Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Finance for the Implementation of the Ghana Financial Management Support Programme

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In partnership with the European Union



"Providing PFM Support to promote a more robust oversight function of the Ghana Audit Service (GAS), Internal Audit Agency (IAA), Public Procurement Authority (PPA) and the Parliament of the Republic of Ghana."



Key Information

SECTOR: GOVERNANCE

LEAD PARTNER: ERNST & YOUNG ADVISORY SERVICES LIMITED, GHANA

OTHER PARTNERS: ERNST & YOUNG SCRL/CVBA, GOPA GMBH

DURATION: 2019 - 2022

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: 2,359,140.00

EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: 2,359,140.00



Background

The Government of Ghana has received funding from the European Union towards the implementation of the Ghana Public Finance Management Support Programme and has engaged EY and its consortium partners to provide related technical assistance. The purpose of this programme is to build a more robust oversight function of Independent Government Institutions and Parliament. This is within the wider context of the Ghana beyond aid vision, to improve economic governance and business environment, and to maximise the benefits of the Economic Partnership Agreement for Ghana.









Project Details



The project is providing support to the Ghana Audit Service (GAS), Internal Audit Agency (IAA), Public Procurement Authority (PPA) and the Parliament of the Republic of Ghana as follows:

- Provide Oracle training for GAS auditors and IAA staff to effectively carry out financial audit within the Government's IT-based financial management database.
- Conduct a needs assessment at the Ghana Audit Service and assist the Ministry of Finance (MoF) to prepare tender documents for the necessary supplies and services to implement identified activities.
- Develop the technical specifications and assist the Ministry of Finance (MoF) to prepare the tender documents for the supply of an internal audit management tool.
- Provide training for Audit Committee members on how to hold the executive accountable and also implement audit recommendations.
- Support with the transformation of the IAA from an Agency to a Service that would ensure that the Service is independent and objective.
- Develop a standardised Procurement Audit Framework with the collaboration of relevant agencies.
- Provide train-the-trainer for the core Parliament research staff and PTI, develop PFM training modules and conduct PFM training.
- The project team adopted a participatory approach to ensure stakeholder buy-in and maximize the potential benefits to be realized from the project.

Expected Results



The project has two key expected result areas which are interlinked and mutually supportive to achieve the objectives of the programme:

Key Result 1: External and internal audit functions are improved and coordination among Independent Government Institutions (IGIs) is enhanced.

Key Result 2: Legislative oversight is strengthened through improved capacity building initiatives and targeted training.









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