



# BRIEF:

## THE GREATER KUMASI METROPOLITAN AREA SANITATION AND WATER PROJECT

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# Background

The Greater Kumasi Sanitation and Water Project (officially known as GAMA Sanitation and Water Project Additional Financing) is a sequel to the GAMA Sanitation and Water Project (GAMA SWP), which ended on 31st December 2020. The parent GAMA Sanitation and Water Project was implemented in the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA) and was awarded the Most Impactful WASH Project in Ghana over the past decade, exceeding its target results by about 50%.

Following the successful implementation of the GAMA SWP, The Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, led by the Hon. Minister, Cecilia Abena Dapaah, considered it necessary to replicate the Project in Greater Kumasi.

## The Greater Kumasi Sanitation and Water Project

The Government of Ghana, acting through the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, therefore applied and received US\$125m from the World Bank towards the implementation of the Greater Kumasi Sanitation and Water Project with the objective of ‘increasing access to improved sanitation and improved drinking water supply in GKMA, with emphasis on low-income urban communities, and to strengthen the management of environmental sanitation in the GKMA.’ The four (4) year project is expected to end on **31st December 2024**.

### Baseline Information

Out of a total of 7,141 households sampled for baseline assessment in the eight Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies of Greater Kumasi, 70% of the residences were compound houses, 15% private residences, 11% apartment/tenement, 4% uncompleted houses and 1% improvised homes.

The assessment further revealed that 51% of houses assessed did not have any form of toilet facility. Out of the 49% of houses that had a toilet facility, 6% reported that their toilet facilities were not functioning.

The project has also carried out preliminary assessment of 275 public schools and health care facilities proposed for project intervention in all the eight GKMA, out of which 120 will be selected for the facilities.

## GKMA Project Launch

The Greater Kumasi Sanitation and Water Project was launched on 23rd November 2020 by the Hon. Cecilia Abena Dapaah, Minister for Sanitation and Water Resources at the Jubilee Park, Kumasi. The launch was attended by the then Minister for Education, Hon. Dr. Mathew Opoku Prempeh, Deputy Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Hon. Patricia Appiagyei, MP for Asokwa, Representatives of the Ashanti Regional Coordinating Council, Metropolitan and Municipal Chief Executives, and other senior officers from the eight beneficiary Assemblies. The event was chaired by a representative of the Manhyia Palace, Oheneba Owusu Afriyie IV, Apagyahene.

# THE PROJECT COMPONENTS

The Project has four (4) key components as follows:



## COMPONENT 1

Increasing access to sanitation services in priority low income areas; MAINLY supporting the **Provision of 42,000 household (HH) toilets(30,000 and 12,000 for Greater Kumasi and Greater Accra Respectively) and 150 school/healthcare Sanitation facilities.** Every eligible low-income Household is being supported with 70% of the cost of household toilet to make the capital costs of accessing the toilets affordable to these low-income residents.



## COMPONENT 2

Support the expansion of water distribution network in GKMA to provide piped water to an estimated **150,000 people** living in low-income urban communities. About 120 km of pipeline will be laid and **10,000 new households** will be connected to Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL) water system. This component is supporting GWCL to improve on operational efficiency through interventions necessary to reduce Non-Revenue Water (NRW) losses from



### **COMPONENT 3**

its current level of 54% to 40% by the end of the project period.

Support the improvement of sanitation services, including wastewater and septic sludge management investments, planning of liquid waste management and drainage as well as investment in biodigester sludge processing plants.



### **COMPONENT 4**

Aims at institutional strengthening, providing technical assistance (TA) to metropolitan, municipal, and national institutions, promoting Behaviour Change Communication Campaigns (BCC) to GKMA

MMA and Schools, support consultations and workshops, project management, Monitoring and Evaluation as well as promoting Private Sector Initiatives in Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).



## Project Beneficiaries

Project beneficiaries are low-income households and selected institutions in the eight Metropolitan/Municipal Assemblies (MMAs) of the Greater Kumasi Metropolitan Area, comprising the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly, Asokwa, Oforikrom, Old Tafo, Suame, Kwadaso, Ejisu, and Asokore Mampong Municipal Assemblies.

## Implementation Arrangement

Since Sanitation falls under the responsibility of Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies (MMAs) and urban water supply falls under the responsibility of GWCL, the project is operating two separate implementation arrangements for the sanitation and water supply related activities. However, the overall coordination of the Project is being done by the Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources (MSWR) through its Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) with an established Satellite Office in Kumasi, **located at house #1 of Plot No. 10A Cedar Crescent, Major Kobbina Drive, Ridge-Kumasi, near Sunset Hotel Kumasi.**









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