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INTRODUCTION

- GSFP is an initiative by Ghana to achieve the UN-MDGs on hunger, poverty and primary education.
- It is a response to Pillar 3 of the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD).
THE CONCEPT

The basic concept of the programme is to provide pupils in selected public primary schools in the country with one hot, nutritious meal per school day, using locally-grown foodstuffs.
The goal of the programme is to contribute to poverty reduction and food security in Ghana.
OBJECTIVES

➢ To reduce short term hunger and malnutrition in school children

➢ To increase school enrolment, attendance and retention

➢ To boost domestic food production
The programme started in September 2005, with 1,984 pupils, in 10 pilot schools, one in each region of Ghana.

Currently the programme covers 656,624 pupils, in 1,698 selected public primary schools in all 170 districts of the country.

The plan is to scale up the programme to benefit 1,040,000 pupils by the end of the year 2010.
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- The Programme Steering Committee.
- Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.
- The GSFP National Secretariat.
- The Technical Ministries, i.e., Education, Health, Agric, Finance and Women and Children
- Strategic partners and external support agencies.
- The local governments – the RCCs / the District Assemblies
- The beneficiary communities
- Civil Society Organisations
- The Media
INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AND PARTICIPATION

- The PSC provides policy guidance, direction and policy decisions
- The MLGRD has oversight responsibility for GSFP.
- The GSFP Secretariat has overall responsibility for implementation of the programme.
- The Technical Ministries for GSFP –MoFA, MoH, MoE, MFEP and MoWAC - provide the technical expertise with respect to their sectors on GSFP.
INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE AND PARTICIPATION

• The strategic partners are – EKN, WFP, SNV, Agro-Eco ADRA, WVI, SEND, UNICEF etc.

• The DAs undertake the actual implementation of GSFP on the ground using their already existing structures.

• CSOs assist in providing complementary services to GSFP e.g water, sanitation, energy etc.

• The media keeps the world outside the programme informed about the programme.
MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

- The Government of Ghana
- The Royal Netherlands Government
- World Food Programme (WFP)
ACHIEVEMENTS

- Provision of one hot nutritious meal, prepared from local foodstuffs to the beneficiary pupil on every school going day
- Average of 20-25% increase in enrolment in the beneficiary schools
- Average of 90-95% increase in school attendance and retention
- Reduction in short term hunger
- Boosting of local economy through purchases of locally produced foodstuffs
KEY CHALLENGES

- Linkage of local farmers to the programme
- Securing sustainable funding for the programme
- Effective collaboration with stakeholders / partners
- Effective Monitoring and Evaluation systems
- Strategy for sustainability of the programme
THE WAY FORWARD

- Increase ownership by beneficiary districts / communities
- Improve access to potable water and sanitation facilities at the schools
- Improve collaboration and cooperation among partners
- Enhance sensitisation of the public on the programme
- Linkage of the programme to local small holder farmers
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