

Ghana's Delegation – NEAPACOH 2019

Progress Report on the Implementation of the 2018 NEAPACOH Commitments

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Key Population Indicator Status

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Total Population	29.6 million (2017 est.)
Population Under 15	38.2% (2010 PHC)
Percentage Urban	50.1% (2010 PHC)
Total Fertility Rate	3.9 (GMHS, 2017)
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (modern methods)	25% (GMHS, 2017)
Infant Mortality Rate	37/1000 (GMHS, 2017)
Under 5 Mortality Rate	52/1000 (GMHS, 2017)
Maternal Mortality Rate	310/100,000 live births (GMHS, 2017)
ANC Coverage (4+visits)	89% (GHMS, 2017)
Supervised Deliveries	79% (GMHS, 2017)
Life Expectancy at Birth (M/F)	62/64 (WHO)

2018 Commitments

1. Continue with the push for a more liberal law on safe abortion.
2. Continuation of the efforts started in 2017
 - Advocate for investment in young people with focus on the following issues:
 - Education
 - Health
 - Skill
 - Job creation to enhance the demographic dividend.

Commitment made by Ghana / Progress

Specific Activity/ Action	Progress towards Achieving Commitment	Challenges	Lessons Learned
Abortion Law	Complete review of criminal code on going not yet completed	Inclusion of Abortion law into the larger criminal code make it difficult to review	Have a separate law on abortion outside the broad criminal code make easy for review
Education	Loans have been approved for expansion of educational infrastructure at all levels (Basic, Secondary, Technical and Tertiary)	Timely release of funds by finance ministry	<p>More flexible financial terms for future loans</p> <p>Parliament to play more oversight on these projects</p>

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Health	Clinical Methods of Family Planning has been included into the benefit package of Ghana's National Health Insurance	Pilot in only 6+1 districts in the Country	Scaling up the programme across the country
	<p>Parliament has approved loans for the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To complete the 1000 bed Maternal and Child Health Centre at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital in Kumasi ❖ To fund the phase two of University of Ghana Medical Centre ❖ construction of a new hospital at Eastern Region ❖ Upper East Regional Hospital Phase 2 ❖ 4 District Hospitals 	Timely Release of funds to complete the project	<p>Flexible terms for future loans</p> <p>Parliament to play more oversight on these projects</p>

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The Nation Builders' Corps (NaBCo) programme	This initiative has officially been inaugurated by the Government and about a hundred thousand graduates have been employed through this system. It is a temporal employment of 3years.	Difficulty in the flow of funds to fast track implementation	It has minimized youth unemployment although it can't be completely eradicated.

Commitment made by Ghana for 2019

- Complete the review of abortion law
- Scaling up of FP inclusion into Ghana's National Health Insurance which is now being piloted

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Thank you for your audience.