

Strengthening community health system to support continuation of essential services for the vulnerable during and post COVID-19



FACTSHEET

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KEY PARTNERS: Ministry of Health, Ghana Health Service, Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, Ghana AIDS Commission, Embassy of Japan, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japanese private sector, CSOs.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this project is to strengthen national and community systems for the continuity of essential health services and effective management of health emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic and thereby to directly support the implementation of Ghana's COVID-19 response plan.

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Output 1: Strengthened capacity of five selected urban CHPS/healthcare facilities to ensure continued health services during and post COVID-19 pandemic.

Output 2: Strengthened capacity of communities and vulnerable persons to access relevant health services during and post COVID-19 pandemic.

Output 3: Strengthened national and local capacity to address public health emergency.

CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS

The project will contribute to SDG 3,17.



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DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

In Ghana, COVID-19 has disrupted all aspects of life including the delivery of routine services. Disruption of health services affects all persons but especially the most vulnerable, including women and children.

COVID-19 has exposed, and in some instances, magnified already existing vulnerabilities of persons living with HIV who already face stigma and discrimination.

Urban slum dwellers have also been shown to be particularly vulnerable because many have preexisting medical conditions, reside in close living quarters and lack access to health care.

The pandemic also revealed the critical need to strengthen the capacity at points of entry to ensure early detection and timely links to care.