

Resilience Against Climate Change - Social Transformation Research (REACH-STR)

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“For a better understanding of social transformation and its impact on migration, gender dynamics and climate resilience”



Key Information

SECTOR: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LEAD PARTNER: IWMI – INTERNATIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

OTHER PARTNERS: SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

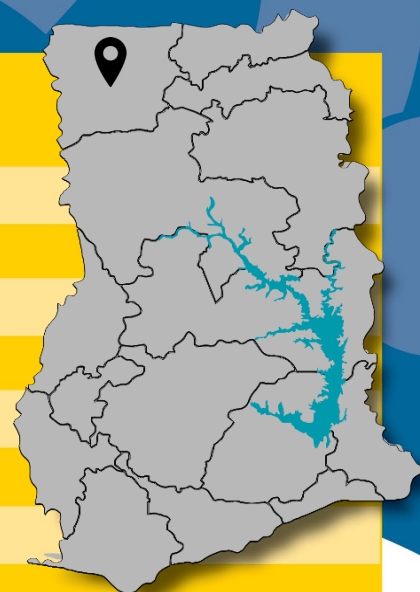
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EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: 2,323,340.00



Background



Northern Ghana is characterized by high climate variability, pressures on the natural resource base and rapid socioeconomic changes. These create complex rural development challenges for policy makers and development planners.

To better understand social transformation processes that contribute to persistent structural changes in economic and social relations, this project will conduct a research on the changes related to migration, gender dynamics and climate resilience.

The conclusions will provide information and orientations to draft and revise policy strategies, market interventions, social and demographic trends and prevent natural disasters.



Project Details



This research project is part of a larger project: EU-GAP (EU Ghana Agriculture Programme) and it complements the action of a larger REACH project. REACH intends to increase the resilience of rural communities in districts of Northern Development Authority.

Specifically, this project will:

- Contribute to a better understanding of district, regional, and national decision makers on social transformation conditions in the Upper West Region of Ghana.
- Generate knowledge on the social transformation conditions that promote sustainable and inclusive rural development and adoption of climate change adaptation and mitigation practices.
- Contribute to a better understanding and application of social transformation tools and analysis in development planning.

The project will directly benefit farmers, rural communities, women groups who are the most affected by climate change.

The project will also benefit district development planning officers, traditional authorities, natural resource user and management associations, private entrepreneurs, nongovernmental organizations and research institutions who need to better understand social transformation issues for effective rural development decision making.

Expected Results



The project will contribute to:

- National and district development planning officers understand and are able to apply social transformation analysis in their planning processes to promote sustainable and inclusive rural development
- Fifteen masters and three PhD students are trained
- Evidence-based recommendations on social transformation dynamics for development planning, policy formulation and implementation disseminated.



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