



## 40 years of Health Programming in Ghana

*Improving the Health & Nutrition  
status of children & families since 1979*



## Health and Nutrition

In partnership with the Ghana Health Service, Ghana Education Service, Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana, Municipal/District Health Directorates, communities and Civil Society Organisations, World Vision Ghana continues to implement interventions that address the healthcare needs of children and their families. World Vision through its efforts has assisted in the reduction of infectious diseases in Ghana and also minimized the stigmatization of HIV/ AIDS patients through the use of the Channel of Hope-HIV/AIDS model. The Health programme adopts an integrated approach that seeks to promote Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) through community sensitization and education on nutrition, breastfeeding, malaria, diarrhoea management, immunization and provision of various medical supplies.

Currently, the health programme is being implemented in four Districts<sup>1</sup> with some pockets of Grants projects<sup>2</sup> across the country.

### Key Achievements



Over 100 Health facilities built across the country (1994 - date)



208,446 people trained in HIV/AIDS issues including support to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (1995-2015)



1,592,624 children had their mothers trained on appropriate supplementary feeding (1995 - 2011)



About 1.1 million people suffering from Neglected Tropical Diseases (Filariasis, Yaws, Oncho etc) treated (1999 - 2007)



**\$163,762,178.35**

Amount spent on Health to date

1. Asante Akim, Sekyere, West Gonja and Savelugu

2. KIA Green Light Project (Fanteakwa) and USAID's Act to End NTDs | West Project



## Core models used in the Health Programme

### Channels of Hope-Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

This model seeks to build capacity of Faith Based Organizations and Religious Leaders comprising of Christians, Muslims and Traditional leaders on Maternal and Neonatal Child Health and using them as change agents and advocates. Biblical and Qur'anic verses are used to support major health concepts to

demystify some misconceptions, myths and beliefs. These Faith Leaders after the training form Community Hope Action Teams (CHATs) in their congregations assist in the sensitization of their members on issues relating to maternal and neonatal child health, nutrition and other communicable diseases that can lead to morbidities and mortalities.



### Community Health Committees (COMM)

Community Health Committees model makes use of the committees formed by the Ministry of Health/Ghana Health Service as part of the 15 milestones for setting a Community-based Health Planning and Services (CHPS) compound in the sub-districts.

Community Health Committees are empowered to advocate for quality health care in their communities and CHPS zone. They also coordinate and manage activities, leading to strengthened community-based organizations, structures and networks, and improved community health.

## Key Partners

- The Ministry of Health and Ghana Health Service
- Agencies of the United Nations, namely: WHO, WFP, UNICEF and UNFPA
- USAID,
- KIA Motors
- International NGOs: URC Systems for Health, PLAN International, Save the Children
- Coalitions, Civil Society Organizations, Media



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