



GHANA



Country Snapshot

Population:	28.83 million (2017 est.)
Life expectancy at birth:	63 years
Poverty headcount ratio:	23.4%
GDP:	US\$ 59 billion
GDP growth rate:	8.1%
GNI per capita:	US\$4,280
Infant mortality rate:	49 per 1,000 live births
Maternal mortality rate:	310 per 100,000 live births
HIV prevalence:	1.7%

Source: The World Bank; Ghana Statistical Service

COUNTRY OVERVIEW Ghana is a lower middle income country (LMIC) located in West Africa sitting on the Atlantic Ocean and bordered by Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, and Burkina Faso. In 2017, Ghana's economy accelerated to 8.1% making it the second-fastest growing economy in Africa behind Ethiopia. The main drivers of the economy are mining, oil and cocoa production sectors. **CARE** began operations in Ghana in 1994 as part of the Gulf of Guinea (Benin, Ghana, Togo) mission, transitioning to a full Country Office in 2009.

FY18 PROGRAM REACH AND IMPACT

1.31 MILLION
people reached to support their food and nutrition security and resilience to climate change.

Close to 444,000
people over 4 years whose food and nutrition security and resilience to climate have improved as a result.

More than 65,000
women with increased access to and control of economic resources.

0.67 MILLION
people enabled to participate in formal or informal decision-making spaces.

PROGRAMME FOCUS

ADDRESS THE INJUSTICE OF POVERTY

Our programmes focus on two main areas in the fight against extreme poverty and social injustice: **Social and Economic Empowerment (SEE)** and **Food and Nutrition Security (FNS)** seeking to transform the lives of poor, vulnerable and marginalized women and youth.

INTEGRATED APPROACHES

EMPOWERING WOMEN, IMPROVING FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

CARE and partners work with communities, especially **women smallholder farmers in cocoa, soy and groundnut value chains** to improve **productivity and profitability**, diversify livelihoods and increase household incomes, **promote the production and consumption of diverse and nutritious foods**; with specific attention to strengthening capacities for **inclusive governance and accountability, resilience building, and sustainability**.

Our core approaches also seek to **strengthen women's voice, participation and leadership in decision-making** in the household, in the community, and in the broader society, as well as their access to and benefit from opportunities and resources.

CARE OF THE FUTURE MINDING THE GAP

CARE's programmes promote inclusive governance and social accountability in multiple sectors strengthening citizens' voice and contribution to solving development challenges.

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

CARE is committed to working with local civil society organizations, the private sector, government and communities to achieve the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** and Government's "Beyond Aid" agenda; a vision of national self-reliance and independence from development with citizens equitably contributing to and benefiting from a vibrant and thriving economy.

CARE and our partners work with Government to **strengthen institutional capacity** for effective coordination and integration of all actors in centralized and decentralized development processes; promote an enabling environment for civil society and **citizen participation and leadership** in development planning and oversight; and **facilitate dialogue and consensus/peace building** to protect and sustain development gains.

EXPANDING ROLE AS CONVENER AND FACILITATOR

As a founding member and committed supporter of the **Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Platform on the Sustainable Development Goals**, CARE is a co-convenor of the sub-platform for **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)** and a participant in in sub-platforms for SDGs 1, 14, and 15. We are working with Government to develop a **Data Quality Assurance Framework** for CSO reporting on the SDGs.



ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND IMPROVING BUSINESS PRACTICE

CARE is working with multinational and national private sector entities to **promote equitable, fair and inclusive business practices** in cocoa sector in particular, and agriculture in general. We also work to strengthen the capacity of civil society to secure, protect and fulfill the rights of communities affected by the activities of extractive industries; and with fishing communities to protect their livelihoods from overfishing and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. CARE is active in **preventing and responding to child labor** in the cocoa sector.

SECURING WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN AGRICULTURE

CARE supports **Women in Agriculture Platforms (WAP)** and **Community Development Committee (CDC)** through with women smallholder farmers and other community activists participate in and influence key decisions including the fair allocation of fertile land for farming to women. WAPs in Northern Ghana have been instrumental in influencing the Government's "**Planting for Food and Jobs**" programme to adjust its selection criteria to permit more women farmers to benefit from subsidies for inputs.

"We wanted a tractor for the WAP members in the Talensi District, so we wrote to the district assembly for support. Although the men put pressure on the committee to give them the tractor, we never gave up. The committee eventually gave us the tractor because, according to them, we were persistent, well organized, and convincing.

We are grateful to [CARE] for equipping us with advocacy skills."

Stella Saaka, WAP member and recipient of the U.S. Embassy's 2019 Ghana Woman of Courage Award



COUNTRY OFFICE OVERVIEW

The Ghana Country Office comprises 78 team members in four locations: **Accra**, **Bolgatanga (Upper East Region)**, **Kumasi (Ashanti Region)**, and **Tamale (Northern Region)** implementing a portfolio of **17 projects worth about USD \$8.6 million in 150 districts** across the country working with more than **50 partners**.

