



POST COVID-19 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (PSDPEP)

CONCEPT PAPER

PROJECT LAUNCH AND TRAINING

BENEFICIARY INSTITUTIONS



1.0 BACKGROUND

In June 2022, the Government of Ghana (GoG) signed a 5-year (2022-2027) agreement with the African Development Bank (AfDB) to implement Post COVID-19 Skills Development and Productivity Enhancement Project (PSDPEP).

1.1 Total Cost of the Project

The PSDPEP is being funded from a grant facility of **\$31.34 million** comprising:

- a. \$28.5 million from the African Development Bank (AfDB); and
- b. \$2.84 from the Government of Ghana (GoG).

1.2 Objective of the Project

The objective of PSDPEP is to contribute to Ghana's sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery in the health sector and support the restoration of livelihoods, income and employment opportunities and private sector development. The specific objectives are to:

- support health-related skills development in higher education (at the University of Ghana-Legon) for the ultimate enhancement of Ghana's healthcare delivery system; and
- promote technical and entrepreneurship for job creation among youth and women.

1.3 Components of the Project The project has 3 components.

1.3.1 Component 1-Skills Development in Higher Education for Strengthening the Health Sector

Component one (1) will support the recovery of Ghana's healthcare system from the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic and enhance its resilience against future pandemics.

1.3.2 Component 2-Rebuilding Youth and Women's Livelihoods Through Entrepreneurship and Employment Creation

Component two (2) will support the rebuilding of livelihoods and sources of income among youths and women for them to recover from the socioeconomic shocks or impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on individuals, households, and enterprises, especially those operating (MSMEs) that were directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.3.3 Component 3: Project Management

Component three (3) will provide technical and administrative support for the implementation of project activities.

1.4 Project Areas

The project will be implemented in the seven regions of Ghana namely, Greater Accra Region; Ashanti Region; Eastern Region; Bono Region; Northern Region; Western Region; and Upper West Region.

1.5 Project Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of the Project are staff and clients of the project implementing institutions; youth and women operating MSMEs and/or in cooperatives; and the population of Ghana in general.

1.6 The Project Implementing Institutions

The Project implementing institutions are the Social Investment Fund (SIF); Ghana News Agency (GNA); Microfinance and Loans Centre (MASLOC); and the University of Ghana (UoG).

2.0 ACTIVITIES, VENUES AND DATES

2.1 Activities, Venues and Dates

The Project will be launched on Tuesday, the 24th of January 2023 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at **Alisa Hotel**, Accra. There will be training for the PIU, Allied Agencies and other key stakeholders after the Project launch from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at **Alisa Hotel**, Accra. The PIU/Allied Agencies training will continue from Wednesday the 25th of January to Friday the 27th of January 2023 at **Alisa Hotel**, Accra.

3.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE LAUNCHING AND PIU/ALLIED AGENCIES TRAINING 3.1

Objective of the Project Launch

The Objective of the project launch is to out-door and create awareness for the PSDPEP.

3.2 Objective of the PIU/Allied Agencies Training

The objectives of the PIU/Allied Agencies training are to:

- a. discuss extensively the Project Management aspect of the PSDPEP (especially regarding procurement and financial management procedures); and
- b. clarify the activities that have been approved in the detailed cost table for each beneficiary institution to determine and ascertain eligible and ineligible expenditures under the project.

4.0 PARTICIPATION

4.1 Project Launch (24th January 2023)

At least one hundred (100) participants are expected to attend the project launch on Monday the 24th of January 2023. The following are the details of the expected participants for the Project Launch.

