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Country Fact Card - Ghana

2018



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Political landscape

Current Government

- **President:** Nana Akufo-Addo
- **Stable democratic government** – – One of the more stable democracies in the region, since its transition to multi-party democracy in 1992. Current government elected in Dec 2016 after hotly contested elections. Predecessor John Muhama conceded defeat
- Next elections in 2020

Political priorities

- Following a major economic down turn in 2016, current government priorities focus on economic growth.
- The fiscal deficit dropped to 6% GDP in 2017 from 9.3% GDP; achieved primarily through expenditure cuts .
- Domestic resource mobilization is a key priority for the government.

Risks

- Gold and oil are Ghana's main exports; potential risks of a drop in prices suppressing the economy. This happened between 2011 and 2016
- Faces recurrent power cuts hampering many business – but government has launched alternative sources of energy including nuclear and wind energy
- Maritime border disputes with Ivory Coast

Macroeconomic Indicators

• Population (2018)	29.6 M
• GDP per capita (current USD, 2017)	\$1,663
• Government revenue as % of GDP	19.4%
• Real GDP Growth per capita (2016)	4.8%
• Real GDP growth	7.5%
• Inflation	10.6%
• Credit rating	B
• Interest rate	18.0%
• Current account deficit (as % of GDP)	17.8%
• Country income classification: Middle Income	



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Facilities & Human Resources

- Health Center/Post Density (per 100,000 population) **10.2**
- Hospital Beds (per 1,000 population) **0.9**
- Physicians (per 1,000 population) **0.096**
- Nurses/Midwives (per 1,000 population) **0.926**
- Community Health Workers (per 1,000 population) **0.563**

Disease & Outcomes

- Life Expectancy at Birth (years) **62**
- Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100,000 live births) **319**
- Under-5 Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) **59**
- Fertility Rate (births per woman) **4.0**
- Prevalence of HIV (% of population ages 15-49) **1.6%**
- Prevalence of Diabetes (% of population ages 20-79) **5.0%**
- Incidence of TB (per 100,000 people) **156**



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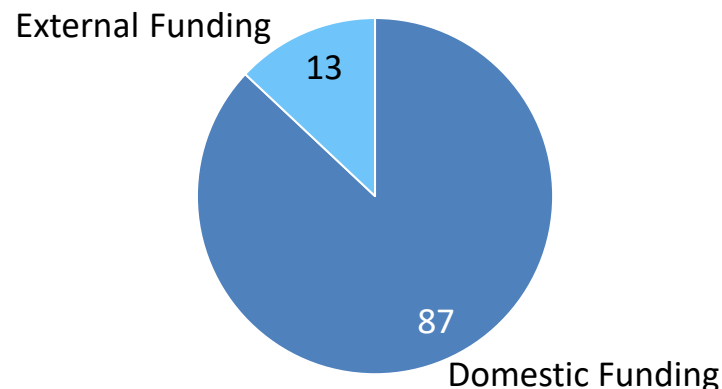
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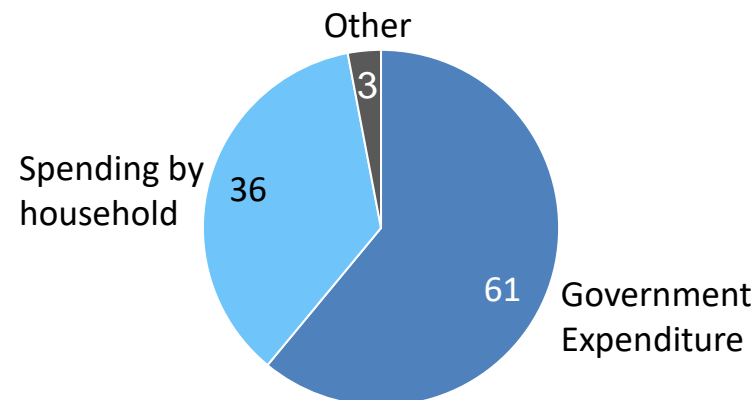


