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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

APR	Annual Progress Report
NDPC	National Development Planning Commission
MDAs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MMDAs	Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
PPME	Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PPME)
RSIM	Research, Statistics and Information Management (RSIM)
GoG	Government of Ghana
CSO	Civil Society Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
SMTDP	Sector Medium Term Development Plan
AWP	Annual Work Plan
NMTDF	National Medium-Term Development Framework
FNS	Food and nutrition security
LEAP	Livelihood Empowerment against Poverty
MoGCSP	Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection
PWD	Persons with Disability
UN	United Nation
NCPD	National Council for Persons with Disability
DD	Development Dimension
DPs	Development Partners
SP	Social Protection
GNHR	Ghana National Household Registry
SOP	Standard of Operation
ECCD	Early Childhood Care and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
GSFP	Ghana School Feeding Program
IGF	Internally Generated Fund
DACF	District Assemblies Common Fund
GA	General Administration
SGBV	Sex and Gender-Base Violence
GHANAP	Ghana National Action Plan Two
GTV	Ghana Television
UNFPA	United Nation Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)
CFWP	Child and Family Welfare Policy
JFCP	Justice for Children Policy
GESP	Ghana Employment and Social Protection
SWCMS	Single Window Case Management System

GHIPSS	Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement Systems
UNCRPD	United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
HT	Human Trafficking
MCEs	Municipal Chief Executive
DCEs	District Chief Executives
DV	Domestic Violence
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
NHIS	National Health Insurance Scheme
HFFG	Hope for Future Generations
SG	Star Ghana
ADG	Abantu for Development Ghana

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 PURPOSE OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION FOR THE PERIOD JAN. TO DEC. 2019**

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) prepared the 2019 Annual Progress Report (APR) in fulfillment of the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) Act, 1994 (Act 480). Under the Act, all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) are expected to submit Annual Progress Reports on the implementation of their respective policies, strategies and programmes as they relate to the National Development Goals and the Sector Medium Term Development Plans.

Monitoring and Evaluation activities conducted during the period under review were to assess the level of implementation of planned programmes and projects for the 2019 financial year in order to improve performance and achieve results. It was also to highlight challenges encountered during implementation to enable the Ministry reconsider the various implementation measures adopted with a view to improving subsequent performance and impact.

### **1.2 PROCESS INVOLVED IN CONDUCTING MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

The monitoring and evaluation activities were conducted in a participatory manner. The Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate (PPMED) lead MoGCSP's M&E activities in collaboration with its implementing Departments, Council and Secretariats. The data shows the extent to which the programmes and projects are contributing to the achievement of the sector's mandate, goals and objectives.

Both quantitative and qualitative data were gathered by the Ministry. This was to ensure that demographic, socio-economic, expenditure and other data were included to inform policy direction.

Sources of primary data include tendering and contract awards, audit recommendations, transfers of GoG and Donor funds, programmes and projects undertaken and their impacts on targeted beneficiaries etc. Secondary data was as well very important in the APR preparation. Data from other stakeholders such as MDAs, Research Institutions, CSO's and NGOs had been gathered and analyzed to determine the level of achievement.

A validation forum on both primary and secondary data collected was organized to ensure that errors, misinformation and inconsistencies were eliminated.

### **1.3 STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTOR MEDIUM TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SMTDP) 2018-2021**

The status of implementation of the Sector Medium Term Development Plan (SMTDP) 2018-2021 has been provided in three (3) sections. Section one (1) provides an assessment of the implementation of the 2019 Annual Work Plan (AWP) in the SMTDP. Section two (2) assesses the level of achievement under

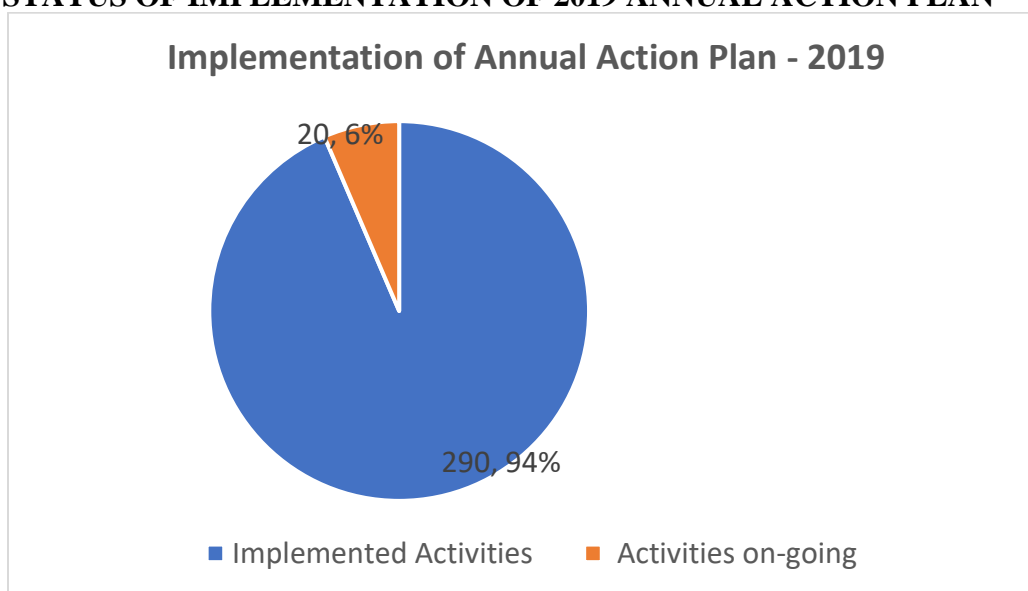
each of the Development Dimensions and Section three (3) provides an overall assessment of the level of implementation of the SMTDP.

### 1.3.1 Section One (1): Implementation of 2019 Annual Work Plan

In the year under review, a total of *Three hundred and ten (310)* activities were outlined for implementation in the 2019 Annual Work Plan. These activities are divided along the Development Dimensions as (i) Social Development with *Two hundred and sixty-two (262)* planned activities and (ii) Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability with *forty-eight (48)* planned activities.

As at the end of 2019, a total number of *Two hundred and ninety (290)* planned activities, representing 94% have been implemented and the remaining *Twenty (20)* planned activities representing 6% are on-going and at various stages of completion.

**Figure 1. 1 STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**



### 1.3.2 Section Two (2): Level of Implementation of Development Dimensions

The National Medium-Term Development Framework (NMTDF) 2018-2021: *“An Agenda for jobs, Creating Equal Opportunities for all”* outlined five (5) broad Development Dimensions that MDAs are required to align their operations. These are:

- (i) Economic Development;
- (ii) Social Development;
- (iii) Environment, Infrastructure and Human Settlements;
- (iv) Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability, and
- (v) Ghana’s Role in International Affairs.

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection is working with two out of the five Development Dimensions in the National Medium-Term Development Policy Framework (NMTDPF) 2018-2021.



