



Existing rates of: **Wasting:** 4.7% **Stunting:** 18.8% **Proportion of population underweight:** 11%

Source: Gov. of Ghana (DHS, 2014)

Strong Performance

Government of Ghana has ensured tenure security for rural populations. Land titling is common and land markets function well. Policy promotes equitable access to common property resources.

The Government encourages varied agricultural research and extension services, and local farmer organisations are involved in setting policy priorities. The extension system is effective and properly reaches out to poor farmers. Government policies, strategies and mechanisms seek to ensure gender equity in access to extension services.

The National Nutrition Policy/Strategy identifies time bound nutrition targets and a multisectoral and multistakeholder policy coordination mechanism has been set up.

Policymakers in Ghana benefit from regular nutrition surveys that are statistically representative at national level. The last survey was published in 2011.

The Government has fully enshrined the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes into domestic law.

The Government of Ghana promotes complementary feeding practices and has achieved two high doses of vitamin A supplementation for 96% of children in 2013.

In Ghana 96.4% of women aged 15-49 were visited at least once during pregnancy by skilled health personnel in 2011.

In Ghana, constitutional protection of the right to social security is strong.

Areas for improvement

Spending on agriculture (3.43% of public spending in 2013), does not meet government commitments set out in the African Union's Maputo Declaration (10% of public spending).

Ghana's spending in its health sector (9.7% of public spending in 2012) does not fully meet (15%) commitments set out in the Abuja Declaration.

In Ghana, the law does not give women legal access to agricultural land equal to men. Men and women have equal economic rights, but this is not effectively enforced and discriminatory practices against women continue, increasing their vulnerability to hunger and undernutrition.

Ghana does not have a separate budget line for nutrition; this prevents transparency and accountability for spending.

Weak access to improved sanitation facilities (14.4% in 2012) obstructs better hunger and nutrition outcomes.

Civil registration rates are weak (62.5% in 2011) and potentially hold back children's access to critical public services such as health and education.



Key data for Ghana



Hunger Reduction Commitment Index (HRCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	HRCI Rank of 45
Public spending on agriculture as share of total public spending ¹	3.43%	2013	30th
Public spending on health as share of total public spending ¹	9.7%	2012	27th
Policies			
Access to land (security of tenure) ²	Strong	2013	Joint 10th
Access to agricultural research and extension services ²	Strong	2013	Joint 15th
Civil registration system — coverage of live births	62.5%	2011	23rd
Functioning of social protection systems ²	Moderate	2014	Joint 6th
Laws			
Level of constitutional protection of the right to food ³	Moderate	2011	Joint 8th
Equality of women's access to agricultural land (property rights) ⁴	Not in Law	2014	Joint 41st
Equality of women's economic rights ⁴	In Law, not in Practice	2011	Joint 5th
Constitution recognises the right to social security (yes/no)	Yes	2006	Joint 1st

¹ Possible scores are: ● <75% of agriculture (Maputo) and health (Abuja) spending pledges ● >=75% and <100% ● >=100%

² Possible scores are: ● Weak ● Moderate ● Strong

³ Possible scores are: ● Weak ● Moderate ● Strong

⁴ Possible scores are: ● Not in Law ● In Law Not in Practice ● In Law & Practice

Nutrition Commitment Index (NCI)

Public spending	Score*	Year	NCI Rank of 45
Separate budget for nutrition (No/Sectoral only/Yes)	No	2014	Joint 28th
Policies			
Vitamin A supplementation coverage for children	96%	2013	Joint 17th
Government promotes complementary feeding (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Population with access to an improved water source	87.2%	2012	11st
Population with access to improved sanitation	14.4%	2012	39th
Health care visits for pregnant women	96.4%	2011	7th
Nutrition features in national development policy ¹	Moderate	2010-2013	25th
National Nutrition Policy/Strategy (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Multisector and multistakeholder policy coordination (yes/no)	Yes	2014	Joint 1st
Time bound nutrition targets (yes/no)	Yes	2012	Joint 1st
National nutrition survey in last 3 years (yes/no)	Yes	2011	Joint 1st
Laws			
ICMBS [^] Enshrined in domestic law ²	Fully enshrined	2014	Joint 1st

¹ Possible scores are: ● Weak ● Moderate ● Strong (Note: Performance relative to other countries).

² Possible scores are: ● Not Enshrined in Law ● Voluntary Adoption ● Fully enshrined.

[^] International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes