

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 south, making sure oil revenues are used effectively and tackling 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 the next four years will consolidate recent achievements, deliver further results for poor people, and help to lay the groundwork for graduation from aid in around 10 years. DFID in Ghana has two cross-cutting priorities: women and girls and growth and poverty reduction in the North.



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 140,000 children receive basic education over the next three years.

What we will achieve

- Up to 608,000 more Ghanaians using family planning methods by 2015
- 50,000 producers accessing business services by 2015
- 4.75 million mosquito nets distributed to help prevent malaria by 2015
- Cash grants provided to 100,000 of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Ghana by 2015, 60% of whom are women
- 140,000 children will receive basic education over the next three years
- Keep 70,000 girls in high school by 2015 by providing incentives to encourage them to attend
- Help 9,443,700 people vote in the 2012 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 in the North, including the Government-established Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA), using challenge funds and results-based financing to increase innovation and competition. DFID will work with businesses on economic growth in the North and on Ghana's overall competitiveness.

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 - LEAP) cash transfer programme, and through public private partnerships and public financial management. The conclusions of DFID's Multilateral Aid Review will be taken into account in our work with the multilateral partners in Ghana.

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 in the budget.
- Requiring DFID's implementing partners to demonstrate how they will promote transparency and collect feedback from beneficiaries.
- Supporting the Government of Ghana and anti-corruption organisations involved in ensuring transparency on what oil companies are producing, what the Government of Ghana is receiving and how oil revenues are spent.

More information

For a more detailed breakdown of Ghana's Operational Plan, please visit <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/ghana>.

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Haija 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 Haija. Over the next four years, UK aid will help entrepreneurs, like Haija.