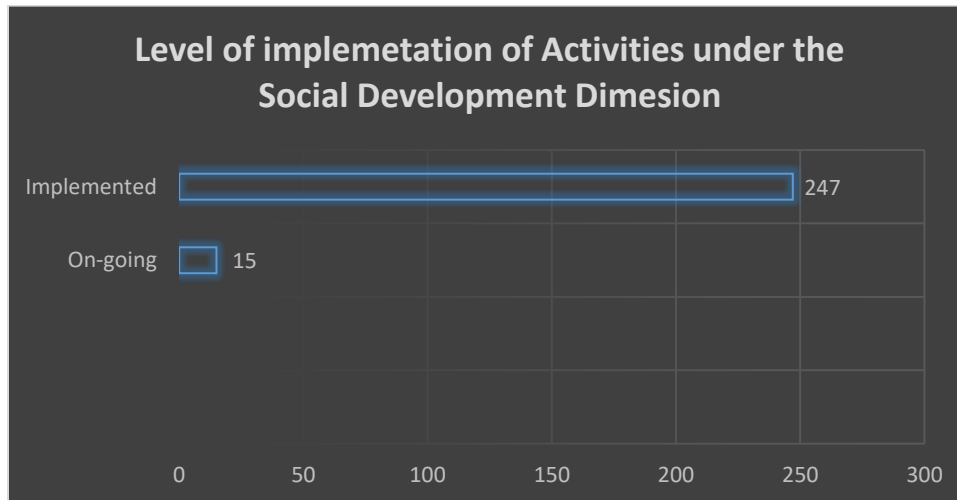
These Development Dimensions are:

- (i) Social Development and
- (ii) Governance, Corruption and Accountability.

### 1.3.2.1 Development Dimension 1 (DD1) - Social Development

In the year under review, a total number of *Two hundred and sixty-two (262)* activities were planned to be implemented under the Social Development Dimension. Out of this number, a total of *Two hundred and forty-seven (247)* representing 94% of the total planned activities were implemented with the remaining *Fifteen (15)* activities on-going and at various stages of completion.

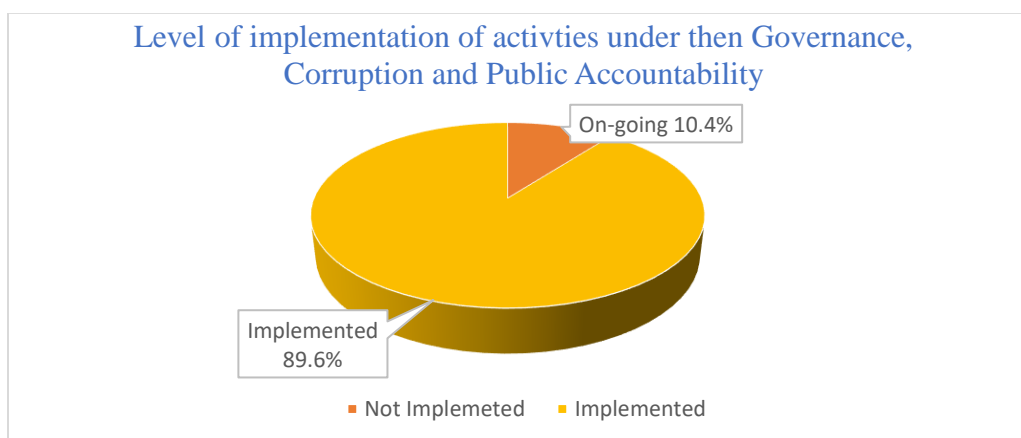
**Figure 1. 2 LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION**



### 1.3.2.2 Development Dimension 2 (DD2) - Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability

There were **Forty-Eight (48)** planned activities in the 2019 Annual Action Plan under the Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability Development Dimension. Out of these activities, **Forty-Three (43)** were implemented representing 89.6% with the remaining activities near completion.

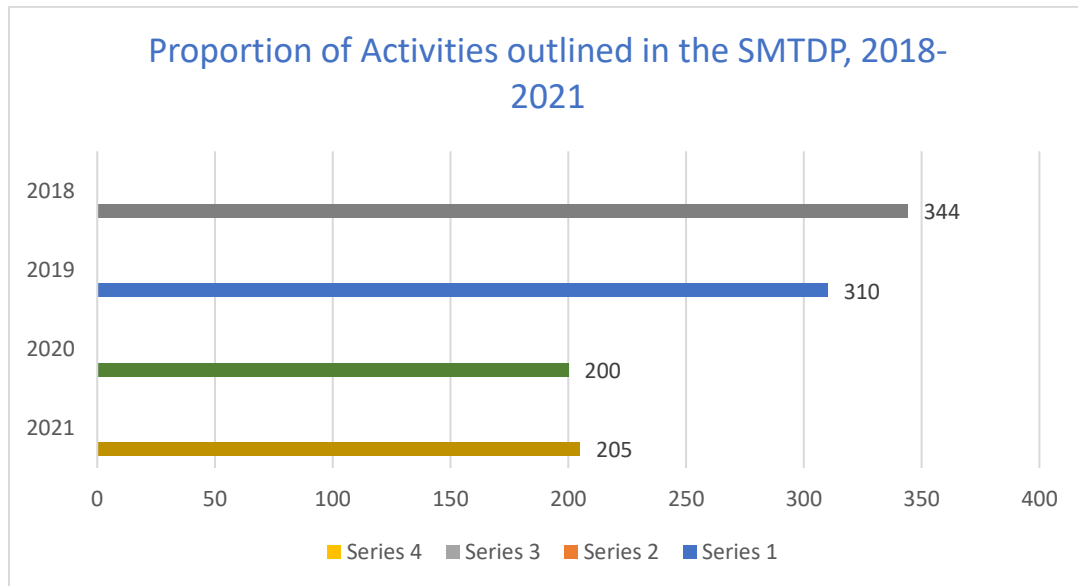
**Figure 1. 3 LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE GOVERNANCE, CORRUPTION AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY**



### 1.3.3 Section Three (3) - Level of Implementation of SMTDP 2018-2021

The year under review is the second implementation year of MoGCSP’s SMTDP, 2018-2021. In 2018 a total of 330 activities were implemented representing 32.5% of activities in the SMTDP. In 2019, 290 activities were also implemented constituting 29.3%. In the year 2020 and 2021, the Ministry will implement 200 (18.9%) and 205 (19.3%) activities respectively to complete the implementation of the plan.

**Figure 1. 4 PROPORTION OF ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN THE SMTDP 2018-2021**



### 1.3.4 MoGCSP’s adopted objectives and strategies from the NMTDPF

**Table 1. 1 DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION, ADOPTED OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES OF THE MOGCSP**

This table shows the objectives and strategies adopted by the Ministry and aligned to the respective development dimension as in the NMTDP 2018-2021:

DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	ADOPTED OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES
<b>Social Development</b>	Attain gender equality and equity in political, social and economic development systems and outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure passage and implementation of the Affirmative Action (Gender Equality) Bill (SDG Target 5.c)</li> <li>• Target attainment of gender balance on all government-appointed committees, boards and official bodies (SDG Targets 5.1, 5.5, 5.c)</li> <li>• Institute gender-responsive budgeting and training on gender equality in civil and public services (SDG Target 5.c)</li> <li>• Introduce measures to promote change in socio-cultural norms and</li> </ul>

		values inhibiting gender equality <b>(SDG Targets 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 10.2)</b>
	Promote economic empowerment of women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reintroduce and enforce the administrative directive on reservation of 30% of poverty alleviation funds of MMDAs to service women's enterprises <b>(SDG Target 5.c)</b></li> <li>• Improve access to education, health and skills training in income-generating activities for vulnerable persons including head porters (<i>kayayei</i>) <b>(SDG Targets 3.8, 4.5)</b></li> <li>• Institute mentoring of girls' programme to create a pool of potential female leaders <b>(SDG Targets 5.1, 5.c)</b></li> </ul>
	Harness the benefits of migration for socio-economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve living conditions of female head porters (<i>kayayei</i>) (SDG Targets 1.1, 1.2)</li> </ul>
	Ensure food and nutrition security (FNS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement a food and nutrition security strategy which adopts a life-cycle approach to addressing malnutrition at all levels (SDG Target 2.2)</li> </ul>
	Strengthen food and nutrition security governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and disseminate a multi-stakeholder social mobilisation, advocacy and communication strategy on food and nutrition security (SDG Target 3.d )</li> </ul>
	Promote full participation of PWDs in social and economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend and implement Disability Act 2006 (Act 715) to conform to the UN Convention on Disability (SDG Targets 1.3, 1.4, 16.3, 16.b)</li> <li>• Ensure passage of legislative instruments for implementation of Mental Health Act, 2012 (Act 846) and Disability Act, 2006 (Act 715) (SDG Targets 3.4, 16.3, 17.14)</li> <li>• Decentralise NCPD fully to district level to coordinate issues of disability (SDG Target 16.6)</li> </ul>
	Ensure that PWDs enjoy all the benefits of Ghanaian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the implementation of the Ghana Accessibility Standards to ensure access of PWDs to the built</li> </ul>

