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RING Successes and Lessons Learnt

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Regional Support Strategy

- Continue positive engagement with various partner departments – PCU, NRHD, Social Development, Community Development, Environmental Health, Gender, and Agriculture;
- Empower departments to fulfill their roles as monitoring and supervision units for district counterparts; and
- Providing technical support to improve internal monitoring and evaluation capacity.



District Support Strategy

- Adhere to existing GOG procedures and strengthening their application;
- Develop, analyze and use plans (MTDPs, AAPs, CAPs, etc.) to inform RING plans and guide activities;
- Ensure that RING plans and budgets are both realistic and strategic;
- Promote collaborative planning between district departments; and
- Provide targeted capacity building support.



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Key Livelihoods Activities

- VSLA through integration with other agriculture/livelihoods activities and MTMSGs;
- OFSP cultivation & consumption;
- Soybean cultivation (with emphasis on soil fertility management) & consumption;
- Leafy green vegetable cultivation with drip irrigation;
- Soil improvement with green manure crops, multi-purpose trees and crop diversification;
- Improved grain storage;
- Shea collection with market linkages; and
- Small ruminant distribution and management.



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Village Savings and Loans Associations

- Women groups depositing small weekly savings
- 22,216 members of 821 groups
- Savings accumulated to date of GHs 1,129,720 (US\$ 284,456)
- Total Loans to members GHs 370,387 (US\$ 93,259)
- Loan utilization (71%-Agriculture, 10%- Education, 11%-Income generating activities, 6%-Health and 2%-Others)





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Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potatoes, “Alaafei Wuljo”

- In 2015, pilot phase with 20,000 kg harvested from 29 sites
- In 2016, scale up phase with 1.5 million vines for 2,000 women to harvest 250,000 kg
- Emphasis on consumption for complementary feeding and for maternal diet: improved porridge for children, potato chips, leaf stew, boiled potato, *mpotompoto*





Leafy Green Vegetables with Drip Irrigation

- Promotion of ayoyo, alefu, bra (cultural core crops rich in iron and calcium) using small scale drip irrigation systems during the dry season
- 54 systems covering 25,500 square meters
- Benefits 1,500 households in 30 communities
- Promotion of household consumption as well as income generation





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Sheep (small ruminants)

- Household receiving 3 Ewes
- Community receiving 2 Rams
- 7,660 households currently caring for 24,294 animals
- Sheep population growth of 8% this year





Soybeans

- High protein crops used to fortify nutrient poor staple foods
- More than 4,406 acres supported in 2015 with a yield of 600 MT
- More than 7,428 acres under production in 2016 with smaller plots and better practices to improve yield (Small is beautiful concept)
- Cooking demonstrations teach soy utilization for improved complementary feeding and maternal diet





Livelihoods and Agric Pilot Activities

- Half-acre soybean/groundnut production in all RING districts, with emphasis on soil improvement and crop diversification
 - Support all districts to manage the half-acre plots with emphasis on soil improvement, using edible leguminous crops
- Poultry (in 6 districts)
- Beekeeping (3 sites)



Nutrition Priorities

- Integrating nutrition across all RING component areas
- Layering Mother-to-Mother Support Groups (MTMSGs) with VSLAs
- Supporting the 17 MMDAs to train frontline health workers and active community health volunteers in GHS-approved training packages on CMAM, IYCF, and anemia (goal to reach 100%)
- Strengthening monitoring, supervision, and mentoring efforts at all levels





Nutrition Interventions

- Capacity building for Health Workers
 - 10 districts built capacity as trainers in anemia prevention and control
 - 104 trained on using the HemoCue device for anemia testing
 - 470 trained on CMAM
 - 625 trained on CIYCF
- Capacity building for Community Health Volunteers
 - 1,000 trained on CMAM
 - 900 trained on CIYCF
- 750 Non-health sector staff trained on ENA (CDOs, EHOs, AEs, etc.)
- 30,000 Community members reached through Cooking Demos. (soy, moringa, OFSP)
- 24,000 Community members reached through Community Durbars on nutrition





WASH Activities

- CLTS for ODF certification;
- Hand Washing Station Installation;
- WASH 1000 Training for CLTS Facilitation Teams and non-EHSU staff;
- Household Water Treatment and Improved Storage;
- Rehabilitation of existing institutional latrines (KGs and health facilities);
- Borehole Repair and Rehabilitation of Livestock Watering Areas (Area Mechanic and WSMT Training);
- Rain water harvesting & filtration system installation (schools and health facilities); and
- Community Durbars for Hygiene and Sanitation



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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- 258 Communities triggered for CLTS
- 65 Communities certified Open Defecation-Free
- 3,632 Household latrines built
- 1,156 Tippy taps installed
- 330 Boreholes repaired benefiting 99,000 people





Governance Activities

- Collaborative planning & budgeting meetings;
- RING Project coordination meetings;
- Social Welfare and Community Development Service Strengthening (social protection & poverty graduation);
- Community Action Plans;
- Citizens Forums;
- PFM Strengthening via Trainings & Regular Monitoring;
- District Sub-Structure Strengthening;
- Gender Desk Officer Action Plans;
- Community Consultations;
- General Monitoring; and
- Logistical Support (vehicle purchase and maintenance; office equipment and stationery; communications)



Governance Priorities

- Improving community feedback mechanisms
- Incorporating community/stakeholder feedback into district development plans
- Strengthening District Sub-Structure to improve service delivery
- Increasing transparency among GOG partners
- Emphasizing Social Protection to support resiliency of vulnerable homes
- GDO activities
- PFM Support





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Governance

- 95 GOG staff trained in Asset Management
- 120 Assembly staff trained in basic Social Protection principles
- 17 Gender Desk Officers trained in gender mainstreaming
- 330 Area Council and Unit Committee Members trained in their basic roles and responsibilities





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