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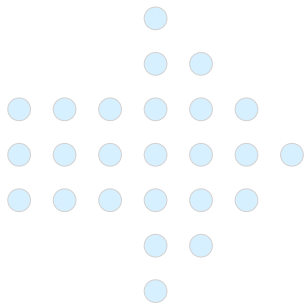
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GSS-DPs Platform handing over meeting at the GSS Headquarters, with the Government Statistician in attendance. © GSS



Official Handover-Hosting Role of GSS-DPs Platform

Organised by the [OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS \(ONS\)](#)

On 23 March 2023, the United Kingdom (UK) Office of National Statistics officially handed over the hosting role of the GSS-DPs platform to the United Nations (UN) in Ghana, specifically the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF). The handover occurred during a meeting at the GSS Headquarters, with the Government Statistician in attendance. Host organizations are elected annually by GSS-DP platform members, and take on the responsibilities of the chair and provide basic secretariat functions.

Launch Of the Thematic Report on Migration

Supported by the [INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION \(IOM\)](#)

On 9 March 2023, at the Accra International Conference Center, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) joined the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) and the Ministry of the Interior (MINTER) to launch the Thematic Report on Migration of its 2021 Population and Housing Census. To find out more, [please click here](#).

The report presents an analysis of levels, trends, and regional differentials in internal and international migration. It also presents the characteristics of migrants such as age, sex, education, employment and living conditions, main reason for moving, employment occupation, industry, employment status, employment factor. You may access the full report below.

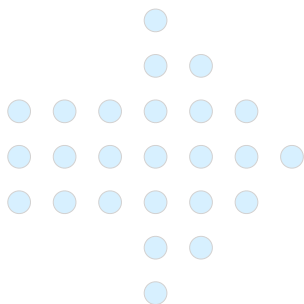
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Ghana Statistical Service and the Ministry of the Interior launch the Thematic Report on Migration of its 2021 Population and Housing Census. © IOM Ghana



An interviewer is taking height measurement of a school-aged child in a community where the GDHS took place. © UNICEF Ghana



Planning and implementation of the Ghana Demographic and Health Survey

Supported by UNICEF

UNICEF has supported the GSS in their planning and implementation of the Ghana Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS-8). With data on women, men and children from over 18,000 households nationally, the survey supplies quality and latest evidence on the progresses and gaps that have been prevalent in health and nutrition sectors.

Key Indicator Report has been released on essential indicators on fertility, mortality, morbidity, perception and utilization of health services.

Close discussions with partners will take place to ensure methodological consistency and harmonization of modules between the GDHS-8 and upcoming Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS-7).

Prepare for dissemination of the Data Quality Assurance Framework

Organized by UNICEF

UNICEF supports GSS in their efforts to improve the quality and accessibility of data. Following the inauguration of the Statistical Advisory Committee in 2022, GSS is preparing the dissemination of the Data Quality Assurance Framework (DQAF), to fulfill its mandate to coordinate data production activities by central and local government entities and other institutions.

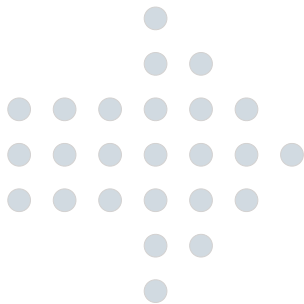
In the second half of 2023, UNICEF will support the development and dissemination of the manual for DQAF, which will allow for coherent and quality data generation and utilization across public and civil spheres.



Participants in a group picture at the workshop where the Data Quality Assurance Framework was unpacked. ©UNICEF Ghana



Training of field officers for the GLSS-8 © ONS



Ghana Living Standard Survey (GLSS)-8

Supported by -ONS/FCDO, ILO, WORLD BANK, UNICEF and USAID

The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) is conducting the Ghana Living Standards Survey Round 8, a nationwide household survey, from June 2023. Development Partners including the ONS/FCDO, the World Bank, UNICEF, ILO and USAID are represented on the GLSS8 steering and technical advisory committee meetings.

The inaugural meeting was held on Friday 5 May, 2023 at the GSS Census Secretariat conference room. The role of the Steering Committee was to help guide and provide general oversight of the survey and also monitor the progress of the individual components to ensure their successful implementation.

The Steering Committee then participated in monitoring the listing exercise from June to July 2023. Field Officers visited selected communities nationwide to list structures - including households. The main objective of the listing exercise was to identify all households living in residential houses in the selected clusters to ensure that every household is given an equal chance of being selected to participate in the GLSS 8.

[Read more](#)

Support the production of Statistics on Green Goods and Services

Supported by the Danish Embassy and Statistics Denmark

Statistics Denmark is working together with GSS for the production of statistics on Green Goods and Services. In April Statistics Denmark, GSS and EPA Ghana has a week-long workshop in Accra to identify activities that enhance and mitigate against the green agenda as well as the expenditures involved.

