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The Agency's Flagship Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Project

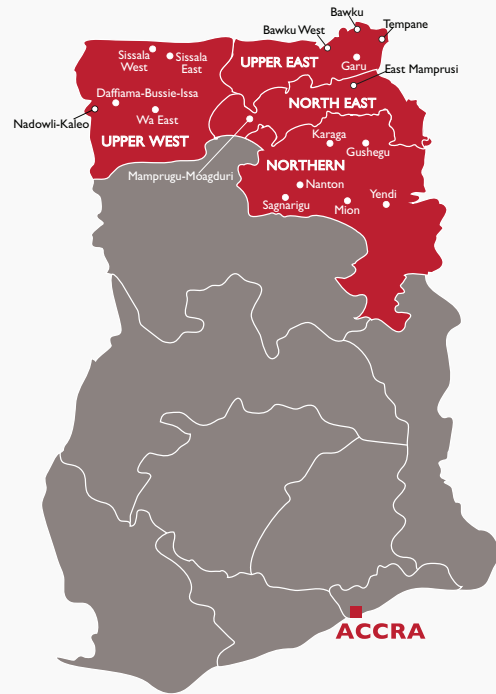
Overview

USAID Advancing Nutrition is the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) flagship multi-sectoral nutrition project, led by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI), and a diverse group of experienced partners. Launched in September 2018, USAID Advancing Nutrition implements nutrition interventions across sectors and disciplines for USAID and its partners. The project's multi-sectoral approach draws together global nutrition experience to design, implement, and evaluate programs that address the root causes of malnutrition.

Our Work in Ghana

USAID Advancing Nutrition provides technical support and assessment services to advance the Government of Ghana's efforts to improve district planning for the equitable delivery of services that promote household resilience and early childhood growth and development. We work in 17 districts in four regions: Northern, Upper East, Upper West, and North East. The project has five objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen multi-sectoral coordination of food and nutrition security at national and district levels.
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen multi-sectoral planning and implementation of food and nutrition security in 17 districts.
- **Objective 3:** Improve budgeting and financing for food and nutrition security in 17 districts.
- **Objective 4:** Strengthen quality and reach of nutrition service delivery.
- **Objective 5:** Increase local government engagement with community structures to promote improved nutrition behaviors.



PROJECT PERIOD

June 2020–September 2022

WHERE WE WORK

Northern Region

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

North East Region

- Manprugu-Moagduri
- East Mamprusi

Upper East Region

- Bawku
- Bawku West
- Garu
- Tempane

Upper West Region

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

Key Achievements

To date, USAID Advancing Nutrition—

- Supported 17 districts to:
 - Prepare their medium-term development plans (MTDPs) for 2022–2025, ensuring the plans incorporate effective strategies to address malnutrition.
 - Establish District Nutrition Coordinating Committees (comprising health, agriculture, education, sanitation, and other relevant sectors) that are now facilitating multi-sectoral collaboration in the planning and implementation of programs to reduce malnutrition.
 - Conduct a situational analysis of food and nutrition security (FNS), which informed the development of programs to improve FNS in those districts.
 - Conduct analyses of expenditures on nutrition and resilience from 2018–2020. Estimating the percentage of allocated funds spent on nutrition and resilience better equips the assemblies to budget in the future. The analyses are ongoing in nine of the districts.
- Supported the National Development Planning Commission to:
 - Create the *Ghana Multi-Sector Food and Nutrition Security Guidelines*, which help district assemblies integrate food and nutrition strategies into their development plans.
 - Strengthen coordination among FNS stakeholders at the national and sub-national levels to work towards enhancing policy formulation, planning, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Assisted the Ghana Health Service as it trained 715 health workers in 17 districts in four regions to improve the delivery of essential nutrition services, especially for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children under the age of five. Health workers were trained in infant and young child feeding, anemia prevention and control, and community-based management of acute malnutrition, among other topics.

KEY PARTNERS

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

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