value our differences and draw strength from diversity.


COMMITMENT TO LEARNING


We seek to improve ourselves and our work continually through reflection and evaluation.



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