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Ghana



Country Snapshot

Population:	28 million [2016 projections]
Life expectancy at birth (female/males):	62.0/60.1 years [2010-2015]
Adult literacy rate:	65%
Fertility rate	4.3 [2010-2015]
Access to improved drinking water source (urban/rural):	92.6/84.1
Access to improved sanitation facilities (urban/rural%)	20.2/8.6
GDP per capita:	US\$1,387.9 [2014]
Total Dependency ratio	73 [2015]
Infant mortality rate:	51 per 1,000 live births [2010-2015]
Maternal mortality rate:	560 per 100,000 live births
HIV prevalence*:	1.6% [2015]

Sources: World Statistics Pocket Book | United Nations Statistics Division
*UNAIDS 2015

Programme Overview

CARE began operations in Ghana in 1994. From there, the Accra office expanded to support programs in Togo and Benin under a three-country mission called CARE Gulf of Guinea. In 2009, Ghana became a Country Office. After Ghana was declared a middle-income country in 2011, the country office continued its efforts to build programmes and strengthen itself as a partner of choice within the development arena. With changing donor interests, increased competition among other international NGOs, Ghana redefined the country programmes to leverage resources and skills-set around a “niche” or “value addition”.



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Therefore, CARE International in Ghana has outlined two main programmes as follows:

1. **Food and Nutrition Security:** Addressing Food & Nutrition Security through the following approaches: integrating resilience programming, climate adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction; Education of women and youth on their rights, roles and responsibilities; accessing resources, services & information on sexual and reproductive health, maternal and child nutrition- with a focus on the first one thousand days of life.
2. **Social and Economic Empowerment:** Addressing value chains, market linkages & financial inclusion; women's agency & gender justice; economic opportunities & vocational training for women and youth; addressing sexual and reproductive health and rights; gender-based violence; and social protection.

CARE Ghana's approach to addressing poverty and social injustice

Contributing to a movement of vibrant and effective civil society, demanding rights, accountability and voice for our impact groups. Facilitate civil society's linkages to national, regional and global agendas.

Building capacity of local civil society and grassroots groups to enhance the rights and livelihoods and build resilience of our impact groups. Serve as a broker of contacts, knowledge and resources.

Supporting capacity strengthening, accountability of national, district level authorities, and institutions, making sure pro-poor policies are well formulated and implemented.

Creating spaces for dialogue between civil society and power holders.

Influencing and collaborating with the private sector to enhance the rights and livelihoods of the poorest segments of society.

Facilitating, and testing of innovative practices; learning about; scaling up and integrating successful models into national policies and strategies, to feed into CARE's Global learning.

Humanitarian Preparedness and Response, making sure that CARE Ghana is prepared to respond to potential emergencies (including recurrent pockets of food insecurity, flooding and cholera epidemics).

A year in Review

- 3, 388 farmers benefited from improved farming practices.
- 8, 351 out-of-school children enrolled in basic education.
- 44, 963 people benefited from loans within VSLA groups.
- 5, 653 individuals with increased knowledge on maternal, infant and young child nutrition
- 100 districts: citizens empowered to hold duty bearers accountable.
- 670, 332 individuals strengthened their capacity in climate change livelihoods.
- More than 100 Civil Society Organizations mobilized towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

Major Donors

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