

IN-COUNTRY PARTNERS

- **Government Institutions:** National Development Planning Commission; Ghana Health Service; Regional Coordinating Councils of Northern, North East, Savannah, Upper East, and Upper West Regions; and Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Assemblies of 55 districts
- **U.N. Agencies:** United Nations Children's Fund
- **USAID Mission in Ghana**

RELATED PUBLICATIONS AND TOOLS

- Ghana Multi-Sector Food and Nutrition Security Planning Guidelines
- Multi-Sectoral Nutrition (MSN) Checklist
- Nutrition Landscape Mapping: Report on Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Governance in Ghana
- Integration of Food and Nutrition Security into District Medium-Term Development Plans—A Review of the 2018–2021 and 2022–2025 MTDPs of 17 Municipal and District Assemblies in Ghana
- District-Level Food Security and Nutrition Expenditure Analysis in Northern Ghana
- Infant & Young Child Feeding/Responsive Caregiving & Early Learning Counseling Flowchart
- Nutrition Training and Supply Needs of 55 Districts in Northern Ghana—A Rapid Assessment



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USAID ADVANCING NUTRITION GHANA

Strengthening National Efforts to Improve Nutrition



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OVERVIEW

Working in Ghana since 2020, USAID Advancing Nutrition provided technical support to advance the Government of Ghana's efforts to improve the planning and delivery of services that promote household resilience and early childhood growth and development in 55 districts across five regions. The project worked to strengthen coordination mechanisms, improve nutrition planning and integration into development plans, and address the lack of tools for nutrition planning and integration and the underlying causes of malnutrition in Ghana. USAID Advancing Nutrition employed a multi-sectoral approach to improve

the quality of nutrition services for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children under age five. To achieve this, USAID Advancing Nutrition worked with government ministries, departments, and agencies and other partners to:

- Strengthen multi-sectoral planning, financing, and coordination of food and nutrition security
- Improve quality and reach of nutrition service delivery
- Strengthen community structures to improve household nutrition and resilience.

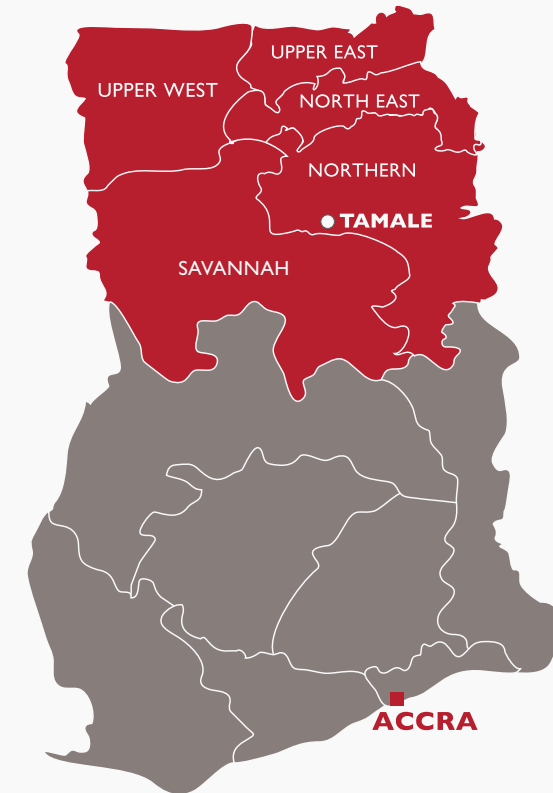


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ACHIEVEMENTS



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STRENGTHENED MULTI-SECTORAL NUTRITION PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND FINANCING

- Supported the process to establish District Nutrition Coordination Committees and revitalize the Cross Sectoral Planning Group and the National Nutrition Partners Coordination Committee.
- Aided the National Development Planning Commission to develop guidelines for mainstreaming food and nutrition security (FNS) into district medium-term development plans (MTDPs).
- Assisted 17 Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Assemblies (MMDAs) to develop their MTDPs for 2022-2025 and incorporate multi-sectoral strategies to address malnutrition.
- Supported the increase of budgetary allocations to FNS in the 2022-2025 MTDPs of 10 MMDAs.

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IMPROVED QUALITY AND REACH OF NUTRITION SERVICES

- Supported the Ghana Health Service (GHS) to reach over 200,000 children under 5 and over 70,000 pregnant women with nutrition services.
- Strengthened the competencies of health workers in nutrition service delivery by training over 5,000 health workers in infant and young child feeding (IYCF), anemia prevention and control, community management of acute malnutrition, responsive care and early learning, and more.
- Supplied over 290,000 copies of the maternal and child health record book and other registers and trained health workers to use them for improved nutrition data quality.
- Strengthened the capacity of over 1,000 health workers to use quality improvement approaches and data from the nutrition scorecard to address service delivery gaps.
- Worked with the GHS to develop a training curriculum, including a workflow chart, for integrating responsive care and early learning into child welfare clinic services.

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STRENGTHENED COMMUNITY STRUCTURES AND BEHAVIORS

- Supported the GHS to improve IYCF and responsive caregiving in four districts, with increases in minimum dietary diversity and acceptable diet for children 6–23 and in responsive caregiver-child interactions.
- Reached over 60,000 community members with key messages on nutrition, environmental health, and food safety.
- Strengthened the capacity of 340 village savings and loans associations (VSLAs) and mother-to-mother support groups (MTMSGs) to integrate VSLA and nutrition activities.
- Supported about 10,000 VSLA/MTMSG members to save over three million Ghana cedis and invest in family nutrition and health care.