

# SPRING/Ghana

## VSLA Implementation Update

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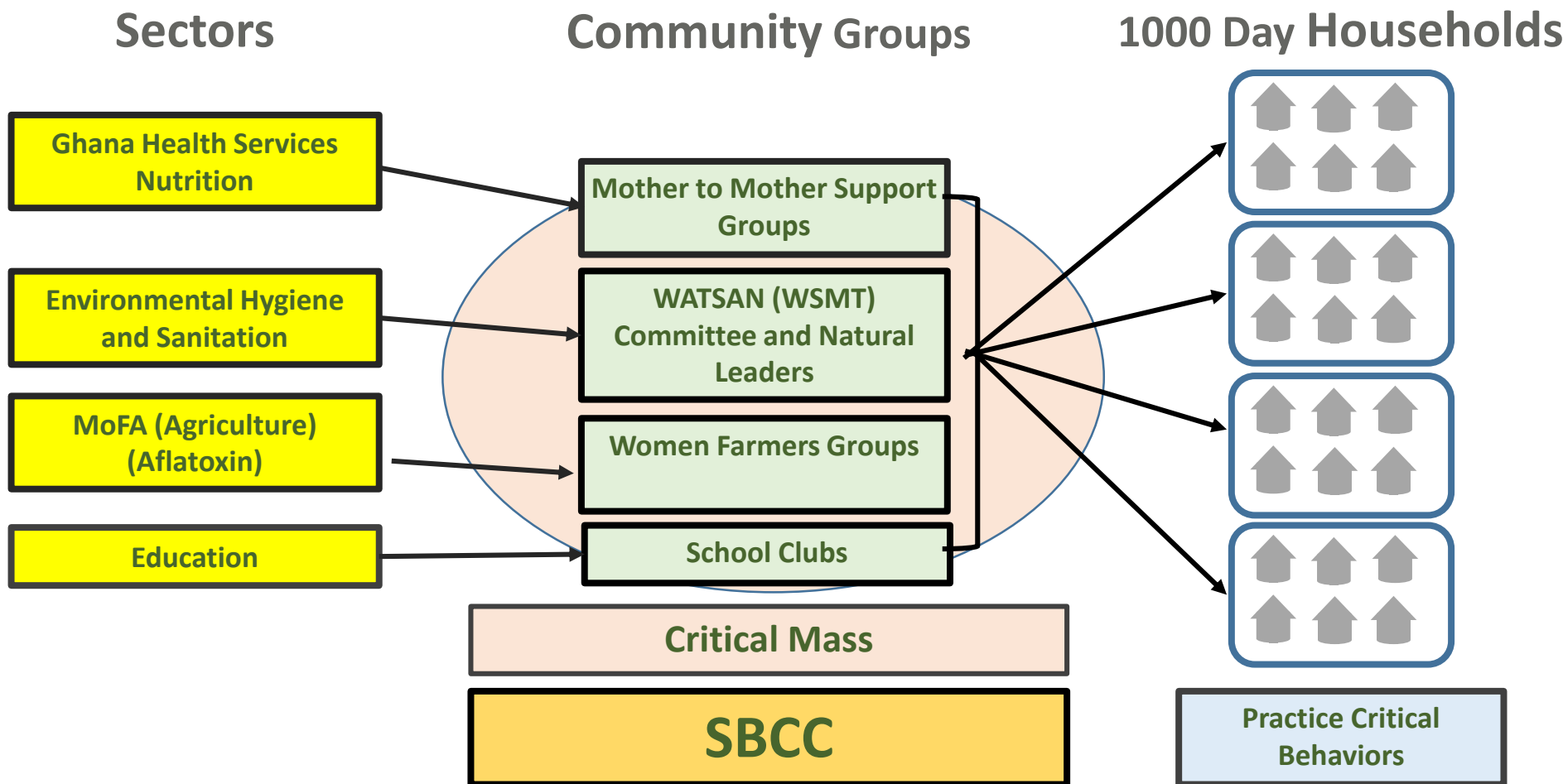


# Outline

- The SPRING Approach & Target Group
- Districts Implementing VSLA & Summaries
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# SPRING's Integrated Program Approach