	<p>citizenship</p>	<p>environment, goods, services and assistive devices (SDG Targets 10.2, 11.1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the eradication of disability-related discrimination (SDG Targets 5.1, 10.2, 10.3)</li> <li>• Encourage use of sign language in public institutions (SDG Target 4.7)</li> <li>• Integrate PWDs issues in local and national governance systems. (SDG Target 10.2)</li> </ul>
	<p>Strengthen social protection, especially for children, women, persons with disability and the elderly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainstream social protection into sector plans and budgets (SDG Targets 1.3, 10.4)</li> <li>• Enact national social protection law which establishes a social protection floor (SDG Targets 1.3, 5.4, 10.4)</li> <li>• Strengthen and effectively implement existing social protection intervention programmes and expand their coverage to include all vulnerable groups (SDG Targets 1.3, 5.4, 10.4)</li> <li>• Expand Ghana national household registry database to cover all 10 regions (SDG Targets 16.9, 17.8)</li> <li>• Strengthen access for vulnerable groups to justice, rights, and entitlements (SDG Targets 1.4, 16.3)</li> <li>• Strengthen education and awareness against stigma, abuse, discrimination, and harassment of vulnerable people (SDG Targets 16.2, 16.3, 16.b)</li> <li>• Promote viable and sustainable economic livelihood schemes for vulnerable people, including fisher folk (SDG Targets 1.4, 2.3, 14.b)</li> <li>• Establish effective institutional arrangements for implementation of national social protection policy (SDG Targets 5.c, 16.6)</li> <li>• Institute dedicated and sustainable funding arrangements for the national social protection scheme (SDG Target 10.4)</li> <li>• Establish well-resourced shelters for abused persons (SDG Target 11.1)</li> <li>• Develop and implement productive and financial inclusion alongside the</li> </ul>

		LEAP cash grant to facilitate graduation of LEAP beneficiaries from the cash transfer programme (SDG Targets 8.10, 9.3)
	Ensure effective child protection and family welfare system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop policies to address issues of child trafficking, “streetism”, child online protection and other neglected conditions (SDG Targets 8.7, 16.2)</li> <li>• Establish an inter-sectoral framework for collaboration, implementation and accountability for child protection and family welfare issues (SDG Targets 8.7, 16.2, 16.6)</li> <li>• Decentralise Department of Children for effective coordination and implementation of interventions (SDG Targets 16.2, 16.6)</li> <li>• Develop child protection management information system (SDG Target 17.18)</li> <li>• Promote implementation of policies that increase enrolment and retention in schools such as the School Feeding Programme and Capitation Grant (SDG Targets 4.1, 4.2, 16.6, 16.b)</li> <li>• Increase awareness of child protection (SDG Targets 5.3, 16.2, 16.3)</li> </ul>
	Ensure the rights and entitlements of children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation and early child marriage. (SDG Targets 5.3, 16.2, 16.3)</li> <li>• Enhance inclusion of children with disability and special needs in all spheres of child development (SDG Targets 4.5, 4.a, 10.2, 11.2)</li> <li>• Promote justice for children, including reforming child panels, setting up family courts and strengthening capacity of correctional facilities and caregivers (SDG Target 16.3)</li> </ul>
	Enhance the well-being of the aged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate passage of the National Ageing Bill (SDG Target 16.6)</li> <li>• Establish an Ageing Council to coordinate implementation of the ageing policy (SDG Target 16.6)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build capacity to formulate, implement, monitor and evaluate policies on ageing (SDG Targets 1.3, 10.2, 16.b)</li> <li>• Mainstream ageing issues in national development frameworks and poverty-reduction strategies (SDG Targets 1.3, 1.b, 17.14)</li> <li>• Promote socially supportive community care systems for the aged, based on positive traditional and modern values, devoid of stereotyping, discrimination and disrespect (SDG Targets 1.3, 1.b, 5.4)</li> <li>• Pay adequate attention to gender variations in ageing (SDG Targets 5.1, 5.c)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Governance, corruption and public accountability</b>	Enhance capacity for policy formulation and coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the capacity of public institutions to undertake policy analysis, development planning, monitoring and evaluation, macro-econometric modelling and forecasting (SDG Target 17.9)</li> <li>• Strengthen capacity of research and statistical information management systems of MDAs and MMDAs (SDG Targets 16.6, 17.19)</li> </ul>

Source: MoGCSP's SMTDP 2018-2021

**Table 1. 2 PROPORTION OF THE SMTDP IMPLEMENTED IN 2019**

Indicators	Baseline	Target	Actual
	2018	2019	2019
<b>1. PROPORTION OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLANS IMPLEMENTED:</b>			
a. Percentage completed	95.5%	100%	94%
b. Percentage of ongoing interventions	4.5%	8%	6%
c. Percentage of interventions abandoned	0%	0%	0%
d. Percentage of interventions yet to start	0%	0%	0%

<b>2. LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DIMENSIONS</b>	<b>2019</b>	
	<b>Planned/Target</b>	<b>Executed</b>
<b>a. DD1: Social Development - % Completed</b>	100%	94%
<b>b. DD 2: Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability - % completed</b>	100%	89.6%
<b>3. Proportion of the overall Medium-Term Development Plan (2018-2021) implemented</b>		
		<b>654/1059 = 61.8%</b>

#### **1.4 DIFFICULTIES AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED**

In the year 2019, a number of challenges were encountered during implementation. Key among these challenges included;

- Inadequate number of Technical Staff
- Inadequate logistics
- Limited office accommodation and space
- Inadequate staff at the Regional Offices of the Departments of Gender and Children
- Decrease in financial support by DPs for Social Protection interventions
- Inadequate and delay in release of funds

## 2.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES REPORT

### 2.1 PROGRAMME/PROJECT STATUS FOR THE YEAR 2019

#### 2.1.1 Project Register

During the year under review, the MoGCSP had one (1) project (Ministerial building complex). This project is aligned to the Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability Development Dimension. The project is 70% completed. Please find details of the project in table 2 below:

**Table 2. PROJECT REGISTER**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION OF THE POLICY FRAMEWORK	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT	TOTAL CONTRACT SUM (GHS)	SOURCE OF FUNDING	DATE OF AWARD	DATE STARTED	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REMARKS
Construction of 5 story Ministerial Office Building	Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability	Accra	Brazz Construction Works Limited	4,462,248	GOG	8 <sup>th</sup> December, 2008	8 <sup>th</sup> December, 2008	Dec, 2020	20,367,074.80		70%	Enough budgetary allocation should be made available to enable the timely completion of the project and to avoid cost overruns.



