**SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS AS AT AUGUST 10, 2020**

***PRODUCTIVE INCLUSION (PI)***

* Tool kits and Guidelines for PI activities developed
* Forty-one (41) District CLASS Implementation Teams (DCIT) trained to identify viable activities
* Selection of CLASS communities and district specific Income Generating Activities [IGAs] completed.
* Work has begun on mapping of CSO/NGOs involved in Financial Literacy/Inclusion in all LIPW & PI beneficiary districts for possible collaboration in establishing VSLAs in all LIPW and PI communities
* The process of finalization of draft of training manuals for all modules i.e. Life Skills and Business Management and Enterprise or Livelihood Skills segments of CLASS has begun.

***LABOUR INTENSIVE PUBLIC WORKS (LIPW)***

* Guidelines and templates for LIPW implementation developed and in use.
* 341 subprojects planned and prepared for implementation (Climate Change Mitigation Interventions [CCMI]: 201; Feeder Roads: 63; Small Earth Dams: 78); total commitment cost of GHS 118.52 Million
* 31,763 persons were targeted and enrolled in LIPW MIS to undertake LIPW activities.
* 332 subprojects currently active (Climate Change Mitigation Interventions [CCMI]: 199(1,952ha); Feeder Roads: 60(235.2km); Small Earth Dams: 73).
* Activities temporarily closed at all feeder road and dam sites (except for a few with critical activities) till October 2020 to offer beneficiaries the opportunity to work in their farms. Works will continue at the climate change sites for a limited number of beneficiaries.
* To date, 28, 541 beneficiaries have been paid an amount of 15.6M with an average earning per head of GHS 547.
* Over 5.5M cashew seedlings have been produced to date. The project is utilizing less than 300,000 of the quantity produced to establish communal plantations while 5.2 million are being distributed under PERD to interested beneficiaries and institutions
* Valuation and certification of works done to date for payment to Contractors ongoing
* Seventy (70) out of the 341 planned subprojects visited and assessed (screened) by EPA for permitting. Remainder to be screened by end of August 2020

***PROJECT MANAGEMENT***

*Administration*

* RDCU have institutionalized a virtual *(using Microsoft Teams)* weekly update meeting with all the zones. This provides the Head Office, the opportunity to received update on implementation
* The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development has approved of a 3-day meeting for all GPSNP Technical and Management Staff [MLGRD & RDCU] from August 19-22, 2020 to assess implementation regarding achievements, weaknesses, risks and challenges.

*Procurement*

* All 6 outstanding contracts signed
* 50 of the 170 procured motorbikes for use by DAs technical staff have been supplied. It is expected that supply would be completed by close of September, 2020.
* 350 contracts will be published, to fulfil procurement requirements, in two widely circulated national newspapers and Public Procurement Authority website by August 20,2020

*Management Information System*

* GMIS-Pro [the Project’s Management Information System] Design: The ability of the system to generate about 60 reports 70% complete.
* Set up of All-in-one HP Screens for Ministry Management to be completed by September 15, 2020. These would be used to access Project data – dashboard, performance, analytics, etc.
* Roll-out of electronic work attendance capture (DASH) at LIPW sites in progress and so far, instituted at 32 subprojects sites.
* New LIPW MIS, GMIS Pro v2, developed and deployed.

**Project Development Objectives**

The Project aims to strengthen safety net systems in Ghana, improve the productivity of the poor, and build on flagship social protection programs of the Government to enhance their effectiveness.

**Project Components**

(1) Productive Inclusion (PI), (2) Labour Intensive Public Works (LIPW) (3) Livelihood Empowerment against Poverty (LEAP) Cash Grants, (4) Social Protection Systems Strengthening and (5) Project Management, Coordination, and Capacity Building.

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| **Financing Institution** | **International Development Association** |
| **Borrower/Recipient** | Republic of Ghana |
| **Responsible Agencies** | Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development  (Components 1, 2 and 5b) |
| Ministry of Gender Children and Social Protection  (Components 3, 4 and 5a) |
| **Project Cost** | US$ 220.5 million |
| **MoGCSP** | US$ 179.5 million |
| **MLGRD** | US$ 41.0 million |
| **IDA contribution** | US$ 60 Million |
| **Government of Ghana Contribution** | US$ 140 Million |
| **DFID** | US$ 20.5 Million |
| **Date of Credit Agreement signing** | December 31, 2018 |
| **Date of Credit Effectiveness** | June 28, 2019 |
| **Date of Project Completion** | December 31, 2022 |
| **Date of Credit Closure** | December 31, 2022 |

**ACHIEVEMENTS ON COMPONENT ACTIVITIES**

***Component One. Productive Inclusion [US$6,000,000]***

Target: a minimum of 25, 000 beneficiaries in 41 districts.