# Characteristics of 1000 Days Household



First 1000 day households should practice the following behaviors

- **Key feeding practices in the first 1000 days using IYCF.**
  - **Promoting : Enriching complementary diet with veg oil, or Shea or palm oil , cooked liver, 4-star diet, IFA supplementation**
- **WASH 1000 in all communities to improve Nutrition**
- **Agriculture ( Reducing aflatoxin to Improve better nutrition )**
- **Access healthcare delivery and preventive interventions**



# SPRING's VSLA Implementation Steps

- Explore District Context
- Confirm SPRING/Facilitators and Community
- Engaged to understand and use the RING VSLA Model (Collaboration started)
- Key actors to be involved in Program
- Assemble Training Materials for Facilitators and for VSLA Participants
- Train Facilitators
- Support /Monitor Training of VSLA members
- Provide Listing of Logistics for VSLAs
- Monitor Facilitation of VSLA Groups Operations
- Prepare Report on Roll-Out Experience.



# Why Target Group for VSLA Selected

- Mother-to-Mother Support Groups meet monthly
- Nutrition Education is guaranteed through these platforms
- Financial challenges limit access to Health and Nutrition Services and even other services essential to the 1000 Day household (**Observation**)
- VSLA employed to empower women and improve household resiliency



# Districts Implementing VSLA

#	District	Group Name/Communities
1	<b>East Mamprusi</b>	Timalsunga, Suguru Veela, Tisungtaaba, Tikpansitaaba
2	<b>Karaga</b>	Tong , Zenyee, Sakulo, Goa, Tulinga, Bilsinayili, Yaga, Monkula, Kuduli, Didogi.
3	<b>Gushegu</b>	Nmokpagma, Nmokpalagem, Titritab, Limonal, Mokpamo, Titritab, Titritab, Bansiri(Bonzali)
4	<b>East Gonja</b>	Npopii (Happy) Women, <b>Tinyor (Profit) Women</b> , Ngeen (Love), Igna-ele, Tana Laafie
5	<b>Central Gonja</b>	Dakolpe, Nyinyagupe, Darivogupe No.1, Mmoro Kura, Kambonaa Kura 2, Sankumpe, Larigbani, Kpinjipe, Darivogupe 2, Kuribangpe
6	<b>Tolon</b>	Wunpini, Bob N-nye Yaa, Bonzali Kundiya, Suglo Nboribuni, Kulinoli Dinyela, Suglo Nboribuni
7	<b>Kumbungu</b>	Boriminga, Bobgu Nye Yaa, Maltiti, Tinye Yem, Wunizooya,

# Summary of All Districts

#	District	# of Groups	Total M'ship
1	East Mamprusi	4	76
2	Karaga	10	237
3	Gushegu	8	214
4	East Gonja	5	150
5	Central Gonja	10	266
6	Tolon	6	180
7	Kumbungu	6	180
<b>Total</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>1,303</b>



# Progress Made So Far

## SUMMARIZED GROUP PERFORMAMNCE AS AT FEBRUARY 2017

S/N		
1	Total Number of Associations	46 *
2	Number of Members	1291*
3	Number of Women	1,123 (86.99%)
4	Total Cummulative Savings	GHS 64,674.00
5	Value of Loan Outstanding	GHS 20,151.00
6	Number of Loans	197



# Challenges

- ❑ High rate of illiteracy among group members.
- ❑ Communities are widely dispersed and difficult to reach, particularly during rainy seasons when roads are often cut off by flooded rivers and streams. This hampers external Monitors providing support to the groups.
- ❑ Most of the M2MSG members already belong to existing VSLAs in their communities , thereby preventing SPRING from meeting the target.
- ❑ Number of Loans taken is low (*Could it be the season?*)
- ❑ SPRING would close out before most groups reach first share out point



# Exit Strategy

- Arrangements with RING to continue where SPRING closes out
- Other 1000-days interventions in the communities will also contribute to sustaining the efforts. (*Generates demand*)
- Working through District Assembly departments
- Effective training provided the associations



# Thank you