## 2.1.2. PROGRAMME REGISTER

During the year under review, the Ministry implemented programmes and activities that were aligned to the two development dimension i.e Social Development and Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability. These corresponds to the twelve (12) adopted strategies in the NMDTPF. Table 2.3 below indicates details of key activities implemented during in 2019.

**Table 2. 1 PROGRAMME REGISTER.**

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION (ACTIVITY)	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION OF POLICY FRAMEWORK	AMOUNT INVOLVED SUM GHS	SOURCE OF FUNDING	DATE STARTED	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS (%)	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES	REMARKS
Organised Orientation and Training Workshop for 24 NECC members on ECCD and emerging child protection issues.	Social Development	53,033.45	GOG	1/01/2019	20/01/2019	53,033.45		100%	24	
Revised Zero Draft of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) through a stakeholder validation meetings.		151,000	GOG	1/04/2019	4/04/2019	151,000			55	
Engaged 180 men and boys in Amanfro (Ga South Municipal Authority) and Amasaman, (Ga West Municipal Assembly) in the Greater Accra Region on their role in achieving gender equality and sexual reproductive health issues.		30,330	GOG	03/2019	03/2019	30,330			180	

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION (ACTIVITY)	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION OF POLICY FRAMEWORK	AMOUNT INVOLVED SUMGHS	SOURCE OF FUNDING	DATE STARTED	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS (%)	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES	REMARKS
Held mentorship programme for 100 girls who are to be peer educators and advocates for Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Rights, Sexual and Gender Based Violence, Teenage Pregnancy and Child Marriage		19,516	GoG	03/2019	08/2019	19,516			100	
Launched and operationalized the 50 million Women Speak Project.		400,000	Direct funding from EGDC for 50 million Speak Project	01/2019	01/2019	400,000				Consultant recruited to establish the 50 Million Women Speak Platform.
Engaged 5,564 men and boys throughout the country on reproductive health rights, teenage pregnancy, and sexual and gender based violence.		15,000	GOG	01/2019	12/2019	15,000			5564	
		125,370	UNFPA			125,370				
Provided 360 children with care and education		354,209.60	GOG	01/2019	On-going				360	

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Provided 108 children with psychosocial counselling for 4 correctional institutions and 3 Remand Homes		17,300.00	GOG	1/01/2019	On-going	17,300.00			180	
Provided vocational skills training for 340 out of school youth		22,300.00	GOG	1/1/2019	On-going	22,300.00			340	
One hundred and nine (109) PWDs receiving vocational training at the rehabilitation centres.		10,000.00	GOG	1/1/2019	On-going	10,000.00			109	
Conducted bi-monthly cash grant payment to 332,200 beneficiary households of LEAP		153,185,226.00	GOG	1/1/2019	31/12/2019	153,185,226.00			332,200	
Organized 22 Community Dialogues in Central and Ahafo Regions on Social Protection, Gender, Domestic Violence, Child Rights And Human Trafficking issues.		196,500	GOG	1/03/2019	On-going	196,500			5,000	
63 victims of Human Trafficking cared for at the shelter for adult and 12 Vietnamese cared for in a private shelter		57,000	GOG	1/1/2019	31/12/2019	57,000			105	

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The Ministry organized its maiden Summit under the theme; <b>“Promoting Social Inclusion: Leave No One Behind”</b> from 26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra.		83,070.00	GOG	26/08/2019	30/08/2019	83,070		100%	700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Aide Memoire on the Annual Summit was developed and being implemented by the Departments, Secretariats and Council.</li> <li>Periodic reports are to be prepared and shared with Management and members of the Sector Working Group</li> </ul>

Source: MOGCSP 2019

### 3.0 UPDATE ON FUNDING SOURCES AND DISBURSEMENT

#### 3.1 Introduction

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection is mandated to ensure gender equality through the mainstreaming of gender considerations, promote the welfare and protection of children and empower the vulnerable, excluded, the aged and persons with disabilities through social protection interventions to contribute to national development.

#### 3.2 Update on Funding Sources

The Ministry and its three Departments namely; Department of Gender (DOG), Department of Children (DOC) and Department of Social Welfare (DSW) and four Secretariats namely; Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP), Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP), Human Trafficking (HT) and Domestic Violence (DV) and one Council namely; National Council on Persons With Disability (NCPD) were allocated a total budget of **GH¢ 593,270,898** in 2019.

The breakdown is as follows:

**GH¢ 568,150,788.00** GOG Funds including LEAP and GSFP

**GH¢ 21,530.00** IGF

**GH¢ 5,098,580.00** Development Partner Funds.

**Table 3. 1 REVENUE ANALYSIS TABLE (GH¢)**

Revenue Source	Baseline 2018	Target 2019	Actual 2019
Central Government Transfers	472,268,682.61	*568,150,788.00	704,017,055.49
IGF	22,072.32	21,530.00	19,489.00
DP support	24,180,996.26	25,098,580.00	22,649,818.29
others	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>496,471,751.19</b>	<b>593,270,898</b>	<b>726,686,362.78</b>

*\*An amount of GHS 100,000,000 was appropriated to the GSFP in the Mid-Year Budget*

#### Allocations to Programmes

The ceiling that was allocated to Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection Headquarters and its agencies is shown in **Table 3.2** below:

**Table 3. 2 2019 ALLOCATION BY FUND SOURCE AND AGENCY**

AGENCY	GOG (GH¢)	IGF (GH¢)	DP (GH¢)	TOTAL (GH¢)
MoGCSP's Headquarters	13,355,914.00	0	17,425,901	30,781,815
Gender Equality and Women Development	1,771,811.00	0	1,438,094.00	3,209,905.00
Child Right Promotion,	2,479,667.00	21,530	1,438,094	3,939,291.00

Protection and Development				
LEAP	168,000,000.00	0	0	168,000,000.00
GSFP	362,016,517.00	0	0	362,016,517.00
Department of Social Welfare	19,753,491.00	0	3,137,662.00	22,891,153.00
Securing Inclusion for Disability	410,360.00	0	90,000.00	500,360
Human Trafficking	161,211.00	0	653,679.00	814,890
Domestic Violence	201,817.00	0	915,150.00	1,116,967
	<b>568,150,788</b>	<b>21,530</b>	<b>25,098,580</b>	<b>593,270,898</b>

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection was allocated a total budget of *Five Hundred and Ninety-Three Million Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight Ghana Cedis (GH¢593,270,898.00)* in 2019.

*The total expenditure stood at Seven Hundred and Twenty-Six Million, Six Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-Two Ghana Cedis, Seventy-Eight Pesewas (GH¢726,686,362.78 ) as at December, 2019.*

GoG amounted to *Seven Hundred and Four Million, Seventeen Thousand and Fifty-Five Ghana Cedis, Forty-Nine Pesewas (GHs 704,017,055.49).*

*NB: Out of this amount, GH¢123,700,000.00 from Non-Road Arrears and GH¢100,000,000 from DACF were released to the Ministry by the Ministry of Finance to support Ghana School Feeding Programme payments to caterers.*

Funds from Development Partners amounted to *Twenty-Two Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighteen Ghana Cedis, Twenty-Nine Pesewas (GHs 22,649,818.29).*

Again, Internally Generated Fund (IGF) amounted to *Nineteen Thousand and Four Hundred and Eighty-Nine Ghana Cedis, (GH¢19,489.00).*

For Compensation of Employees, an amount of *Thirty Million and One Hundred and Sixty-Thousand thousand, Forty-Seven Ghana Cedis (GH¢30,160,047.00)* was budgeted for and actual expenditure as at December, 2019 stood at *Twenty-Nine Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Nine Ghana Cedis, Fifteen Pesewas (GH¢29,574,279.15)* representing 98.06%.

