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KPMG in Ghana's Contribution

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Key Wins - One

Supporting Ghana's economy: Ghanaian Government appoints KPMG as Technical Advisor for the country's Coronavirus Alleviation Program (CAP) – May 2020

COVID-19 has assumed global pandemic status, with various governments putting in place measures to contain the spread of the infection, reduce mortalities and mitigate the potential economic impact on businesses and households. As part of the measures to mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on Ghanaians, the Government of Ghana announced the establishment of the Coronavirus Alleviation Programme (CAP) in April 2020. CAP is targeted at providing emergency funds to Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) to cushion such enterprises affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The objectives of the fund comprise:

- To provide short to medium term financial support administered in the form of grants, concessionary loans and credit guarantees to businesses, and;
- To sustain businesses through technical assistance in the form of training on general business management practices and good corporate governance principles.

The total value of the fund is about US\$172mn. This is being contributed by the Government of Ghana and participating financial institutions. CAP expects additional funding from international development institutions and agencies.

The Government of Ghana selected National Board for Small Scale Enterprise (NBSSI) as the implementing institution and KPMG in Ghana as the Technical Advisors of the Fund.

KPMG's role as Technical Advisor encompasses set up and technical administration support in functional areas including:

- Governance and Administration of the Fund
- Fund Disbursement (Pre and Post Disbursement support)
- Risk management and
- Technology

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Overall, KPMG in Ghana is supporting the efforts of the loan committee and other state agencies handling the Fund to effectively achieve the targets set for CAP. The firm will also work closely with NBSSI to ensure that the disbursement of the fund is transparent and meets all agreed standards.

This is a great win for KPMG in Ghana considering that the job was highly contested by competition and other Accounting firms in Ghana.

The project is being executed with resources across the firm. The engagement is estimated to run for four (4) years and will earn the firm a fee income of USD 400,000 per annum.

Having won this opportunity, KPMG is committed to delivering value by providing support in the setup of the Fund as well as providing Technical Administration Support.

Under the leadership of Anthony K. Sarpong (Senior Partner), KPMG in Ghana will leverage the CAP opportunity to project KPMG's values and brand.

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Key Wins - Two

Key wins set above a threshold of USD 50,000 for the period of May, June and July 2020.

Client	Job Description	Fees (\$'000)
L'Oreal West Africa, Ghana	Loan Staff Engagement	270
NBSSI	Advisory Services	250
Ministry of Finance & Economic, Ghana	Supporting the Ministry of Finance to implement a help desk system for the Ministry	225
Ghana Revenue Authority/DFID	HR Advisory	220
Ghana Education Trust Fund	Administration Services	150
GCB Bank Limited	Cyber Directive Needs Assessment	93

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Citizenship (COVID News) - One

KPMG Partners Ghana COVID-19 Private Sector Fund to roll out FEED-A-KAYAYO Project

In line with supporting and improving the communities in which we live and work, KPMG in Ghana partnered the Ghana COVID-19 Private Sector Fund to successfully roll out an intervention which provided meals to the less privileged through the “FEED-A-KAYAYO” project.

The programme was a quick intervention to reach the vulnerable in Accra and Kumasi during the lockdown period. The main targets were the KAYAYEI (head-porters) at various locations impacted by the directive to restrict movements in the Greater Accra and Ashanti regions.

The project ran from 1 to 12 April 2020 (12 days) and had two objectives:

- Help alleviate the economic challenge faced by the head-porters as a result of the directive to restrict movements in the fight against COVID-19
- Provide 10,000 hot meal a day for the head porters

A total of 145,746 packs of food were provided to beneficiaries during the period.

The total cost of food, water, logistics and all incidental cost at the end of the project was GHS906,541.

The FEED-A-KAYAYO project was funded by donations from generous individuals and corporate institutions. Aside from offering our expertise through the conceptualisation and structuring of the project on pro bono basis, we also made a financial contribution of Ghc50,000 to support the project.

It is evident that these are challenging times and as a business with purpose, we are cognisant of our stake in ensuring that the support systems of our country are well-fuelled to perform their respective functions in sustaining our people and the economy. It is based on this that we responded to the government’s call on the private sector to support the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. KPMG in Ghana like other member firms is committed towards a common purpose of fuelling the prosperity of our communities and beyond. We will continue to forge ahead in co-creating sustainable community and national initiatives.

Citizenship (COVID news) - Two

KPMG in Ghana partners Ghana COVID-19 Private Sector fund to construct Ghana's 1st Infectious Disease Treatment and Isolation Centre

KPMG in Ghana has been at the fore front supporting the efforts of Government, and other key stakeholders in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the collaboration with the Private Sector Fund to execute the "FEED-A-KAYAYO" project, the firm has worked with the Private Sector Fund to construct Ghana's first-ever 100-bed Infectious Disease Treatment and Isolation Centre within 100 days.

The project, located at the Ga East Municipal Hospital in Accra, Ghana is the country's National Coronavirus Treatment Centre and will further strengthen and enhance government's ability to deal with the spread of the pandemic.

