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**LEAP**

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**MEASURES INSTITUTED BY LEAP IN THE WAKE OF  
COVID 19**

# OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- Brief background of the LEAP Programme
- Measures instituted by LEAP in the wake of COVID 19 pandemic:
  - Change of payment arrangements
  - Development & implementation of emergency payment guidelines
  - Monitoring: Onsite and Offsite
  - Challenges
- Conclusion

# THE OBJECTIVES AND GRANT PAYMENT OF LEAP

- **Broad objective:**

- ✓ LEAP Programme is to reduce poverty by smoothening consumption and promoting human capital development among extremely poor households.

- **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.
- ✓ To complement efforts of other interventions to mitigate shocks that may occur from humanitarian crises as needed/requested.

- **Grant amount paid to Households:**

- ✓ One eligible member household will receive **GHC64.00**,
- ✓ Two eligible member household will receive **GHC76.00**,
- ✓ Three eligible member household will receive **GHC88.00** and
- ✓ Four and more eligible member household will receive **GHC106.00**.

# LEAP IN THE CONTEXT OF GHANA'S POVERTY

- The extremely poor stands at **2.4 million** people representing **8.2%** of Ghana's population; decline from 8.4% (GSS's 2016/2017 -GLSS7).
- LEAP will maintain a coverage of **350,000** households over the next four year period.
- LEAP is currently covering over 1.4million individuals.
- LEAP yet to cover all extreme poor households (2.4m).

# CHANGE OF PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- 66<sup>th</sup> cycle payments conducted ahead of schedule alongside 65<sup>th</sup> in April, 2020.
- Beneficiaries were paid top-up of Ghc 20 and 7 each based on place of abode (Urban or Rural district) to pay as transportation.
- Beneficiaries travelled to the premises of PFIs to access their grants.

# LEAP BENEFICIARIES BEING SENSITIZED BY DSWO





# LEAP BENEFICIARIES AT WAITING AREA





# SOME LEAP BENEFICIARIES IN THE BANKING HALL





# CHANGE OF PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS ...2

- Ghc 10 was paid as additional top-up to all beneficiaries to purchase sanitary items.
- Mobilization funds paid to CFPs was increased from Ghc 15 to 60 to ensure beneficiaries are properly mobilized to cash out.
- Funds were provided to DSWOs to purchase veronica buckets and sanitary items.

# VERONICA BUCKET FOR HAND WASHING



# **DEV'T & IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY PAYMENT GUIDELINES**

- Emergency payment guidelines developed with DPs and FSP and shared with all stakeholders.
- Guidelines shared with DSWOs and PFIs to facilitate payments.
- Guidelines fully implemented



# A BENEFICIARY COUNTING AFTER CASH-OUT





# MONITORING

- Emergency monitoring guidelines developed and implemented
  - ✓ The strategy comprised Onsite and Offsite approaches

## Onsite:

- LMS staff dispatched to monitor payments
- CSOs engaged with support from UNICEF to conduct post payment monitoring

# MONITORING ...2

## Offsite:

- Selected staff of LMS assigned to collect data via phone calls.
- LEAP E-reporting platform deployed to collect data.
- U-reporting system deployed by UNICEF.
- Report compiled and shared

# CHALLENGES

- **Distance to Banking Hall**
- **Transportation challenges**
- **Space in banking hall resulting to over crowding**
- **Delay in cash out**

# CONCLUSION

Thank you