In 2019, budgeted amount for Goods and Service was *Three Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Ghana Cedis, (GH¢ 3,224,224)* while expenditure for Goods and Service stood at *Two Million, Five Hundred and Forty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Eight Ghana Cedis and Ninety Pessewas (GH¢ 2,541,728.90)* as at December, 2019. This represents 78.83% of amount budgeted under Goods and Services.

As at December, 2019, the Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP) has received an amount of *Five Hundred Million, and Thirty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢500,033,232.00)* out of their approved budget of *Three Hundred and Sixty-Two Million, Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventeen Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 362,016,517.00)*.

The Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme received a budgetary allocation of *One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Ghana Cedis (GH¢168,000,000.00)*. *One Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-One Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 167,098,331.44)* was expended as at December 2019.

**Table 3. 3 EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>BASELINE 2018 (GH¢)</b>	<b>TARGET 2019 (GH¢)</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019 (GH¢)</b>
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	24,656,686.66	30,160,047.00	29,574,279.15
GOODS AND SERVICES (excluding LEAP and GSFP)	2,323,200.00	3,224,224.00	2,541,723.90
GOODS AND SERVICES (LEAP)	123,216,334.00	168,000,000.00	167,098,331.44
GOODS AND SERVICES (GSFP)	358,330,705.00	*362,016,517.00	500,033,232.00
CAPEX	9,246,170.14	4,750,000.00	4,750,000.00
<b>GOG TOTAL</b>	<b>517,773,095.80</b>	<b>568,150,788</b>	<b>703,997,566.49</b>

*Source: MOGCSP, 2019*

### **COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, GoG Compensation of Employees payments stood at *GH¢29,574,279.15* constituting 98.05% of total Compensation of Employees expended.

### **GOODS AND SERVICES**

The actual payments in respect of GoG Goods and Services excluding LEAP and GSFP amounted to *GH¢2,541,728.90* which translated to 78.8% of total Goods and Services expected. The expenditure for GOG Goods and Services for LEAP amounted to *GH¢167,098,331.44* representing 99.6%. For GSFP the total amount expended is *GH¢500,033,232.00*.

**CAPEX**

With respect to Capex, amount released and paid was GH¢**4,750,000.00**, which represented 100% of the total Capital Expenditure budgetary allocation for the year.



### 3.3 UPDATE ON INDICATORS AND TARGETS

**Table 3. 4 PERFORMANCE OF SECTOR INDICATORS**

Focus Area	Indicator	Baseline (2017)	2018 Actual	2019 Target	2019 Actual	Progress Towards Target
<b>CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE</b>	1. Proportion of children (5-17 years) engaged in hazardous work as a percentage of all children	14%	14% (2017 GLSS)	10%	14% (2017 GLSS)	Actual figure is provided by GLSS Survey.  2019 Percentage still at 14% because GLSS 7 results is yet to be published.
	2. Percentage of children engaged in child labour	21.80%	21.8% (2017 GLSS)	21.8%	21.8% (2017 GLSS)	Actual figure is provided by GLSS Survey.  2019Percentage still at 21.8 because GLSS 7 results is yet to be published.
	3. Incidence of child abuse cases	4,720	3,540			Information to be provided by DOVVSU
	4. Reported cases of child trafficking and child abuse	188	252	80	200	Target exceeded as a result of:  Increase in reported cases due to vigilance and monitoring structures put in place  Rescue operations, trauma care and support given to child victims

Focus Area	Indicator	Baseline (2017)	2018 Actual	2019 Target	2019 Actual	Progress Towards Target
<b>THE AGED</b>	1. Ageing Bill passed into law and fully implemented	Draft Ageing Bill prepared.	National Stakeholders and Parliamentary Pre-legislative scrutiny started but not completed	Draft ageing bill passed into law	Stakeholders consultations completed  Pre- legislative scrutiny with Parliamentary Select Committees completed	Updated draft aged bill submitted to Attorney General's Department.

Focus Area	Indicator	Baseline (2017)	2018 Actual	2019 Target	2019 Actual	Progress Towards Target
<b>GENDER EQUALITY</b>	1. Affirmative  Action Law enacted and implemented	Draft Affirmative Action Bill prepared.	Submitted to Attorney-General's Department for review	Affirmative  Action Law enacted and implemented	Draft Bill Submitted to Cabinet for consideration and approval	Draft Bill reviewed by Cabinet Sub Committee for finalization by Attorney General's Department.
	2. Percentage of women in public life					
	• Minsters	23.5% (9)	20% (10)	40%	22.4% (13)	
	• Dep. Ministers	20.93% (8)	20.3% (12)	40%	20% (10)	
	• MPs	10.9% (30)	13.5 % (37)	40%	14% (38)	
	• MMDCE	10.3% (20)	16.9% (36)	40%	14.2% (37)	
	• Chief Directors	10% (4)	17 % (3)	40%	24% (7)	
	• Chief Justice	100% (1)	100 % (1)	100%	100 % (1)	
	• Supreme Court Judges	23% (3)	26% (15)	40%	26% (4)	
	• High Court Judges	38% (5)	5 (38%)	40%	35 (36%)	
	• <b>Overall for 2019</b>	<b>26.80%</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	Sensitization is being intensified to

						promote increment of women in public life
	3. Reported cases of domestic violence	12,377	NA		Information to be provided by DOVVSU	

Focus Area	Indicator	Baseline (2017)	2018 Actual	2019 Target	2019 Actual	Progress Towards Target
<b>SOCIAL PROTECTION</b>	1. Number of extremely poor households benefiting from LEAP	213, 043	407, 655 (Targeted)	350,000 (Enrolled)	322,200 (Enrolled)	Enrollment of additional households ongoing.
	2. Percentage of beneficiaries that have <b>exited</b> the cash transfer programme	0	NA	500 (0.14%)	0%	Stakeholders consultations ongoing to develop the graduation protocols
	3. Social protection – related expenditure as a percentage of GDP	0.05%	1.14%			Information to be provided by Ministry of Finance / NDPC

NB: Indicator No. 2 should read “Percent of beneficiaries that have **graduated** from the cash transfer programme”

Focus Area	Indicator	Baseline (2017)	2018 Actual	2019 Target	2019 Actual	Progress Towards Target
<b>DISABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	1. Proportion of District Assembly Common	3% GHC 28.83	NA	3% District Assembly Common Fund to	3% District Assembly Common	The National Council for Person’s with Disability undertook

	Fund (DACF) released to PWDs (%)			be disbursed to PWDs	Fund was disbursed to PWDs	monitoring exercise to the District Assemblies on the disbursement of the 3% of the DACF to PWDs. Responses gathered indicated that the 3% of DACF was disbursed to the PWDs in the Districts.
	2. Proportion of persons with disabilities receiving needed assistive technologies	NA	15,970 visually impaired persons use smart phones			Information to be provided by Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations.
	3. Percentage of PWDs in public life					
	• Members of Parliament	0%			0	
	• Ministers of State	1%	1		1	
	• Members of District Assemblies	0%	32		32 (Collation of data on Members of District Assemblies still on-going)	
	• Chief Directors	0%	0		0	
	• MMDCEs	0%	1		1	
	• Chief Executive of Public Institutions	0%	1		1	
	• Leadership position in major Political Parties	0%	1		1	

	4. A Legislative Instrument of the Disability Act 715	Consultations	Initiated process to review the Persons with Disability Act 2006 (Act 715)	Review Persons with disability, 2006 (Act 715) to comply with United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability  Prepare the accompanying Legislative Instrument	Draft Bill on the Amendments to the Act 715 Prepared  Draft accompanying Legislative Instrument prepared	Legislative Scrutiny and Parliamentary engagement to commence 2020
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### 3.4. DECENTRALIZATION

The Ministry has the mandate of overseeing the coordination and implementation and of the Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP) and Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme in all districts in Ghana.

