

The logo for LEAP (Local Emergency Action Plan) is a white, scalloped-edged shape centered on a yellow background. Inside this shape, the word "LEAP" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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 smoothing 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

- 66th cycle payments conducted ahead of schedule alongside 65th 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