

# CASE STUDY

## Introduction

At the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, one of the key objectives is to improve the socio-economic status of the vulnerable and the excluded through targeted interventions. To achieve this objective, the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Programme is implemented in all the 216 districts in Ghana. LEAP is a social cash transfer programme that provides cash grant to the extremely poor households across the country. Its main aim is to alleviate short-term poverty and encourage long-term human capital development.

The implementation of the LEAP Programme represents government of Ghana's vision of creating an all-inclusive society through the provision of sustainable mechanisms for the protection of persons living in situations of extreme poverty, vulnerability and exclusion. Since its inception in 2008 by the then NPP Government, the LEAP Programme has expanded from 1,645 beneficiary households in 21 districts in 2008 to 213,044 beneficiary households in 216 districts. The government intends to reach 350,000 extremely poor and vulnerable households by early 2018. The Government wants to improve the programme through productive inclusion for LEAP households and also link beneficiaries to other complimentary services.

LEAP has so far had a positive impact on the lives of the beneficiary households. Households under LEAP are now able to meet their food consumption needs, which results in an overall improved nutritional status of their members. Beneficiaries also experience increase in food security and are engaging in diverse economic activities, which are being funded by their accumulated savings made from the cash grants. In addition, school enrolment for children of school going age in these poor communities benefiting from the LEAP cash grants has increased considerably. A strong M&E Framework that was developed with support of the Cooperating Partners has made this supply of information possible.



## INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this handout is for you to use the framework to prioritise indicators according to the information needs. This will give you an opportunity to appreciate the complexity, work input and challenges of choosing indicators in order to respond to the information needs.

### IN PARTICULAR:

1. Identify the 10 priority indicators that should constitute the strategic M&E dashboard.
2. Give a justification for the selection of the indicators.

Ensure that the indicators reflect the programme's objectives, Theory of Change, Logical Framework (measuring input, output, outcome/ impact depending on your group) and performance or efficiency.

You should belong to one of the following stakeholders:

- Members of Parliament,
- Donors
- Civil Society
- Media
- Senior management in the Ministry
- District level
- Targeting and Payments Unit
- Beneficiaries

## LEAP MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

**For this activity ensure you have the reference document called 'Ghana LEAP M&E Framework'**

Source: Oxford Policy Management UK 2013

Source: official website of the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Programme. <http://leap.gov.gh/welcome-message/2013> Oxford Policy Management U.K