Healthcare Expenditure Indicators	
Total Health Expenditure (THE) as % of GDP	5.4 % avg. low-income countries (5%) global avg. (9.2%)
General Health Expenditure (GHE) as % of General Government Expenditure (GGE)	10.6% targets set by Abuja Declaration (15%)
Per Capita government expenditure on health in USD	100
Government expenditure on health as a % of Total Health Expenditure	60.6%

Sources of health funding in Ghana, %



Spending, %



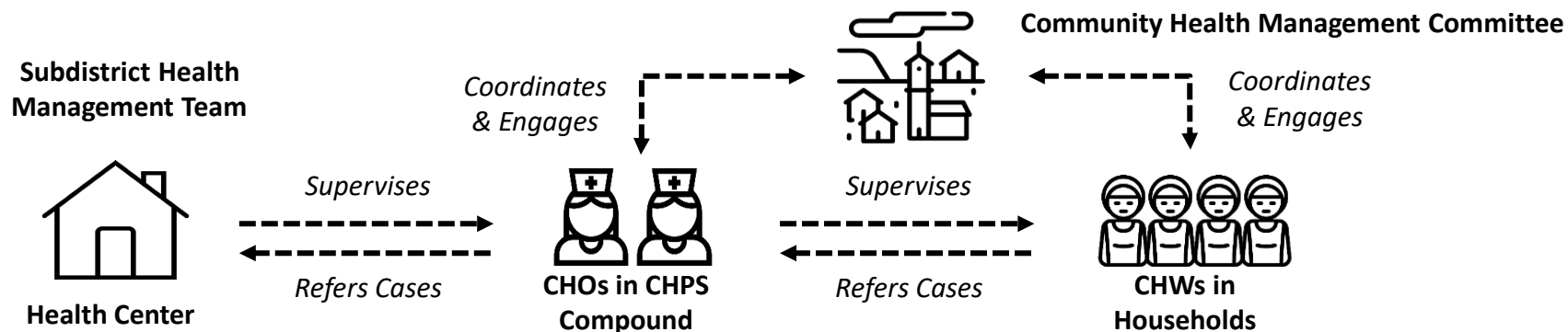


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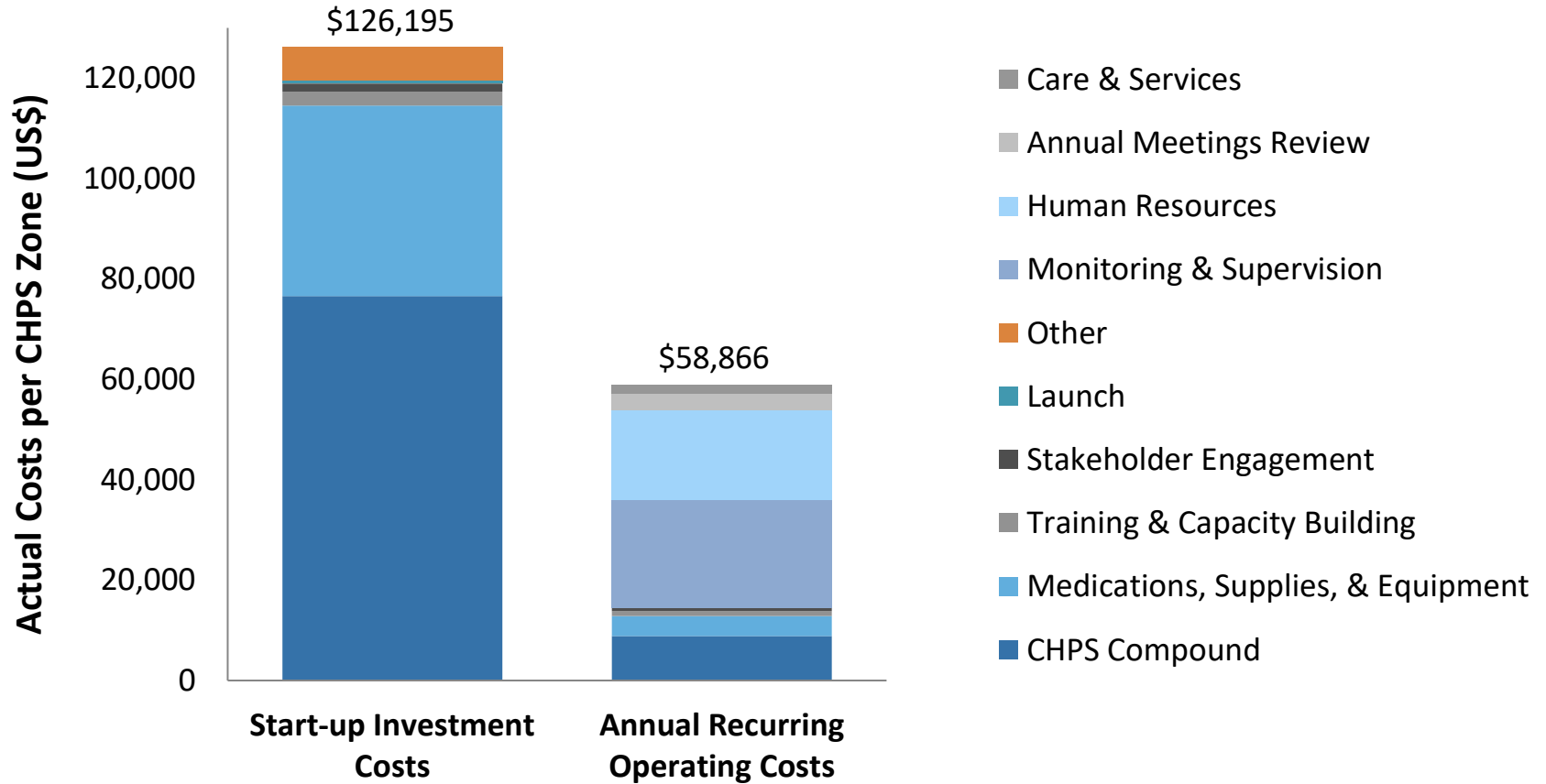
Community Health Officers (CHOs)

- **Ownership:** Ghana Health Service, Ministry of Health
- **Funding Source:** Employed by the Ghana Health Service
- **Scale:** ~4,000 functional CHPS Zones (out of 6,445 demarcated CHPS Zones)
- **Time:** Full time
- **Interventions:** Preventive care, health education and promotion, basic curative services (variable scope)
- **Selection:** 18-30 years old, communication skills, ability to ride a motorbike or bicycle, nursing training
- **Training:** Two year nursing training and two-weeks of onsite training once placed in a CHPS Zone
- **Health system linkage:** Supervised by district health management team and CHMC; refers more acute/complex cases to health centers or district hospitals

Community Health Workers (CHWs)

- **Ownership:** Ghana Health Service, Ministry of Health, Youth Employment Agency, 1mCHW Program
- **Funding Source:** Youth Employment Agency through a dedicated tax for the program
- **Scale:** Ashanti Region
- **Time:** Full time for two year term
- **Interventions:** Household outreach, preventive care, health education and promotion
- **Selection:** 18-35 years old, English literacy, capable of working with mobile technology
- **Training:** 28-week pre-service training and biannual in-service trainings
- **Health system linkage:** Supervised by CHO and CHMC; refers more acute/complex cases to CHO or health center

For CHPS, compounds and supplies are the largest start-up costs while monitoring, supervision, and HR are the largest operating costs



With 6,445 CHPS Zones in the country, a fully functional system would cost approximately **\$813 million in start-up investment costs** and **approximately \$379 million in annual operating costs**

Funding for CHPS comes from **the national government, local governments, development partners, individual philanthropists, the private sector, and community contributions**