#### 3.4.1 GHANA SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

In 2019, the Programme continued to provide one hot nutritious meal to **2,939,555** beneficiary pupils in all district in the country. The Table below indicates the regional distribution of beneficiary pupil.

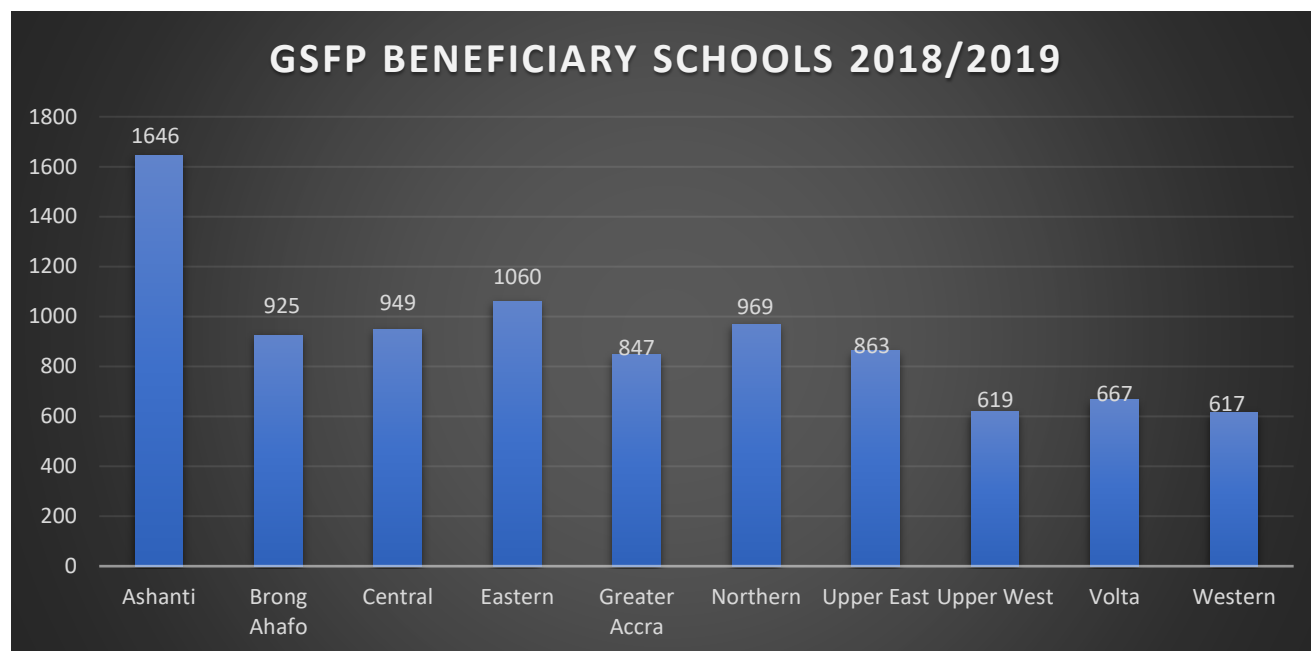
Table 3. 1 NUMBER OF PUPILS BENEFITING FROM SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019

Region	2017/18	Share (%)	2018/19	Share (%)
Ashanti	517,138	20.15	548,463	18.66
Brong-Ahafo	272,627	10.62	292,792	9.96
Central	214,520	8.36	300,113	10.21
Eastern	207,897	8.10	281,011	9.56
Greater Accra	268,249	10.45	287,803	9.80
Northern	317,661	12.38	339,593	11.55
Upper West	179,930	7.01	257,059	8.74
Upper East	211,637	8.25	208,942	7.11
Volta	161,137	6.28	199,759	6.79
Western	215,215	8.39	224,020	7.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,566,011</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,939,555</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: MoGCSP-GSFP 2019

Figure 3.1 indicates the regional distribution of schools benefiting from the GSFP in the Country.

**Figure 3. 1 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS PER REGION BENEFITING FROM SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME**



*Source: MoGCSP-GSFP 2019*

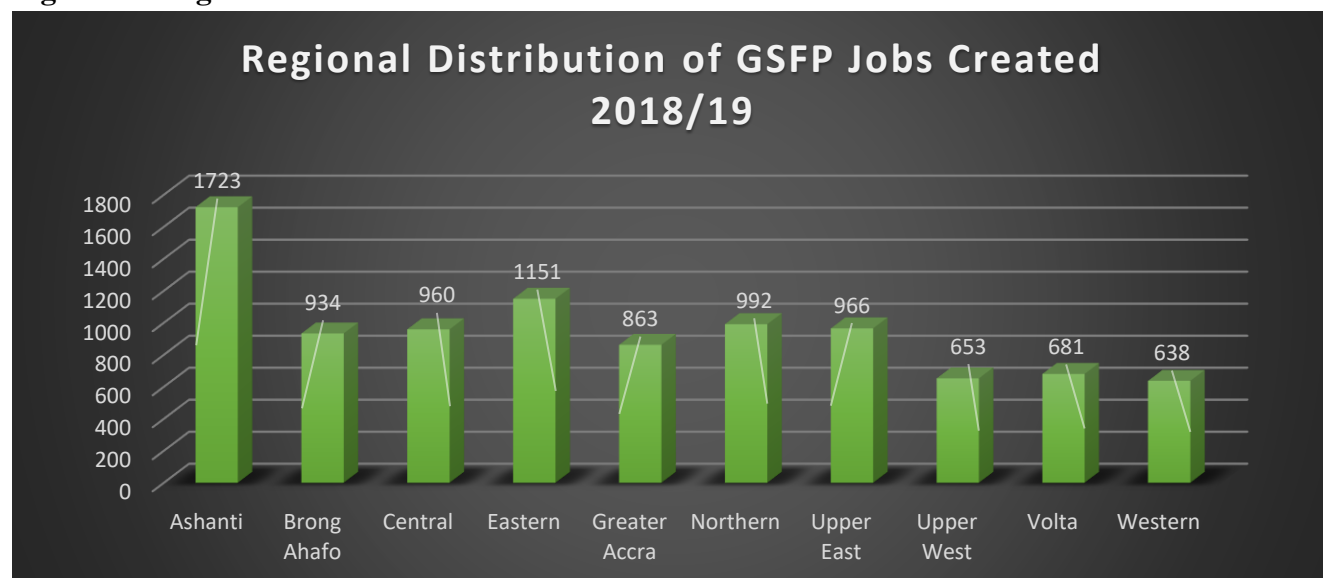
### **JOBS CREATED UNDER THE GSFP**

In light of the President's agenda for jobs and creating equal opportunity for all, the programme in the year under review created **25,683** jobs for caterers and cooks. Out of this number, **9,561** represents caterers contracted under the programme while the remaining **16,122** represents cooks and food handlers.