Key activities implemented:

* CLASS Implementation teams set up in all 41 beneficiary districts
* All CLASS Implementation Teams (DCIT trained on their roles and responsibilities
* Guidelines developed to assist the DAs carry out the following activities:
  + Community selection.
  + Feasibility and viability analysis
  + Community mobilization, and sensitization
  + Targeting and enrolment of beneficiaries.
  + Assisting beneficiaries to select their enterprise activities
* The above has been applied by the various beneficiary DAs to achieve the following:
  + Select 283no communities to participate in CLASS
  + Identify 21no IGAs to be implemented under
* Two manuals prepared for CLASS beneficiary training and a third set to be completed by end August 2020
* Sensitization and selection of first batch of CLASS beneficiaries expected to commence on 10/08/2020
* Training of 9,450 beneficiaries scheduled for September 2020
* Grant disbursement to 9,450 scheduled for October-November 2020

***Component Two: Labour Intensive Public Works (LIPW) [US$ 22.1M]***

* Guidelines and templates for subproject appraisal, design, cost estimation, community sensitisation, beneficiary targeting, beneficiary agreement, works monitoring and supervision, valuation and certification of works, etc. have been developed and in use.
* Total number of subprojects prepared for implementation is 341 (Climate Change Mitigation Activities [CCMI]: 201 (1,972ha); Feeder Roads: 65 (257 km); Small Earth Dams: 75). These are expected to provide 32,021[CCMIs - 14,589, Dams - 12,485 and Roads - 4,947] unskilled beneficiaries with temporary employment opportunities.
* To date, works have started at 332 subproject sites consisting of of 60(235.2km) feeder roads, 73 small earth dams and 199(1,952ha) climate change mitigation interventions.
* Activities at the 133 Feeder road and Dam subproject sites have been temporarily closed till October 2020 to make way for farming activities in the communities. Exceptions however are being made for sites which require more time to complete some critical activities.
* All 199 CCMI subprojects will remain active to ensure the seedling nurseries and plantations are maintained. Activities to be undertaken at these sites during the period will however not require many beneficiaries to work at a time.
* An amount of GHS15.6M including e-payment charges have been paid to 28,541 beneficiaries. Earnings per head amounts to GHS 547 and average worker days/month is 18 days.
* More than 5.5M cashew seedlings have been produced. While the project is directly utilizing only about 5% of the seedlings produced to establish communal plantations, the remaining quantities are being distributed to individual farmers under the government’s Planting for Export and Rural Development (PERD) project.
* All the 332 active subproject sites have Community Facilitators and Facility Management Committees in place.
* Seventy (70) out of the 341 planned subprojects have been visited and assessed (screened) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Efforts are far advanced for EPA to assess all the sites by close of August 2020 for permitting.
* The new LIPW MIS, GMISPro v2, has been developed and deployed on a temporary server.
* Migration of subprojects data from the old GMIS Pro onto the new is about 90% complete.
* The system of capturing beneficiaries work attendance electronically, dubbed eDASH, is currently being implemented and operational at 3 sites.
* One hundred and Forty (140) tablets for eDASH were received on June 17, 2020. Roll out has commenced in 140 subproject sites across the 80 implementing districts.
* Procurement of HP Server, Windows Server 2019 Data Center, SQL Server 2019, ESME Messaging library is ongoing. Contract is yet to be signed.
* Procurement of SIM Cards and Data Bundles for tablets have been completed for the RDCU districts and yet to be initiated in the other Zones.
* Email address on Office365 has been rolled out across LIPW & PI.
* Development of LIPW website is on-going.