No.	Institution	No. of Participants
1.	African Development Bank (AfDB) Mission	
	Principal Social Economist	1
	Senior Social Development Officer	1

	Procurement Officer	1
	Financial Management Specialist	1
No.	Institution	No. of Participants
1.	African Development Bank (AfDB) Mission	
	Disbursement Officer	1
	Environmental and Social Safeguard Consultant	1
	Principal Climate Change & Green Growth Officer	1
	Principal Gender Officer (virtual)	1
	Subtotal	8
2.	AfDB Ghana Country Office	
	Country Manager	1
	Provision for Other Bank Staff	2
	Subtotal	3
3.	Ministry of Finance	
	The Honorable Minister (or his representative)	1
	Chief Director	1
	Director, ERMERD	1
	Head of AfDB Desk	1
	Principal Economic Officers - AfDB Desk	2
	National Service Personnel - AfDB Desk	2
	Subtotal	8
4.	Other Ministries	
	Ministry of Health	1
	Ministry of Education	1
	Ministry of Employment and Labour Relation	1
	Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection	1
	Ministry of Information	1

	Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development	1
	Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology, and Innovation	1
	Ministry of Trade and Industry	1
	Subtotal	8

No.	Institution	No. of Participants
5.	Project Implementation Unit (PIU-SIF)	
	Project Coordinator	1
	Technical Advisor	1
	Finance and Accounting Specialist	1
	Procurement Specialist	1
	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	1
	Administrative Officer	1
	Accounting Officer	1
	Subtotal	7
6.	Allied Agencies	
	Vice Chancellor, Univ. of Ghana (or his representative)	1
	University of Ghana, Medical Dept. Microbiology	3
	University of Ghana, School of Nursing and Midwifery	3
	University of Ghana, Biotech Centre	3
	Ghana News Agency	3
	MASLOC	3
	Subtotal	16
7.	Project Steering Committee	
	Ministry of Local Govt	1
	Ministry of Employment	1
	Ministry of Health	1

	Ministry of Education	1
	Ghana Statistical Service	1
	Ghana Enterprise Agency	1
	Subtotal	6
8.	Project Technical Committee	
	National Vocational and Technical Institute (NVTI)	1
	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	1
	Ministry of Gender and Social Protection	1
	Vaccine Committee	1
	Association of Small-Scale Industries (ASSI)	1
	Subtotal	5

No.	Institution	No. of Participants
9.	Other Stakeholders	
	ARB Apex Bank	2
	Summit Vision	1
	State Interest & Governance Authority	1
	National Development Planning Commission	1
	Africa Skills Hub	1
	Subtotal	6
10.	Media and Publicity	
	National TV Stations: GTV, UTV, TV3 & Joy News TV	6
	National News Papers: Daily Graphic, Ghanaian Times	4
	FM Radio Stations: Peace FM, Citi FM, Adom FM, & Oman FM	4
	Photography & Videos	2
	Subtotal	16
11.	Cultural Troupe	
	Cultural Troupe	10
	Subtotal	10

12.	Other Participants	
	Other Participants	8
	Subtotal	8
	GRAND TOTAL	101

4.2 PIU/Allied Agencies Training (24th to 27th January 2023)

Forty (40) participants are expected to attend the PIU/Allied Agencies training from 24th of January to 27th of January 2023. The following are the details of the expected participants.

No.	Institution	No. of Participants
1.	AfDB Mission	
	Principal Social Economist	1
	Senior Social Development Officer	1
	Procurement Officer	1
	Financial Management Specialist	1
	Disbursement Officer	1
	Environmental and Social Safeguard Consultant	1
	Principal Climate Change & Green Growth Officer	1
	Principal Gender Officer (virtual)	1
	Subtotal	8

No.	Institution	No. of Participants
2.	PIU/SIF	
	Project Coordinator	1
	Technical Advisor	1
	Finance and Accounting Specialist	1
	Procurement Specialist	1
	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	1
	Administrative Officer	1
	Accounting Officer	1
	Subtotal	7
3.	Allied Agencies	
	University of Ghana, Medical Dept. Microbiology	3
	University of Ghana, School of Nursing and Midwifery	3
	University of Ghana, Biotech Centre	3

	Ghana News Agency	3
	MASLOC	3
	Subtotal	15
4.	Media and Publicity	
	Photography & Videos	2
	Subtotal	2
5.	Other Participants	
	Other Participants	8
	Subtotal	8
	GRAND TOTAL	40