The regional distribution of the jobs created (for caterers) is in the figure 3.2 below:



**Figure 3.2 Regional Distribution of Jobs created under GSFP**



### 3.4.2 LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP) PROGRAMME

The LEAP is a government social protection flagship programme that provide cash grant to beneficiary households in all districts of the country. The number of LEAP beneficiary household (HHs) per region per district is shown in the table below;

**Table 3. 5 LEAP PAYMENT, 2019**

<b>CYCLE</b>	<b>TOTAL HHS ON LEAP</b>	<b>TOTAL HHs PAID</b>	<b>AMOUNT WITH CHARGES</b>
<b>53</b>	212423	197,631	15,773,551.08
<b>54</b>	365,142	197,052	15,710,593.71
<b>55</b>	407,649	198,266	15,803,546.11
<b>56</b>	407,671	202,925	16,164,573.04
<b>57</b>	407,655	260,806	20,757,104.75
<b>58</b>	407,647	324,062	25,926,944.74
<b>59</b>	407,644	326,364	26,111,463.15
<b>60</b>	407620	298,207	23,977,179.68
<b>61 &amp;62ND</b>	332,200	323,184	51,324,845.26
<b>63</b>	332,200	323,600	25,895,187.34

**Table 3. 6 REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF LEAP IN 2019**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Number of beneficiary households</b>
ASHANTI	26,945
BRONG AHAFO	25,537
CENTRAL	14,253
EASTERN	25,319
GREATER ACCRA	11,056
NORTHERN	89,367
UPPER EAST	53,217
UPPER WEST	35,815
VOLTA	31,140
WESTERN	19,547
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>332,196</b>

**Table 3. 7 CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ISSUES IN 2019.**

<b>Critical Development And Poverty Issues</b>	<b>Allocation GHS</b>	<b>Actual Receipt GHS</b>	<b>Number Of Beneficiaries</b>	
			<b>Target</b>	<b>Actual</b>
LEAP	168,000,000	167,098,331.44	350,000	332,200
GSFP	362,016,517	500,033,232.00		2,939,555

## 4.0 THE WAY FORWARD

### 4.1 KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED

This section presents a summary of the 2019 key issues addressed and those to be addressed in 2020 along the five (5) Budget Programme Areas. The programme areas are;

- (1) Management and Administration,
- (2) Gender Equality and Women Empowerment,
- (3) Child Rights Promotion, Protection and Development,
- (4) Social Development, and
- (5) Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence.

This section is organized according to programme and sub-programme areas implemented by Directorates, Departments, Secretariats and Council as shown in the table below.

**Table 4. 1 CLASSIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENTS / DIRECTORATES / SECRETARIAT AND COUNCIL INTO PROGRAMMES AND SUB-PROGRAMMES**

Sn	Programme	Sub-Programme	Departments, Directorates, Secretariat, Council
1	Management and Administration	General Administration	General Administration (GA)
		PPMED	PPME Directorate
		Human Resource	Human Resource Directorate
		Finance and Internal Audit	
		RSIM	RSIM Directorate
2	Gender Equality and Women's Development	Gender Mainstreaming	Department of Gender
		Women's Rights and Empowerment	
3	Child Rights Promotion, Protection and Development	Child Rights Promotion, Protection and Development	Department of Children
4	Social Development	Social Services	Department of Social Welfare
		Social Protection	Social Protection Directorate
		Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP)	Ghana School Feeding Programme Secretariat
		Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)	Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty Secretariat
		Securing Inclusion for Persons with Disability	National Council on Persons with Disability (NCPD)
5	Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence.	Human Trafficking	Human Trafficking Secretariat
		Domestic Violence.	Domestic Violence Secretariat

## 4.2 Key Issues Addressed in 2019

In 2019, the Ministry with its focus and goal of creating an all-inclusive society and increasing citizens knowledge on issues of gender and child rights; promoting an end to domestic violence and human trafficking and providing social safety net to all Ghanaians undertook various activities to this end. Key among them are:

### **Programme 1: Management and Administration**

- The Ministry prepared and submitted its 2018 Annual Progress (APR) to National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) in April, 2019. The report has been validated with NDPC and incorporated in the 2018 National Progress Report.
- The Ministry prepared and submitted its 2018 Comprehensive Annual Budget Performance Report to the Ministry of Finance and Parliament in March, 2019. This is in fulfilment of Section 27 (3) of the Public Financial Management (PFM) Act, 2016, Act 921.
- The Ministry organized its maiden Summit under the theme, ***“Promoting Social Inclusion: Leave No One Behind”*** from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra. The objective of the Summit was to review performance of the Ministry, identify good practices, challenges and develop strategies to improve service delivery.
- A draft Information Technology (IT) Policy has been developed. The purpose of the Policy is to identify proper usage and behaviour for MoGCSP Information Technology (IT) systems with the overall aim of protecting the rights and privacy of all employees, and the integrity and reputation of the MoGCSP.

### **Programme 2: Gender Equality and Women’s Development**

- The Ministry in collaboration with STAR-Ghana Foundation on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March organized a National dialogue on the Status of the Ghanaian woman to commemorate the 2019 International Women’s Day (IWD).
- The Ministry in collaboration with the ECOWAS Gender Development Centre on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 officially launched a project in Ghana dubbed ***“50 Million Women Speak Platform” (50MWSP)*** that will help Ghanaian women entrepreneurs grow their businesses to boost economic growth.
- The Ministry participated in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019. The priority theme for the Session was: ***“Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. It also had a review theme as ‘Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development’”***.
- The Ministry collaborated with UNDP to organize a stakeholder’s advocacy meeting on the Affirmative Action Bill and its Communication Strategy Plan at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. The purpose of the workshop was to furnish the various

stakeholders with a well formulated plan of action and strategy towards Advocacy and Communication.

### **Programme 3: Child Rights Promotion, Protection and Development**

- The Ministry in collaboration with Plan Ghana and other Development Partners marked the National Children's Day at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. The theme for the celebration was *"40 Years of Child Right's Promotion and Protection; charting the way forward"*.
- The Ministry celebrated the African Union (AU) Day for the African Child with children at the Ampain Refugee Camp at Nzema in the Western Region on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The day was marked with a durbar held in collaboration with Ghana Refugee Board, Plan International Ghana and UNICEF Ghana. The 2019 AU African Child was commemorated on the theme *"Humanitarian Action in Africa; Children's Rights First"*.
- The Ministry in partnership with UNICEF Ghana held a three-day National Consultation Workshop on the Amendment of Child Related Legislation with relevant Stakeholders. The aim of the workshop was to review the draft proposed amendment of the Children's Act, Juvenile Justice Act, Human Trafficking Act and Criminal and other Offenses Act.
- The Ministry compiled the second quarter inter-sectoral updates on Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) activities through the National ECCD Coordination Committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.
- In addition, the Ministry inaugurated and organised its 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Working Group meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 with 24 Participants. The purpose was to solicit inputs for the Terms of Reference (TOR) on the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) policy review.

