



Summary of DFID's work in Ghana 2011-2015

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Why we work in Ghana

Ghana is proof that development works. Sustained economic growth and political stability have helped to put the country on target to halve poverty by 2015. But there is still much work to do – such as bridging the gap between progress made in the north and the south, making sure oil revenues are used effectively, and tackling the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that remain off-track. Ghana is significantly off-track on MDG 3 (gender equality) and needs to make more progress on MDG 4 (child mortality) and MDG 5 (maternal mortality).

Ghana is at a key stage in its development. UK support to Ghana over these four years will consolidate recent achievements, deliver further results for poor people, and help to lay the groundwork for graduation from aid. DFID's work in Ghana has two cross-cutting priorities: women and girls, and development in the poor northern savannah.



UK aid supported Cynthia Mensah (Chair of Brong Ahafo market women's association) and other traders to campaign for a fairer tax system. Cynthia says "My business and that of other women in the market is better because we spoke up and took action. With stable incomes, we are also now in the position to provide for our families."



Juliana (left) and Saiba (right) have both gone back to education through the UK aid supported "School for Life" programme. "I want to save people in my community", says Saiba when asked why she wanted to become a nurse. UK aid will ensure that 120,000 out-of-school children are educated by 2015.

What we will achieve by 2015

- Up to 525,000 more Ghanaians using family planning methods.
- 50,000 producers accessing business services.
- 4.75 million mosquito nets distributed to help prevent malaria.
- Cash grants provided to 100,000 of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Ghana, 60% of whom are women.
- 140,000 children supported in basic **education**.
- 70,000 girls staying in high school through providing them with incentives to remain in education.
- 11,246,982 helped to vote through support to the 2012 national election.

Who we will work with

In health and education, DFID will work with the Government of Ghana, private sector, NGOs, the United Nations and other development partners to invest in programmes to tackle malaria, maternal health and family planning, and education quality.

DFID will work with various organisations, using different instruments such as challenge funds and results-based financing, to increase innovation and competition. DFID will support business to stimulate economic growth and job creation in the North, and will help to improve business competitiveness in Ghana.

Civil society will remain a key partner, with significant new resources for the multi-donor Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Responsiveness (STAR) Ghana initiative. DFID will continue to work closely with the World Bank, including on support to Ghana's statistics service, the Government of Ghana's LEAP (Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty) cash transfer programme, and through building capacity on public private partnerships and public financial management. The conclusions of DFID's Multilateral Aid Review will be taken into account in our work with multilateral partners in Ghana.



Hajja Salamatu founded Tamaiko farm in the Northern Region of Ghana 40 years ago, with a capital equivalent of just 20 pence. She now employs 153 people, 90 of whom are women. "It is important to employ women," says Hajja. Over this four-year period, UK aid will help entrepreneurs like Hajja to start and expand businesses.

How we will work

More than ever, in the current financial climate, we have a duty to show that we are achieving value for money in everything we do. Results, transparency and accountability will be our watchwords. We are determined to get value for money for every hard-earned taxpayer pound spent on development. In Ghana we are:

- Working with civil society to help them become better engaged in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of the Government of Ghana's policies.
- Encouraging disclosure of information by public institutions in Ghana. This will include working with the Government of Ghana to improve the availability and usefulness to the public of information about government budgets and expenditure.
- Requiring DFID's implementing partners to demonstrate how they will promote transparency and collect feedback from beneficiaries.
- Supporting the Government of Ghana and relevant agencies to increase the transparency of what oil companies are producing and of the revenues that the Government of Ghana is receiving from oil and gas, and the effectiveness of how these revenues are spent.

More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Ghana's Operational Plan, please visit: www.gov.uk/government/world/ghana

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