

Proposal Summary

Ghana LSC: Support to Develop a National Urban Agenda Focused on Inclusive Urban Development CDS

Sub-Saharan Africa - Ghana

Summary	Presently, more than 50 percent of Ghanaians live in urban areas. The Urban Development Unit (UDU) located within the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development has responsibility for promoting the national urban agenda. National development has over the years been seen as rural development, and thus the urban agenda is never clearly and effectively articulated and championed. The project seeks to prepare the UDU to take up the leadership and promotion of the urban agenda in the country.
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Objectives	Activities
<p>Objective 1. Strengthen the institutional capacity of the Urban Development Unit to effectively lead and promote the emerging national urban agenda</p> <p>Objective 2. Support the development and institutionalization of the National Urban Forum to enhance policy dialogue between national government, local governments, community representatives, civil society and other stakeholders</p> <p>Objective 3. Enhance the policy debate through research into defined urban issues identified at the National Urban Forum</p> <p>Objective 4. Increase public and political awareness of the importance of "inclusivity" as a core principle and local government capacity to plan and manage successful urban growth and development through south-south exchanges.</p> <p>Objective 5. Strengthen partnerships and ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the LSC program through the establishment of a Steering and Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Activities under Objective 1: 1) Through inter-governmental consultations and with key urban stakeholders define the mission of the UDU and develop a TOR for an organizational review and capacity needs assessment of the UDU. 2) Conduct an organizational development review and capacity needs assessment of the UDU. 3) Prepare a strategic action plan to develop the capacity of the UDU based on the review and assessment. 4) Identify relevant, international institutional case studies/good practices and organize two exchanges for appropriate UDU and other staff of the Ministry. 5) Establish a two-year mentoring initiative linked to the National Service Scheme for selected recent urban planning graduates to fill immediate capacity gaps in the UDU</p> <p>Activities under Objective 2: 1) Develop a TOR for the organization and operation of the National Urban Forum in consultation with organizations involved in the existing Forum and other urban stakeholders. 2) Provide logistic support to the UDU to organize the Urban Forum 3) Organize National Urban Forums</p> <p>Activities under Objective 3: 1) Develop TOR for studies/research 2) Ensure procurement of the services of an appropriate consultant 3) Provide oversight and quality control of research ensuring, in particular, that the research is consultative 4) Support feedback of the research into the National Urban Forum</p> <p>Activities under Objective 4: 1) The UDU in consultation with ILGS, select city officials and Assembly members participating in LSC training program to participate in exchanges. 2) Negotiate, plan and carry out "South-South" exchanges to countries with appropriate experience of planning for and managing "inclusive cities." 3) Link the cross visits to the Advocacy and Awareness program to ensure media exposure. 4) Conduct post-visit debriefings and develop a process for incorporating lessons learned into government policies and practices.</p> <p>Activities under Objective 5: 1) Establish and maintain a Steering and Advisory Committee to be chaired by MLGRD and including all LSC grant recipients and partners.</p>

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time	
Submitted by: Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (Ghana)	CA Sponsor: Agence Française de Développement (Afd); GIZ	Implemented by: GIZ CA Monitor: Andrea Zeman	Request to CA:	\$ 755,895
			Co-Financing:	\$ 42,400
			Total Budget:	\$ 798,295
			Duration:	24 months

Expected Impacts

Objective 1: 1. Mission and scope of the Unit are defined and accepted by all stakeholders 2. Personnel situation of the Unit is improved in terms of numbers

Objective 2: 1. Framework for the forum developed and agreed to by key stakeholders 2. Successive forums held according to schedule.

Objective 3: 1. Publication and dissemination of policy issues from the forum and research findings

Objective 4: 1. Media engagement of the public and political figures on inclusive urban management issues 2. Improvement in the local government management of urban growth

Objective 5: 1. Collaboration among the different actors in the LSC programme