

Green Skills for Ghana (GSG) Project Development

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"Sending young people and women to greener pastures through better access to the non-formal education systems and finance".



Key Information

SECTOR: GROWTH

LEAD PARTNER: PLAN INTERNATIONAL UK

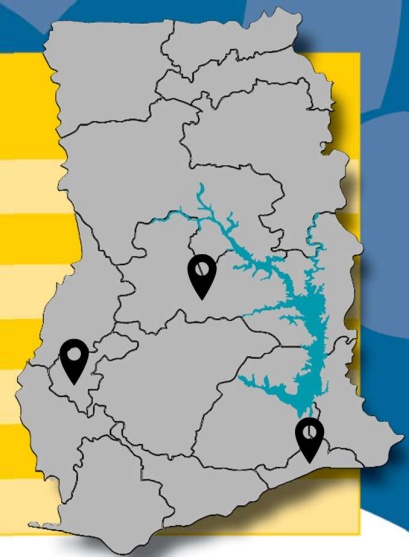
OTHER PARTNERS: GA SOUTH MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY, MICROFIN PLUS GHANA

SUNYANI MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY, TANO NORTH MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY, WIDO

DURATION: 2017 - 2020

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: 875,000.00

EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: 656,290.00



Background



The project is a response to youth unemployment and underemployment in Ghana. The project is expected to contribute to economic growth through job creation and expansion of economic activities, in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable way in 60 communities in the Greater Accra, Bono and Ahafo regions. The project supports 6,000 youth (18-35 years) and women to gain "Green Skills" which can help them seek paid employment while contributing to greening Ghana's economy. The project uses Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) to allow beneficiaries to create capital through which they can invest in small green entrepreneurial activities. The project is being implemented in partnership with Women Integrated Development Organization (WIDO) and MICROFIN PLUS Ghana.



Project Details



The project contributes to local economic growth through job creation and expansion of economic activities in an environmentally sustainable manner in the Bono, Ahafo and the Greater Accra Regions.

The project will improve employment and employability for 6,000 youth and women through the promotion of local and environmentally sustainable businesses in an enabling community environment.

Financial literacy and business development skills of women and youth will be enhanced to increase their access to savings and credit through Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) to support green enterprise development.

Local authorities will benefit from improved capacities in climate change awareness, adaptation and green economy to develop and assess local development plans which incorporate green skills at a local level.

Six thousand women and youth will have access to better non-formal education system and acquire functional and productive skills, such as green, technical and vocational skills.

Expected Results



The project identified beneficiaries and established functional Village Savings and Loans Associations.

Local, traditional and religious authorities' capacities were enhanced in green skills and responsive environmental protection. Medium-Term Development Plans of the Municipal Assemblies involved include a number of environmentally aware and sensitive projects which supports the sustainability of the action.

Following a green market scan, a series of skills gaps in the labour force were highlighted. As a result, a green skills training program was developed. Participants were trained in a series of modules including grasscutter production, snail rearing and fish farming which enabled beneficiaries to start their green businesses.



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