

GHANA: CIDA REPORT



THEMATIC FOCUS

CIDA's programming in Ghana aligns with the country's national development plan, through which the government aims to increase economic growth, accelerate human resource development, and improve good governance and civic responsibility. In response, CIDA support in Ghana is focused on:

Food Security

- Investing in community-level food security initiatives in the north where food insecurity is most severe
- Providing support to sustainable management of land and water resources
- Strengthening the Ministry of Food and Agriculture's implementation of the national food and agriculture sector development policy

Children and Youth

- Supporting Ghana's new national water policy by giving communities access to safe drinking water, which will have a significant impact on the health and well-being of children and youth
- Providing technical and financial assistance to local governments to help them provide safe drinking water, sanitation, health, and education services that benefit children and youth

KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Weak public sector institutions, resulting in poor delivery of basic services
- Persistent food insecurity, especially in northern Ghana
- Limited access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
- Inequality between women and men

FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Population (2010): **24.3 million¹**
- HDI rank (2010): **130th of 169 countries²**
- Percentage of population living on less than US\$1.25 per day (2006): **30%³**
- Gross national income per capita (2008): **US\$630⁴**
- Total CIDA development assistance: **C\$123.85 million⁵**

1. United Nations Population Fund
2. Human Development Index (HDI), *Human Development Report 2010*, United Nations Development Programme
- 3, 4. Country Indicators, World Bank; World Development Indicators Online, 2009
5. Canadian International Development Agency funding: 2009-2010

KEY PROJECTS

Community-Driven Initiatives for Food Security

- Improves household food security in 250 communities in the dry eastern corridor of Ghana's northern region by supporting community-based and district-wide food security initiatives
- Strengthens the capacity of organizations providing agricultural services, reaching 70,000 individuals

District Development Facility

- Supports improving delivery of basic services such as schools, hospitals, and markets, at the local level

Northern Region Small Town Water Systems

- Increases access to water and sanitation services through the construction of small town water supply and sanitation systems in northern Ghana

CIDA's work in Ghana is part of Canada's contribution to the global effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

Food Security

- Contributed to agricultural growth of 6.2 percent in 2009, up from 5.1 percent in 2008
- Helped train 55 community livestock workers in disease control, who then assisted farmers in 180 communities, resulting in improved health and longevity of livestock
- Supported the implementation of 254 community-based food security initiatives and the participatory development of 250 community action plans and 74 area-level plans in twelve districts in northern Ghana

Children and Youth

- Helped 90 percent of pregnant women undertake at least one antenatal visit
- Helped the national Youth Employment Programme provide jobs to more than 110,700 young people in 2009
- Helped approximately 1,700 schools and 657,000 children benefit from the national School Feeding Program in 2009, compared to 975 schools and 476,000 children in the previous year
- Helped increase the enrolment rate at the primary school level to 88.5 percent
- Helped the government to complete 605 new water points in rural communities in 2009

MOVING FORWARD: ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Between 2010 and 2015, CIDA's program in Ghana will focus primarily on food security, as well as children and youth. Key anticipated results include:

Food Security

- Training nearly 150 government officials of the Northern Regional Coordination Council in the planning, coordination and monitoring of food security initiatives
- Strengthening more than 5,200 farm-based organizations to function smoothly and support agricultural productivity
- Improving access for farmers (women and men) to improved technology, farming advice and agricultural supplies

Children and Youth

- Developing water systems in a sustainable manner in about 30 small towns in 13 northern districts
- Providing more than 66 percent of rural communities and small towns with access to safe drinking water by 2011
- Providing more than 500,000 households with access to safe drinking water in urban areas by 2011

KEY PARTNERS

Government of Ghana

Canadian: Parliamentary Centre, CUSO-VSO, Right to Play, CARE Canada, Agriteam Canada, Cowater International, Nova Scotia Agricultural College

Multilateral: World Bank, African Development Bank, World Food Programme, UNICEF, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UNDP



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