

Strengthening Border Security in Ghana (SBS)



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Key Information

SECTOR: GOVERNANCE

LEAD PARTNER: INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR MIGRATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT

OTHER PARTNERS: GHANA IMMIGRATION SERVICE (GIS)

DURATION: 2019 - 2023

TOTAL BUDGET EUR: 5,000,000.00

EU CONTRIBUTION EUR: 5,000,000.00



Background



Ghana is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labour and sex trafficking, and it is at the same time also a major transit hub for Southwest and Southeast Asian heroin and, to a lesser extent, South American cocaine destined for Europe and the US. Terrorist acts carried out in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria within the past few years also present a security threat to Ghana.

The project proposes to contribute to reducing irregular migration, by strengthening cooperation at all levels including coordination with neighbouring countries (Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Togo), enhancing border security and by building capacities. This proposal is part of a comprehensive support to the Government of Ghana's migration policy and the 2018-2022 Ghana Immigration Service Strategic Plan.



Project Details



Implemented under the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF), the project will support the 2018 – 2022 GIS Strategic Plan (SP), which includes among others “contribute to national security by tackling immigration related crimes and detecting and preventing threats at the country’s borders”.

The Specific Objective of the project is to contribute to the development of the long-term capability of Ghana border control authorities to control and manage its borders, to update border management information and communication systems and to ensure greater security for citizens and visitors, while guaranteeing the respect for the rule of law and human rights standards.



Expected Results



To strengthen the effectiveness of the Ghana border control authorities to control and manage its borders to combat irregular migration, curb cross border crimes and deliver services to citizens, visitors and other users (private sector, ECOWAS Regional Mechanism for the Free Movement of Inter-state Passenger Vehicles, Persons and Goods).

Component 1:

- **Result 1.1.** Assessment of Ghana BM system, including mandate of MDAs (Ministries, Departments, and Agencies), with recommendations for improvement; Action Plan
- **Result 1.2.** Enhanced capacity of the GIS to perform border control activities (border checks and surveillance)
- **Result 1.3.** Increased capacity of the GIS to manage its resources and entrench good governance within the Service
- **Result 1.4.** Closer collaboration with counterparts in neighbouring countries fostered, with the aim of reducing irregular migration, countering trafficking in human beings (THB) and other cross-border crimes within the framework of the ECOWAS Free Movement Protocol
- **Result 1.5.** Standardised production and management of migration-related data is enhanced through the modular development and updating of migration and border management information and communication systems, including risk analysis concept.

Component 2:

- **Result 2.1.** Demand Driven Facility (DDF): Innovative approaches to border management and international mobility issues successfully implemented through joint initiatives (concrete actions and research-actions) between two or more kinds of actors: non-governmental organisations (NGOs), universities, research institutions, think tanks, media networks and traders’ organisations.



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