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Independent Evaluation of Ghana's National Anti-Corruption Action Plan Commences

Assessing Ghana's response in combating corruption across all sectors of the economy

The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) is coordinating an Independent Final Evaluation of the Ghana National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP), being implemented from 2015 to 2024, as part of Ghana's efforts to fight corruption.

The evaluation is being conducted by national consultants and with technical support from the Independent Evaluation Section (IES) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The implementation of NACAP lies with the High-Level Implementation Committee (HiLIC), Monitoring Committee (Monicom), with the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) dispensing a coordinating role.

The **strategic objectives of NACAP** are to:

- 1. Build public capacity to condemn and fight corruption and to make corruption a high-risk, low-gain activity.
- 2. Institutionalize efficiency, accountability and transparency in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.
- 3. Engage individuals, media, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in reporting and combating corruption.
- 4. Conduct effective investigations and prosecution of corrupt conduct.

The **evaluation aims** to assess the achievement, impact and sustainability of NACAP in fighting corruption in Ghana.

The second NACAP (2025-2034) will be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders, after the evaluation of the maiden NACAP. The evaluation results will guide the design and implementation of more effective anti-corruption strategies to improve resource utilization for the benefit of the general population. The results will also help to establish

mechanisms and tools in NACAP 2 to promote learning, accountability and integrity in Ghana.

The **evaluation targets** all NACAP stakeholders and implementing agencies, including the Executive, Parliament, Judiciary, Public Sector Institutions (Ministries, Departments and Agencies [MDAs] and Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies [MMDAs]), Anti-corruption and Law Enforcement Agencies, Independent Governance Institutions, Media, CSOs, Private Sector, Traditional Authorities, Religious Bodies, Political Parties, Development Partners, Citizenry, Labour Unions and Academia.

A wide range of **information sources with various evaluation approaches**, including document review, questionnaire administration and a survey approach for in-depth interviews, are being adopted to evaluate the progress of the activities and strategies as set out in NACAP. Following the publicization of the NACAP evaluation exercise during the media engagement and sensitization on the 2023 International Anti-Corruption Day, and the official launch of the evaluation by the President of Ghana in December 2024, implementing institutions of NACAP have been engaged through interviews.

The **independence of the NACAP evaluation** is ensured by the following:

- 1. The Evaluation Manager (GSS) has the mandate to ensure impartiality in the execution of its duties as the national statistical office.
- 2. The National Consultants from academia are providing independent professional and scientific guidance for the evaluation exercise.
- 3. The involvement of international evaluation advisors and the UNODC provides a quality assurance intervention to ensure that the evaluation complies with international best practices and is independent.

As an important national exercise to shape Ghana's continued fight against corruption, GSS invites all persons in Ghana to participate in the evaluation by providing open and honest responses and inputs through the Citizen Science approach. The questionnaire can be accessed using http://tiny.cc/gss-nacap or the QR code. The link to the evaluation is also available on the GSS (www.statsghana.gov.gh) and CHRAJ (www.chraj.gov.gh) social media handles and web pages.

GSS assures the general public of the confidentiality of participants' responses, which will be aggregated, anonymised and used for evaluation purposes only.

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