



GHANA STATISTICAL SERVICE Press Release Launch of the Annual Household and Income Expenditure Survey (AHIES)

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Ghana Statistical Service Commences Data Collection for the Annual Household and Income Expenditure Survey (AHIES 2022)

Data collection has commenced nationwide for the Annual Household and Income Expenditure Survey (AHIES 2022). The survey was officially launched on Wednesday 22nd December 2021 and Field Officers were deployed to the field on 31st December, 2021.

AHIES is a survey whose main objective is to obtain data to estimate quarterly and annual household final consumption expenditure to support the compilation of quarterly and annual GDP by the expenditure approach.

The survey will enhance the sources of data for GDP computation, produce data to support monitoring of targets under 12 out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, provide indicators on the welfare of persons in Ghana and generate quarterly labour and poverty statistics.

The AHIES is a panel survey that will provide important data on labour mobility and welfare mobility to better understand some of the dynamics in the labour market and how households move in and out of poverty. Some of the key macroeconomic indicators to be generated from the AHIES include quarterly GDP, regional GDP, quarterly unemployment, graduate unemployment, underemployment, and inequality. The survey will further provide indicators on welfare such as consumption expenditure poverty, multidimensional poverty and food security.

Following a rigorous virtual and in-person training, 200 interviewers and 40 supervisors were competitively selected for the exercise which will run until February 2023. Data collection for survey will be carried out in strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols.

The conduct of the Annual Household and Income Expenditure Survey is in accordance with the mandates of the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) to provide comprehensive, reliable, quality, relevant, accurate and timely statistical information to guide national development as stipulated in Section 3 of the Statistical Service Act, 2019 (Act 1003). The organization's vision is to be a trusted provider of statistical services for good governance and its mission, to lead the efficient production and management of quality official statistics based on international standards, using competent staff for evidence-based decision-making, in support of national development. GSS also produces monthly data on important economic indicators such as Consumer Price Index (CPI), and Producer Price Index as well as population, housing, demographic and economic data at the locality, district, and national levels from routine

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