The six-man team dedicated to this project included the Senior Partner, Anthony Sarpong. The overall objective of our firm's support towards this project was to collaborate with the Trustees to develop and implement a financial management framework to standardise processes, implement controls over transactions, and enhance compliance and reporting for the project. Our role to was to act as project management consultants and technical advisors

Below are detailed roles and responsibilities of KPMG in Ghana on the project

- Coordinated and collaborated with other functions to develop a consolidated budget for the project.
- Managed project funds. i.e. disbursements to contractors and suppliers
- Performed periodic reconciliations to ascertain that project costs were within budget limits
- Defined the type of records to be maintained by the various functions on the project

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- Issued period financial and non-financial reports to assess the performance of the project
- Assisted the team on procurement decisions and ensure there is value for money on every expenditure
- Provided general tax advisory on the project.

The 100-bed Infectious Disease Treatment and Isolation Centre was commissioned by the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana on 24 July 2020. There is a plan to replicate the structure in two other regional capitals in Ghana, Kumasi and Takoradi, and KPMG will be involved in both projects.

Our involvement in this project reinforces our commitment to our community and nation. The fight against COVID-19 is a national call and KPMG in Ghana will continue to work with government and the private sector to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. The ongoing crisis presents a responsibility and an opportunity to demonstrate our values as a firm. It is our core value to improve the communities in which we live and work which also forms a significant component of our citizenship strategy.

[Watch video](#) - which captures the Senior Partner's remarks on the project.

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Events - One

Webinar on Stress Testing Banking Operations under COVID-19

KPMG in Ghana held a Webinar dubbed “Stress Testing Banking Operations under COVID-19 scenario” on Tuesday, 7 July 2020. The Webinar discussed the need to design and implement stress test frameworks to identify risks and opportunities within the banking business. Ultimately, it is to assist key stakeholders understand the capacity of their respective banks to be agile, compliant and generate value in the era of COVID-19. KPMG recommends that banks run “targeted stress tests” to take proactive actions required to better position the bank.

The Webinar received participation from top Executives and Risk Management Professionals across over 20 banks in Ghana. Feedback from participants thus far indicates that the Webinar was insightful and relevant to their current operating environment.

Discussions at the Webinar were led by:

Kwame Sarpong Barnieh – Partner, Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance services – KPMG in Ghana

Amitava Mukherjee – Partner, Financial Risk Management – KPMG in India

Manpreet Singh Rekhi – Associate Director, Financial Risk Management – KPMG in India

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Events - Two

Webinar to Launch the KPMG Whistleblowing Survey Report

We held a Webinar on Tuesday, 5 May 2020 to launch the 2019 KPMG Whistleblowing Survey Report. The launch was on the theme: "Ethics in Organisational Governance." The Survey was spearheaded by the Risk Consulting Unit of KPMG in Ghana.

Background of the Whistleblowing Survey

KPMG conducted a survey to understand how management and staff of organisations perceive whistleblowing as a tool for ethics, accountability, transparency and good governance. Respondents from various sectors and industries in Ghana completed a detailed questionnaire on the whistleblowing culture and policies in their respective organisations.

The report compiled from the survey aims to assist organisations to understand the whistleblowing culture in Ghana, and why employees are hesitant to blow the whistle.

Institutions and society at large have a unique opportunity to leverage the outcome of this survey to improve their governance and control systems.

Discussions at the Webinar were led by:

- Anthony Sarpong – Senior Partner, KPMG in Ghana
- Joseph Whittal – Commissioner, CHRAJ
- Johnson Akuamoah – Deputy Auditor General, Ghana Audit Service
- Linda Ofori-Kwafo – Executive Director, Ghana Integrity Initiative
- Judith Haizel – Head of Regulatory & Conduct Risk Management First National Bank
- Andy Akoto – Partner & Head of Advisory, KPMG in Ghana
- Eugene Minnaar – Associate Director, Forensics, KPMG in Ghana
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Events - Three

Webinar on how the financial services sector can prepare & respond to the impact of COVID-19

KPMG in Ghana held a Webinar on “**how the financial services sector can prepare & respond to the impact of COVID-19**” on Friday, 24 April 2020.

Background

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is estimated to cost the world economy cumulatively US\$9.0 trillion between 2020 and 2021 (IMF). In Ghana, the pandemic is estimated to result in a decline in real GDP growth from 6.8% to 1.5% in 2020. The pandemic and the resulting lockdowns have created incalculable disruption to businesses in Ghana and globally. We organised a webinar on how Chief Finance Officers of Banks could put appropriate measures in place to respond to the harsh realities of the pandemic. Key considerations during the Webinar included Implications on Credit, IFRS 9 Accounting and Tax implications, Strategy and Governance and Cyber security implications for businesses.

Objectives

- Understand the economic impact of the pandemic
- Understand the regulatory and strategic impact on the banking sector
- Discuss how the banking sector can prepare and respond to the impact

Discussions were led by:

- Anthony Sarpong - opening/overview – COVID 19 Situation
- Evans Asare - Economic Impact
- Fred Dennis – Business and Financial Reporting
- Michael Boateng - Tax and Compliance Issues
- Sam Aluko – Cyber Security and Fraud
- Kwame S. Barnieh - Strategy and Governance

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