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Quick Facts

Countries	Ghana
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-11-28
Borrower	Government of Ghana
Sectors	Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 70.09 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the overall objective of the Programme is to enhance the resilience and living conditions of women and youth by promoting economic inclusion and social cohesion through job creation, entrepreneurship, access to finance and skills development. The Programme's specific objectives are : i) investing in women and youth entrepreneurs by promoting access to technical skills, finance and business development services, ii) strengthening the fiduciary, Programme management and social safeguards capacity of institutions including preventing conflict and violent extremism in Northern Ghana, and iii) preventing the worsening of poverty and spatial inequality and curbing rural urban migration. The Programme will then focus mainly of job creation and social cohesion through STEM, digital and creative skills, and accessto finance for women and youth owned MSMEs and support to peace building and social cohesion in the country, especially in Northern Ghana.

The proposed operation consists of UA 52.24 million grant comprising UA 37.24 million from the ADF-16 window and UA 15 million from the TSF Pillar 1 (Prevention Envelope) to the Republic of Ghana to finance the "Ghana Women and Youth Employment and Social Cohesion (GWYESCO)" Programme. The Bank's intervention through this Results-Based Financing Programme will therefore focus on skills development, entrepreneurship, mass formalization and MSME scaling through registration, access to finance and market, and job creation, particularly for young people and women. This will help to build social cohesion, especially in northern Ghana, in line with the government's integrated and inclusive approach to economic transformation. The GWYESCO Programme will support the ongoing flagship National Apprenticeship Programme (NAP) and 'Adwumawura' Programme being executed by the Government of Ghana (GOG), and the results achieved through six (6) disbursement linked indicators (DLIs), will be implemented by seven (7) implementing entities- SIF, NAELP, YEA, NEIP, GRATIS Foundation, Northern Development Authorities (NDA), and other District Assemblies and other Agencies. Thus, the financial management arrangements encompassing budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, internal controls, treasury management and external audit will follow national systems. The Programme duration is spread over four fiscal years (2026-2029).

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