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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 1.4 million 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





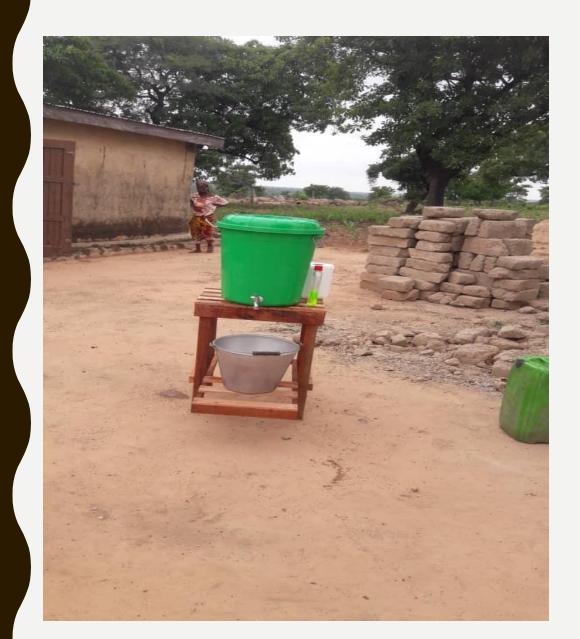
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• Ghc 10 was paid as additional top-up to all beneficiaries to purchase sanitary items.

 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