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Learning from COVID-19. How COVID-19 Social Protection Shock Response Interventions Have Been Integrated into National Policies

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Showcasing Operational Innovation to the context of COVID-19

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Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)

LEAP is a cash transfer programme for the poorest households in Ghana

LEAP Broad objective

To reduce poverty by smoothening consumption and promoting human capital development among extremely poor households in Ghana.

LEAP Specific Objectives

To improve basic household consumption and nutrition.

To increase access to health care services.

To increase basic school enrolment, attendance and retention.

To facilitate access to complementary services to improve welfare, livelihoods, and labour productivity.

Background / Overview of the LEAP in covid-19 era

- The conditions of the extremely poor and vulnerable segment of Ghana's population has worsened in the wake of the outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Also, the conditions of victims of witchcraft allegation who are in camps has further worsen due COVID 19.
- These developments have affected the lives and livelihoods of these segment of the population.
- There is wide recognition that unconditional emergency cash transfers are one of the most effective social safety nets in times of crisis.

Objective / Goal of Payment amid covid-19

- Help LEAP beneficiaries to cope with the impact of COVID-19
- Provide a one-time payment to poor and vulnerable people who are **not enrolled** on Safety Net Programs – LEAP and LIPW
- Ensure availability of data to better target the poor and vulnerable in times of emergencies



LEAP innovations amid COVID-19

In the height of COVID-19, there was lockdown in selected cities; PFIs were unwilling to move to the communities for LEAP cash out.

LEAP beneficiaries: Combined 2 cycles payment with top up for T&T, Soap and PPEs

DSWOs: Increase mobilization allowance for DSWOs in order for them to buy Veronica buckets, soap, water and tissues for the paypoints

CFPs: Increased their volunteer allowance to enable them mobilize effectively

Increase awareness of COVID-19 safety protocols by sharing the standard message from GHS with all DSWOs to share same with CFPs and beneficiaries

Targeting, Eligibility Criteria and Registration for the emergency relief

Selection and identification by GNHR

Targeted beneficiaries include

- homeless
- kayayei
- People with disabilities
- Alleged witches camp
- Flood victims
- SWCES call center data
- GNHR data on extreme poor not on LEAP

Covid-19 Relief Payment as at May 31, 2021.

Targeted individuals 122,607

Verified and paid 54,088

Communication, Grievances and Complaints

General communique issued out as press statement which provided the reasons for the transfer, the means of targeting / enrolment, the payment means, duration and amounts etc.

- Flyer shared with all DSWOs/Stakeholders
- Communication to DSWOs in Districts with Residents of Alleged witches' camps.
- Text messages sent to beneficiaries via UNICEF u-reporting system to inform them of impending emergency payment
- Text sent to beneficiaries informing them to cash out
- Toll-free line (SWCES) deployed to assist in emergency response (0800 800 800 / 0800 800 900)
- Payment variance shared with GNHR and SWCES to follow up

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Payment monitoring done through the following:
 - U-report – SMS based survey
 - SWCES call center – follow up calls
 - Independent monitoring via CSOs



Thank You

Any Questions?