PROGRAM PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

GHANA STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM (GSAM)

DURATION: 2014 to 2019
BUDGET: US \$9.3 million
DONOR: **USAID**
PARTNERS: OXFAM in Ghana
 Integrated Social Development Center
Ghana Audit Service (GAS)
25 local civil society organizations in 100 districts across the country

GOAL: Strengthen citizens' oversight of capital development projects to improve local government transparency, accountability and performance.

TARGET GROUPS: 100 Metropolitan, Municipal & District Assemblies (MMDA)
 150,000 citizens
 75 radio citizens

TOOLS & APPROACHES: GAS performance audits
 CARE's Community Score Card
 Radio shows/town hall meetings

64%

Of CARE's projects in Ghana have an explicit objective to strengthen civil society.

NORTHERN GHANA GOVERNANCE ACTIVITY (NGGA) & RAPID RESPONSE INITIATIVE

DURATION: 2016 to 2021
BUDGET: US \$12.8 million
DONOR: **USAID**
PARTNERS: SEND Ghana
 West Africa Network for Peacebuilding
 ActionAid
National Peace Council

GOAL: Accelerate governance improvement and manage conflict in support of enhanced agricultural development in Ghana's Northern, Upper East and Upper West regions.

TARGET GROUPS: 58 MMDAs representing 1.5M citizens
 130 CSOs, 500 women's association
 03 Traditional Authority Councils

TOOLS & APPROACHES: Institutional capacity building
 Civil society strengthening
 Women in Agriculture Platforms

PATHWAYS: WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN AGRICULTURE / WATER-SMART AGRICULTURE

DURATION: 2012 to 2019
BUDGET: US \$2.8 million
DONOR: **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**
Big Lottery Fund
Jeff Peierls Foundation
Sall Family Foundation
Global Environment and Technology Foundation / Coca Cola

GOAL: Increase women farmers' productivity and empowerment in more equitable and resilient agriculture systems at scale.

TARGET GROUPS: Smallholder women farmers in 103 communities in 02 regions (Upper East and Upper West)

TOOLS & APPROACHES: Farmer Field Business School
 Climate and water-smart agriculture
 Value chain development



YENSORE II: SECURE, PROTECT AND FULFILL THE RIGHTS OF COMMUNITIES IN EXTRACTIVES

DURATION: 2018 to 2021
BUDGET: US \$1.8 million
DONOR: **DANIDA**
PARTNERS: Civic Response
 UCSUND
Kasa Initiative Ghana
 Wassa Association of Communities Affected by Mining

GOAL: The rights of poor and vulnerable communities that depend on natural resources for their food and livelihoods are respected, protected and fulfilled.

TARGET GROUPS: 80+ communities affected by extractive industries in 10 regions
 30+ local NGOs, civic unions, coalitions

TOOLS & APPROACHES: Natural resource management
 Community-based adaptation to climate change / Disaster risk reduction
 Advocacy and collective action

OTHER PROJECTS

ADWUMA PA
DONOR: **U.S. Department of Labor**
DURATION: 2018 to 2022 / **BUDGET:** US \$5 million

AGRO-SOURCE
DONOR: **Anonymous**
DURATION: 2018 to 2019 / **BUDGET:** US \$0.29 million

COCOA SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE (PHASE II)
DONOR: **General Mills Foundation**
DURATION: 2017 to 2020 / **BUDGET:** US \$0.6 million

DATA QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK
DONOR: **Hewlett Packard Foundation**
DURATION: 2018 to 2020 / **BUDGET:** US \$0.45 million

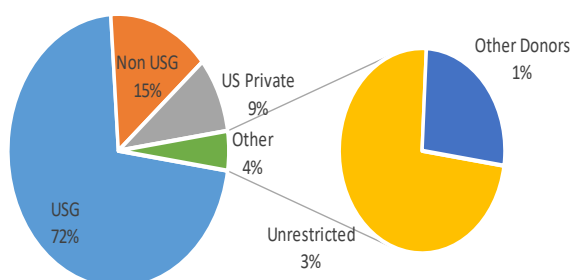
FAR BAN BO
DONOR: **European Union**
DURATION: 2018 to 2019 / **BUDGET:** €2.1 million

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR POOR WOMEN
DONOR: **Jeff Peierls Foundation**
DURATION: 2018 to 2019 / **BUDGET:** US \$75,000

GOOD GROWTH
DONOR: **Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan, Ajinomoto Foundation**
DURATION: 2016 to 2019 / **BUDGET:** US \$1.2 million

PROSPER
DONOR: **Cargill**
DURATION: 2016 to 2019 / **BUDGET:** US \$0.9 million

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