The workshop focused on how data can be collected from the commercial/business sectors to enhance the identification of goods and service activities related to the Green transition. Ultimately, this will assist policy makers to identify solutions that can protect the environment in Ghana. These activities will go into our Phase 2 under the strategic sector cooperation with GSS.



Environmental (Green) Goods and Services statistics workshop with GSS and EPA in Ghana. ©GSS



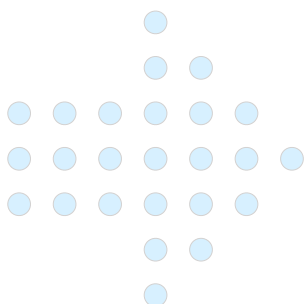
Knowledge sharing event – International Passenger Survey weighting methodology

At the request of the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS), the Office for National Statistics (ONS) organised a virtual knowledge sharing event on Wednesday 31st May for 27 GSS staff. Three experts from ONSHQ shared their knowledge and experience of the International Passenger Survey (IPS) weighting methodology.

The session covered the stages used on the IPS weighting process including the design weight, a non-response weight, and weighting to cover minimum respondents, administrative data of total number of passengers, sample under coverage and observed imbalance.

The session was interactive, and attendees fed back that they left with a greater understanding of weighting.

GSS is conducting an equivalent survey - the Ghana International Travellers Survey (GITS), which is one of the surveys required to compile Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) and to estimate tourist arrivals and departures. GITS started on 1st October 2022 and would end on 30th September 2023.



Further development of national accounts and price statistics

Supported by by AFRITAC WEST 2/ IMF

AFRITAC West 2 (AFW2)/IMF continues to support member countries to build capacity in compiling quality national accounts and price statistics to inform decision-making in the region. In this context, GSS is supported in the development and compilation of quarterly GDP by the expenditure approach, published for the first time in June 2023, as well as the preparation for the next CPI update.

An in-person regional workshop focused on Producer Price Index (PPI) was conducted in Accra, Ghana with opening addresses by Ms. Eva Jenkner, AFW2 Director and Prof. Samuel Annim, Government Statistician of the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS). Nineteen participants from the six statistical institutions benefited from lectures, presentations, and discussions on the development of PPI and related technical issues. With assistance from the Data for Decisions (D4D) project of IMF and in close coordination with AFW2, GSS has been supported in assessing the availability of the data for developing a Monthly Indicator of Economic Growth (MIEG) and Climate statistics. [Read more.](#)



Participants in a group picture with Ms. Eva Jenkner, AFW2 Director and Prof. Samuel Annim, Government Statistician of the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS).© AFRITAC WEST 2/IMF



GSS Data Science team at the entrance of Statistics Denmark © GSS

Data Science Study Trip to Denmark 7-9 May 2023 on the role of Data Science in a Statistical institution

Supported by the Danish Embassy and Statistics Denmark.

As part of our existing support to the New Data Science Unit of GSS, Statistics Denmark saw it expedient to invite GSS Data Science team on a study visit with the purpose to sensitize the team on how Statistics Denmark uses Data Science and other IT tools in all parts of their statistical production process and how lessons learnt could be replicated in the Ghanaian context.

The team gained great insight on the full processes data goes through before coming out as a statistical product and how they are interconnected and supported by IT tools and done according to corporate standards. The study trip furthermore enriched their knowledge on how the Data science team can help bring new and innovative data sources into statistical production.

Before this visit there were other missions where Statistics Denmark organised a training session with GSS Data Science Team here in Ghana on the use of the R software which is a statistical tool used by most Statistical bureaus and the development of the already launched Statistical databank.

Increasing the use of administrative data from MoE and GES for the production of Education Statistics at GSS

Supported by the Danish Embassy and Statistics Denmark

Using the Think big-start small approach, experts from GSS and Ministry of Education (MoE)/Ghana Education Service (GES) in partnership with Statistics Denmark in May 2023 initiated a drafting of a first pilot project for the integration of administrative microdata from MOE and GES to produce test indicators for education statistics on Senior High School students in Ghana.

This is to support evidence-based policymaking. The success of this pilot will serve a good case to expand it to the other educational cycles.



Group photo of participants from Statistics Denmark's, GSS & GES during the compilation of Education Statistics for Ghana. © GSS

FOCUS ON NEXT QUARTER

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023



ONS

- » GSS study visit to the ONS on the theme of transformation in alignment with their vision of the Change, Automation and Novelty (CAN) agenda for 7 delegates- end July 2023
- » Workshop on sampling methodology - August 2023
- » UNECA Event on Civil Registration and Vital statistics (CRVS) reports - July 2023

IMF

- » The focus of support will be on preparation for the next GDP rebasing, developments of MIEG and training in macroeconomic statistics

USEFUL LINKS TO RECENT GSS RELEASES

- » [Food Price Variability across Regions in Ghana](#)
- » [Consumer Price Inflation-May 2023](#)
- » [Producer Price Inflation -May 2023](#)
- » [PHC 2021 StatsBank](#)
- » [Ghana Demographic and Health Survey Key Indicator](#)