***Component 5b. Project Management, Coordination and Capacity Building [US$ 3,000,000]***

* **Weekly update meeting:** RDCU have institutionalized a virtual weekly update meeting with all the zones. This provides the Head Office, the opportunity to received update on implementation.
* **Staff Review Meeting:** The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development have scheduled August 19-21, 2020 to meet with Project Staff to review progress of project implementation. The meeting will serve as a platform to present achievements so far and also discuss challenges and mitigation measures.
* **Update on Capacity Building:** The Capacity Building Plan have been revised and the ICDS have initiated the analysis of information received from the District Assemblies in the RDCU Districts on Training Gaps/Needs of Client Supervisors, Climate Change Coaches, Climate Change Focal persons, LIPW Coaches (Roads & Dams).
* **Procurement of Cashew Seedlings:** A first batch of cashew seedlings have already been procured and been sent out to the various districts and to the LIPW Sites for Climate Change works. A second batch of 305 bags of Viable Polyclonal Cashew seedlings is being procured and is currently in the Pre-Contract Stage of Procurement with a standstill period that elapsed on the 4th of August 2020.
* **Procurement of Wellington Boots:** An initial 7000 No. Wellington boots were procured for the LIPW participants to carry out their duties on site. This number was not enough to cover all the districts, hence the need for an additional 7200 No. to enable all the LIPW participants have wellington boots to carry out their tasks. This is at the contract signing stage and awaiting the signature of Chief Director.
* **Procurement of HP Server to host GMisPro, E-Dash for LIPW and PI Database**: The procurement process for the HP Server to host GMisPro and E- Dash for LIPW and PI activities has been underway and is at the contract signing stage, after the expiration of the Standstill period on Tuesday, 04/08/2020.
* **Procurement of SQL Server, Windows Server, and ESME Messaging Library:** The Procurement process for these IT software’s and server are has been approved by MLGRD Entity Tender Committee. Standstill period ended on Tuesday, 04/08/2020. Contract has been submitted to the Ministry for signature. stage.
* **Procurement of 170 No. Motorbikes**: The contract for the supply of motorbikes between Messrs. Empire Creation and The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development has been signed and a total number of 30 motorbikes have been delivered to the RDCU Office with 140 Motorbikes left to be supplied.
* **Completion of Documentation for PPA Contract Awards**: The Unit is completing the documentation of all contracts awarded under the project for submission to the PPA and further Publication in the National Dailies. This is expected to be completed by close of day 6th August 2020.

1. ***Next Steps for Quarter 3 (July-September 2020) PI***

* Finalize the development of the training manuals for all modules i.e. Life Skills and Business Management and Enterprise or Livelihood Skills segments of CLASS
* Sensitize CLASS beneficiaries from Batch 1 communities
* Complete work on mapping of CSO/NGOs involved in Financial Literacy/Inclusion in all LIPW & PI beneficiary districts for possible collaboration to establish VSLAs in all LIPW and PI communities
* Select, enrol and orient CLASS beneficiaries from Batch 1 communities
* Identify and select DA Specific Training Service Providers (Master Craftsmen) for various CLASS Training Modules
* Organize Training of Trainers (ToT) for all Service Providers for effective PI delivery
* Undertake Tracer Study on JSDF beneficiaries

1. ***Next Steps for Quarter 3 (July-September 2020) LIPW***

* Continuation of works at the feeder roads, dams and CCMI sites.
* Processing and payment of wages to beneficiaries in exchange for their work at the sites (GHS30.4M to be paid in 2020)
* Valuation of works and preparation of payment certificates to Contractors
* Procurement of 3M Cashew Polyclonal seeds and establishment of seedling nurseries
* Distribution of 8.2M seedlings (Cashew and Others) to farmers under Planting for Export and Rural Development (PERD)
* Training of Community Facilitators, Timekeepers and members of Facility Management Committees in Safeguards, Gender Mainstreaming, eDASH management, etc.
* Training of beneficiaries in fire prevention and mapping of sites
* Preparation and institutionalisation of operations and maintenance arrangements at all LIPW sites.

1. ***LIPW Financial Commitments***

* Expected LIPW expenditure for 2020: US$11.0M [50% of Commitment and new LIPW Allocation]
* Unskilled labour payments 2020: US$ 5.5M
* Unskilled beneficiaries for 2020: 31,763
* Beneficiaries average earnings for the year: GHS944.00

1. ***PI Financial Commitments***

* Total PI Allocation for 2020: US$ 6M
* Expected PI expenditure for 2020: US$2.8M [47% of allocation]

1. ***Project Management Financial Commitments***

* Total Project Management Allocation: US$ 4M
* Total project management Commitment for 2020: US$ 2,796,579.76
* Percentage expenditure of Project Management to Allocation by December 2020: 93%
* Funds available for Project Management by December 2020: US$ 203,420.24