### **Programme 4: Social Development**

#### **Social Services:**

- The Ministry organize a two-day orientation and training programme for the Regional Foster Care Placement Committees from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at the Forest Hotel in Dodowa, Accra. The object of the workshop was to provide ideal platform for reflection on the functions of the foster care committee and next steps for strategies development for the operations of the committees in the regions.
- The Ministry on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019 led by the Hon. Minister, paid a one day working visit to the Echo Hills Village orphanage home at Madina in the Greater Accra Region. The purpose of the visit was to deal with pertinent issues confronting the orphanage and finding ways to addressing them.
- The Ministry launched the social welfare guidelines and regulations on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 in Accra. The purpose of the guidelines and regulations is to strengthen the social welfare system in Ghana.
- The Ministry has identified 30 street children in Greater Accra. Out of this number, 5 were enrolled in apprenticeship, 21 were transported to the Nigerian embassy for repatriation, 2 were reunified with their families and 2 sent to the Osu children's home.

### **Social Protection:**

- The Ministry in collaboration with the Office of the Head of Local Government organized a three-day Community Dialogue from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 on Social Protection and Social Issues for the people of Agona West Municipality in the Central Region. The Dialogue was to educate, sensitize and facilitate the free flow of information and feedback.
- The Ministry held a Social Protection Inter-Sectorial Technical Committee (SPISTC) meeting on June, 2019 to review the 2018 achievements/challenges on various Social Protection programmes implemented by MDAs. The meeting has led to the review and validation of the draft Social Protection Communication Strategy.
- The Ministry represented Ghana during the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development held in New York, United States of America from 1<sup>st</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019. At the Summit, Ghana was lauded for its Social Development policies and programmes.

### **Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)**

- The Ministry conducted its maiden nationwide joint spot check/monitoring exercise to monitor the Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP), Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP), 3% District Assembly Common Fund to Persons With Disability (PWDs), Gender Mainstreaming and Child Protection across the country.
- In 2019, the Ministry planned to conduct six (6) cycles of cash grants payments to LEAP beneficiary households across all the 260 districts. A total of 330,438 households (1,420,883 individuals) successfully received their four (4) cycles payments (59<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 61<sup>st</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup>).
- To improve beneficiary access to the grants by reducing the distance they cover to receive the grant, the Ministry has set-up additional pay points in 3,111 new LEAP communities in all the 260 districts across the country.
- The Ministry has procured and distributed 206 Laptops to District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs) across the country. The purpose is to enhance the programme implementation including the rollout of electronic reporting on the LEAP Programme.
- To ensure effective and efficient implementation of the LEAP Programme, the Ministry has reviewed and implementing the LEAP Operation Funds Computation Guidelines and also, developed an Electronic Reporting Module which is being piloted in thirty (30) Districts across the country.

### **Ghana School Feeding Programme**

- The GSFP fed 2,663,134 beneficiary pupils in Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Three (8,683) beneficiary primary and KG schools with one hot nutritious meal every school going day of the 2018/2019 academic year.
- The Ministry in collaboration with World Food Programme launched the Dissemination of Cost Benefit Analysis on the Ghana School Feeding Programme at the Banquet Hall, Cape Coast Regional Coordinating Council on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. This is to generate evidence for advocacy for increased investment in School Feeding in Ghana.

### **Securing Inclusion for Persons with Disability**

- The Ministry trained 20 trainers of trainees on the Ghana Accessibility Standard in the Built Environment from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The Participants were made up of 9 Accessibility Ambassadors and 6 persons who have in-depth knowledge in disability issues, 4 Staff of the Council and a Social Welfare Director.
- The Ministry sensitized 17 MMDAs in Greater Accra Region on 4<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 respectively. Areas covered include, Framework and Strategies for Mainstreaming Disability into the MMDAs, Ghana Accessibility Standards on the Built Environment and Reporting format on the Management and disbursement of the 3% common fund for Persons With Disabilities.

### **Programme 5: Human Trafficking/Domestic Violence**

- The Ministry launched a Domestic/ Sexual and Gender- Based Violence (DV/SGBV) Rapid Response Centre at Abgogloshie Market on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. The Rapid Response Centre is aimed at creating awareness of the existence of the centers and services available to survivors.
- The Ministry in collaboration with UNFPA Ghana organized a two-day workshop on the theme ***“Prevention and Management of Domestic Violence”*** in Accra on the 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. The main objective of the training was to equip selected market executives and other stakeholders with the requisite skills to enable them educate and offer support to survivors of Domestic Violence /Sexual and Gender-Base Violence.
- The Ministry launched the Trafficking In Person (JTIP) 2 Project and held a stakeholder meeting on adult sex trafficking in collaboration with International Organization for Migration (IOM) from 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- The Ministry prepared and submitted 3 Annual Reports on Human Trafficking to the US Department of Labor TIP Office, Child Protection Compact (CPC) Project Office and ECOWAS. As a result, Ghana has moved from Tier II Watch List to Tier II.
- The Ministry held a workshop as part of the celebration of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (Blue day) at the Accra City Hotel on Friday, 26th July, 2019 with support from the British High Commission and the Coalition of NGOs Against Child Trafficking (CNACT).The aim of the workshop was to review achievements in fighting Human Trafficking.

### **4.3 Key Issues to Be Addressed In 2020**

In the ensuing year, the Ministry will continue to implement the following activities and intervention under its key programmes areas:

#### **Programme 1: Gender Equality and Women's Development**

- Hold advocacy and sensitization programmes on the AA Bill
- Embark on a national campaign to encourage more women in the upcoming Parliamentary Elections
- Build capacity for the Decentralised and Centralised structures on Gender and Climate Change

#### **Programme 2: Child Rights Promotion, Protection and Development**

- Develop database, guidelines and standards for the management of Child Rights Clubs – operationalise the National children Parliament.
- Coordinate the implementation of ECCD, CP and other child related Policies across sectors
- Amend Child Rights Laws/Regulations to better protect children

#### **Programme 3: Social Development**

##### **Social Services**

- Provide Care, Education and Counseling to 600 OVCs in government children homes and 2 subverted Orphanages.
- Provide employable Skills training to 300 PWDs in Social Welfare Rehabilitation Centers
- Provide Care, Counseling and Education to 150 Children in 4 correctional institutions and 3 Remand Homes

##### **Securing Inclusion for Persons with Disability**

- Monitor and evaluate of the 3% disbursed DACF to persons with disabilities
- Mainstream provisions in GASB into Ghana's building code.

##### **Social Protection/LEAP:**

- Ensure functional, unified, comprehensive and single window case management systems for social protection programmes
- Conduct six (6) cycles of cash grant payments to LEAP beneficiary households in all designated pay points.
- Implementation the re-certification strategy to exit potential LEAP beneficiaries from the LEAP programme onto other productive and financial inclusion programmes
- Develop and implement a comprehensive M&E system for Social Protection Policy.

##### **Ghana School Feeding Programme:**

- Operationalize the agricultural module of the School Feeding to link farmers and school feeding programme.
- Develop an electronic pay slip for Ghana School Feeding Programme



#### **Programme 4: Human Trafficking /Domestic Violence**

- Coordinate the implementation of the human trafficking Act.
- Develop and implement media tools in English and local dialect to raise awareness on Human Trafficking and how to respond to it.
- Implement a Public Information Campaign to reduce Domestic Violence issues.
- Provide 2 well resource and functional shelters for adults and children victims.
- Organize and intensify campaign on Ending Early Child marriage

#### **5.0 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

To aid the Government deliver on its Coordinated Programme of Social and Economic Development, the Ministry proposes the following policy recommendations:

- Expand the Ghana School Feeding Programme to all Basic Schools and extend coverage to Junior High Schools.
- Implement the recertification and graduation strategy for LEAP beneficiaries
- Invest in the Expansion of the LEAP programme to cover all extreme poor households.
- Provide alternative livelihood opportunities for poor households with productive capacity.
- Promote gender equality and women's empowerment across sectors of the economy.