



REPUBLIC OF GHANA

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DECENTRALISATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

GHANA SECONDARY CITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM ADDITIONAL FINANCING (P178427)
PROGRAM- FOR- RESULTS FINANCING

DISCLOSURE OF ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT (ESSA)

1. The Government of Ghana (GoG) through the Ministry of Finance is to receive a loan of USD 150 million facility from the International Development Association/International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the World Bank Group as additional Financing to fund activities of the on-going Ghana's Program for Results Ghana Secondary Cities Support Program.
2. The Program implementation will still be led by the Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development.
3. The Additional Financing (AF) is intended primarily to fill a financing gap and to sustain and increase the Program operation's development impact on the ground.
4. The additional financing will upscale the Program beneficiary Municipal Assemblies from twenty five (25) to thirty five (35) Assemblies countrywide. Furthermore, regional operation will increase from ten (10) Regional Coordinating Councils to sixteen (16) This aforementioned development necessitated a review and updating of the Environmental and Social Systems Assessment (ESSA) document of the parent Program to take care of the potential environmental and social risks and impacts associated with the expansion in geographic scope of the Program.
5. However, the Program Development objective remain unchanged and will still be "To improve urban management and basic urban services in participating Municipal Assemblies.
6. The proposed AF activities are within the scope of the Parent Program and excludes investments that have adverse environment and social impacts and risks as categorized under Schedule II of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 1999 (LI 1652) - (the equivalent of category A under World Bank's Environmental Assessment (EA) policy). Like the Parent Program, the potential E&S risks and impacts that would be associated with the AF is linked to construction, rehabilitation and expansion of existing infrastructures. Works could fall under the following thematic areas: (i) Waste management (liquid and solid), (ii) Storm water drainage, (iii) Roads, non-motorized transport facilities, and streetlights, (iv) Urban economic infrastructure, and (v) Disaster management.
7. In compliance with the disclosure provisions of the Ghana Environmental Assessment Legislation (LI1652) and the Country's Right To Information ACT, 2019 (ACT989) an updated environmental and social systems assessment report (ESSA) has been prepared for the Additional Financing as an addendum to the parent ESSA. The addendum is being publicly disclosed through the under-listed channels as part of the Additional Financing Program preparatory activities.
6. A copy of the Addendum ESSA can be found at the following locations:

- Office of the **Chief Director**, Ministry of Local Government, Decentralization and Rural Development, Accra
- Offices of the Sixteen (16) Regional Coordinating Councils in Ghana
- National and Regional Offices of the Environmental Protection Agency.

7. Copies of the ESSA addendum can also be accessed from the MLGDRD and the World Bank's websites

8. All enquiries should be forwarded to:

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