

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING (MOFEP)
CONTINUES TO NEGOTIATE NEW CREDITS WITH THE WORLD
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Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MOFEP) in collaboration with several MDAs have negotiated two more new credits for projects totaling US\$35.0 million. The two projects negotiated are as follows:

1. Nutrition and Malaria Control for Child Survival Project (NMCCSP)

The Proposed Credit of NMCCSP was negotiated between the Government of Ghana and the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group from 9th to 10th of May, 2007 in Accra and Washington, D.C. The amount of additional IDA credit for the project is US\$25.0 million.

Project Objective:

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve utilization of selected community-based health and nutrition services for children under the age of two and pregnant women in the selected districts.

Project Components:

The project components directly feed into the draft Five Year Programme of Work (2007-2011) and the 2007 Programme of Work (POW) of the Ministry of Health (MOH). They are as follows:

- Institutional Strengthening for Coordination, Implementation, and Outcome.
- Community-Based Health and Nutrition Service Delivery.
- Malaria Prevention.

Target Group and Areas:

The main target group of the project is children under the age of two (2) years and pregnant women. Selected child survival and malaria control interventions will also target children aged between 24 and 59 months. Under the project, community-based health and nutrition programs will be implemented in all districts in the Northern, Upper West, Upper East, Volta, and Central Regions. In all there will be about 63 districts and two urban areas (Accra and Kumasi) to benefit from the Nutrition intervention. Long Lasting Insecticides treated Nets would be distributed nationwide.

Implementation Arrangement:

The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ghana Health Service (GHS). MOH will be responsible for policy formulation and oversight and GHS for service delivery. Overall oversight of the project activities will be provided by a Technical Committee (TC) with representatives from Ghana Education Service (GES), Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA), Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Environment (MLGRDE), Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs (MOWAC), and MOFEP.

2. Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Project (STWSSP)

The Proposed Additional Credit of STWSSP was negotiated between the Government of Ghana and the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group on May 11th, 2007 in Accra and Washington, D.C. The amount of additional IDA credit for the project is US\$10.0 million.

Rationale for Additional Credit:

- i. The predominance of beneficiary towns with relatively smaller population sizes resulting in a shortfall in the project designed target
- ii. The higher per capita investment costs of these water systems than anticipated as a result of the smaller size of the population (3000 – 5000) of these towns.
- iii. To serve the 80,000 population shortfall in order to meet the designed population of 500,000.

Proposed Changes:

The only proposed change relates to the project costs and financing plan – otherwise, there are no changes to the project objective, outcome indicators, or project scope/design. Financial management and procurement arrangements, institutional roles and responsibilities and the closing date remain unchanged.

Implementation Agency:

The Ministry of Water Resources, Works and Housing through the Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA) has been responsible for the implementation of this project.