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PRESS RELEASE

The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) is undertaking the Seventh Round of the Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS-7). The Ghana Living Standards Survey (GLSS) is a nationally representative household survey which provides reliable, disaggregated and internationally comparable welfare and living conditions statistics in Ghana. It is an important tool in the welfare monitoring system, and together with other surveys such as the Multiple Cluster Indicator Survey (MICS) and the Ghana Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS), has provided a wealth of information for understanding living conditions in Ghana.

Ghana has conducted six rounds of living standards surveys since 1987. The second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth rounds, were conducted in 1988, 1991/92, 1998/99, 2005/2006 and 2012/2013 respectively. The estimates from each of these surveys have provided policy makers and other users with valuable information for planning, monitoring and evaluation of programmes.

The GLSS-7 would collect among others, detailed information on demographic characteristics of the population; education, health, employment, migration, housing conditions, household incomes, expenditure, agriculture and data protection.

The specific objectives of the survey are:

- To provide information on patterns of households' consumption and expenditure at a lower level of disaggregation;
- To provide the basis for the construction of a new basket for the next re-basing of the Consumer Price Index (CPI);
- To provide information for up-dating the country's National Accounts;
- To provide indicators for assessing agriculture activities;
- To provide indicators to monitor the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among others.

The survey would study about 15,000 households in 1,000 Enumeration Areas (EAs.) across the country. Selected households would be visited by trained interviewers to solicit information on their consumption and expenditures. The survey will commence in **October, 2016 and end in October, 2017.**

GSS wishes to appeal to community leaders (chiefs, queen mothers, assemblymen, youth groups, etc.) and households that have been selected for the survey to provide the interviewers with the needed assistance in the discharge of their duties.

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