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The Agency's Flagship Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Project

Overview

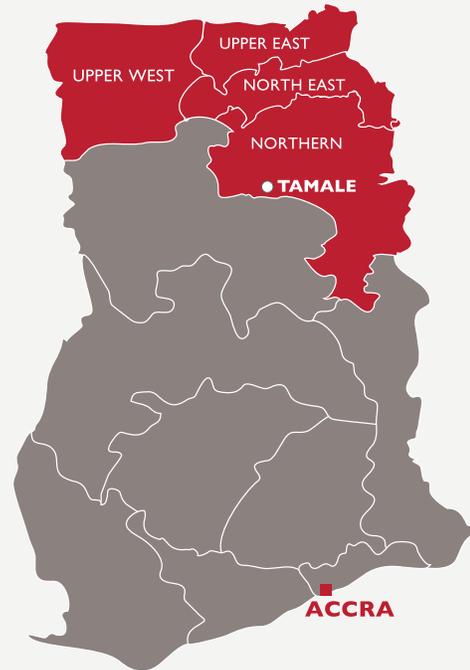
USAID Advancing Nutrition is the USAID's flagship multi-sectoral nutrition project that seeks to improve the nutritional status and health of vulnerable populations around the globe. The five-year project began in October 2018 and our headquarters are in Washington, DC. With expertise across sectors and contexts, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc. and its diverse group of partners help strengthen nutrition outcomes in development and humanitarian response settings. We bring together global nutrition experience to design, implement, and evaluate programs that address the root causes of malnutrition.

Our Work in Ghana

We provide technical support and assessment services to advance the Government of Ghana's efforts to improve district planning for equitable delivery of services that promote household resilience and early childhood growth and development. We work in 17 districts in Northern Ghana.

Our project has four objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Improve country coordination for nutrition and resilience.
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen multi-sector collaboration to develop food security and nutrition (FSN) guidance and tools to inform the medium-term development plans (MTDPs).
- **Objective 3:** Strengthen district-level decision-making on program planning, financing, and implementation for nutrition and resilience.
- **Objective 4:** Strengthen target local governments to integrate multi-sectoral,



PROJECT PERIOD

June 2020–March 2022

WHERE WE WORK

Northern Region

- Gushegu
- Karaga
- Mion
- Nanton
- Sagnarigu
- Yendi

North East Region

- Manprugu-Moagduri
- East Mamprusi

Upper East Region

- Bawku Municipal
- Bawku West
- Garu
- Tempani

Upper West Region

- Daffiama Bussie Issa
- Nadowli-Kaleo
- Sissala East
- Sissala West
- Wa East

evidence-based nutrition strategies in district development plans.

Expected Results

By March 2022, USAID Advancing Nutrition Ghana aims to—

- contribute to the development of FSN guidelines by the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) for district planning processes
- support the 17 districts to produce updated MTDPs, which have time bound nutrition targets
- support the 17 districts to include nutrition-specific activities within their MTDP budgets
- support the 17 districts to increase their nutrition-specific budget, as a proportion of their total budgets, by at least 5 percent
- support the 17 districts to have functioning multi-sector coordination platforms for nutrition
- increase stakeholder knowledge and understanding of multi-sectoral nutrition programming approaches
- support at least 21 organizations in planning, assessment, or design of nutrition programs or strategies.

Planned Activities

USAID Advancing Nutrition Ghana's activities include—

- supporting the NDPC and its stakeholders to assess the performance of FSN services at the subnational level and to develop FSN guidelines for district development planning
- supporting district development planning processes in the 17 districts and the

KEY PARTNERS

- National Development Planning Commission
- Ghana Health Service
- Regional Coordinating Councils
- Implementing Municipal and District Assemblies

integration of multi-sectoral evidence-based nutrition strategies in district development plans

- supporting the 17 District Assemblies to conduct expenditure analyses of district planning and financing for nutrition and resilience
- providing coordination support to the NDPC to better convene multi-sectoral nutrition stakeholders
- holding learning events at national and regional levels to increase knowledge and understanding of multi-sectoral nutrition programming approaches and applicability for subnational planning
- supporting nutrition stakeholders to identify and develop national and subnational performance indicators and measurement
- establishing, supporting, or revitalizing Multi-sectoral Nutrition District Coordination Committees
- conducting a situational analysis of current early childhood development service delivery platforms and opportunities focused primarily in the health sector
- conducting a case study of growth monitoring and promotion services.

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