

Power to the Fishers: Empowering fishing communities

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"Empowering small-scale fishermen to express their interest and concerns in the fight against illegal and unregulated fishing"



Key Information

SECTOR: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

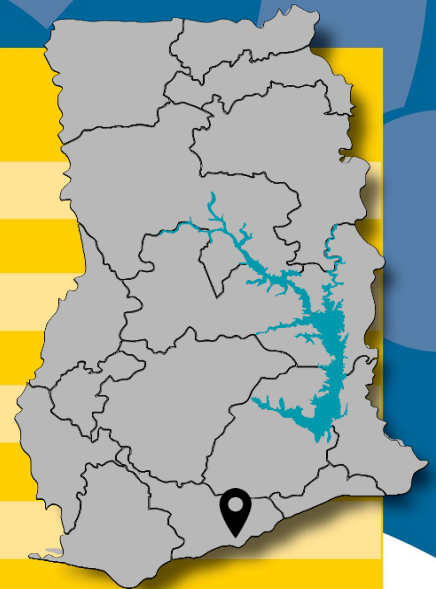
LEAD PARTNER: CERATH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

OTHER PARTNERS:

DURATION: 2019 – 2023

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: EUR 2,025,852

EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: EUR 1,,600,000



Background



Fishing is a major sector for Ghana's economy which currently accounts for 4.5% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimated at \$1 billion. The fishery value chain includes fishermen, fish traders or queens, fish processors and fish retailers.

A number of factors are affecting the sector. These challenges include dwindling fish stocks, limited access to credit to finance and purchase fish, and inefficient processing systems. These are worsened by limited access to social protection services. The dwindling fish stocks are a major challenge affecting supplies for most fish traders.



Project Details



The overall objective of the project is to enhance the socio-economic livelihoods of fishing communities within selected districts of the coastal savannah zones of Ghana.

This initiative aims at directly targeting 80,000 fish value chain actors mainly fishmongers and fishermen.

Fishmongers and fishermen constitute the target groups for the project. In the fishing communities, most of the target groups are socialized into the occupation. The fishmongers are mostly women who can be as young as 12 years, and as old as 70 years (ICFG, 2013). The fishermen are mostly males responsible for catching fish. The fishmongers will constitute 60% of our target group, with the remaining for fishermen. The beneficiaries of the intervention will be fishing communities particularly women and youth and women-headed households.

The project intervention areas include Awutu Senya East, Effutu Municipal, Ekumfi, Gomoa West and Shama. The first four are in the Central region of Ghana, with the latter in the Western region.

Expected Results



By the end of the project, the expected results are:

- Enhance the knowledge and adoption of improved, environmentally friendly and cost efficient fuels and fish processing technologies:
- Build the capacities of target groups on appropriate fishing and business practices, environment protection, climate change, health and safety:
- Forge strategic partnerships between social protection entities (mainly health insurance, credit and pensions).



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