

PROMOTING INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Ghana has achieved significant increases in per capita GDP, propelling the country into a Lower Middle-Income Country status with a per capita income of US\$1,598 (as at 2011). Prospecting of oil further accelerated the GDP growth rate in 2011, with real GDP at 14.4%. The GDP growth rate dropped to 7.1% in 2012 as against a target of 9.4%. The 2013 GDP is projected to grow at 8.0%.

Although Ghana is currently said to be one of the fastest growing economies in the world, the quality and the distribution of the benefits of the growth have been limited. The growth process is characterised by low employment generation and therefore low productivity; declining agricultural output, widening income disparities, and fast degradation of the environment. Despite the positive growth over the last two decades and reduction in extreme poverty, extreme poverty is more pervasive in the three northern regions of Ghana with poverty levels at 38.7%, 79.0% and 60.1% in Northern, Upper West and Upper East Regions respectively (Millennium Development Report, 2012). The key underlying factors of inequality in Ghana are the lack of economic opportunities; access to productive resources and technology; and low productivity, especially in the informal sector and with food crop farmers, particularly in the northern savannah. Reducing inequality therefore requires a mix of pro-poor policies and strategies, targeting the informal sector and vulnerable groups particularly food crop farmers, the youth and women. Since proper targeting requires data and evidence-based planning, strengthened capacity for pro-poor planning and development management at all levels of government will enhance human development and equity in Ghana. This should be complemented by the enhanced capacity of the citizenry to participate in the development process.

2. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

The Annual Workplan on *"Promoting Inclusive Growth and Development"* sought to support Ghana's vision of inclusive growth and development, as captured in the Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda (GSGDA) 2010-2013, specifically in the priority area of ***"effective decentralisation for enhanced local economic development and efficiency in public service delivery at all levels"***. It is premised on the theory of change that: *"Growth which is inclusive will increase economic opportunities for segments of the Ghanaian society who currently do not benefit fully from economic growth. For this to happen, development (social, economic and political) should be more equitable. Equitable development can be possible only if development planning and management is inclusive and evidence based, with the citizenry, particularly the deprived and vulnerable, participating in the process."* To this end, the Annual Work Plan had three strategic areas of focus or expected outputs:

- Enhance the capacity of MDAs and CSOs to formulate and implement national and sectoral policies, plans and programmes which were aimed at promoting inclusive socio-economic growth;
- Improve the capacity for data management and analytical work; and
- Improve local level capacity for employment and income creation.

OBJECTIVE							
Expected Output	Planned		Actual (Achievements)		Variations (Outstanding)	Reasons	Recommendations
	Activities	Budget	Activities	Disbursed			
Physical structures visible in Adenkrebi, Paga, Kpadjai and Wechiau communities completed and Cienderi commenced including purchasing of materials for Chinderi community	1. Construction on foundation in Chinderi commenced	210,259.10	All materials transported to site in preparation for commencement of construction training, construction training continues in other communities	210,259.10	none		
Progress report on supervision of all SHI construction training sites	1. Supervision missions to all project sites		Development of progress reports and end of project reports				
Completion of Bejamse survey	1. Community entry, focus group discussions,		Surveys completed with data entry, maps and report in progress				

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Finalised GLSS6 data	1. Undertake field data collection, data capture and cleaning	\$115,000	Field data collection, data capture completed	\$115,000	-			
Thematic report on Economic Activities in Ghana	2. Analyse census data on Economic Activities in Ghana	\$70,000	Draft Report on Economic Activities in Ghana ready	\$19,992	\$50,008*			

* Part of this amount was used by UNDP to print 2000 copies of two Census Monographs (Non-Monetary Poverty in Ghana and MDGs in Ghana) prepared in 2012 for GSS.

To Mainstream the Concept of Local Economic Development into Planning at the District Level

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Expected Output Revised and Finalised LED OM	Review of LED Operational Manual	GHC 28,000	Review of LED Operational Manual	GHC 13,907.60			
Approved LED Policy Framework and Action Plan	Seek Cabinet Approval for LED Policy		Seek Cabinet Approval for LED Policy	N/A			
Finalised CGE Training Manual	Finalise, print and distribute Citizen Engagement Manual	GHC 13,660.50	The CGE Manual was finalized, printed and is being distributed.	GHC 13,242.70	GHC 417.80		

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Expected Output Successor National Policy Framework Prepared	Validation of Policy Matrix of the GSGDA II 2014-2017 by CSPGs	24,516.80	24,516.80	Policy matrix validated by CSPGs to reflect sectorial priorities	24,516.80	-		
	Technical validation and drafting of Policy Framework	85,400	85,400	Draft policy matrix reviewed by experts to reflect new and emerging issues	143,650	58250	Extra consultants were hired to beef up the Technical validation and drafting of GSGDA II	
	Finalization of GSGDA II by Commissioners	45,000	45,000	Policy matrix approved for use by MMDAs and MDAs	33,810	11,190	Support was not received	
	Consultation with decentralized and local level planning bodies	50,158.87	50,158.87	Input is solicited from the regional and district level stakeholders to improve the strategic direction of the country	50,158.87			