



# ARAP

Accountability, Rule of law and  
Anti-Corruption Programme

# ANNEXE 1

## UPDATE TO THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FACING THE COVID19 CRISIS

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## COUNTRY SITUATION

### 1. Current situation in Ghana

- Review of the past weeks:
  - March 11 – first Covid-19 case in Ghana,
  - March 17 – Ghana's travel ban: except citizens and residents, no one could come in from countries with more than 200 cases (25 at the time, 101 now incl. 59 above 1000),
  - March 25 – borders closure: Ghana became fully closed to human traffic. 137 markets in the Accra region were disinfected.
  - March 30 – confinement last Monday and as Ghana stood at 152 cases, Greater Accra, Greater Kumasi and Obuasi came under lock down.
- Situation 2 weeks later:
  - The number of cases in Ghana stands at 214, including 189 in Greater Accra (7 per million people – the highest is 2775 in Spain). Note that Nigeria has about the same number of cases, with a population over 6 times that of Ghana.
  - The borders closure has been extended by two weeks, from yesterday to the 19th.
  - The partial lock-down will probably be extended this week as well.

**Coronavirus COVID-19: Cases in Ghana**  
Status as at 5th April, 2020 | 06:30 GMT



Source: [www.citinewsroom.com](http://www.citinewsroom.com) | CNR Digital

Worldwide, 68,150 deaths have been recorded, including over 47,000 in Europe, and the million mark of cases was passed last week (1,270,000).

Africa remains the least affected continent - for now - with 440 deaths and 9300 cases, the most in South Africa (1,650) where an efficient full lock down is in place, followed in

sub-Saharan Africa by Cameroon (660). West Africa remains with low numbers such as the countries close to Ghana: 261 in Ivory Coast, 45 in Mali, 345 in Burkina Faso, 144 in Niger, 232 only in Nigeria, 22 in Benin and 44 in Togo.

Humanitarian flights:

2 flights to the UK on 29 March and a KLM flight to Holland Thursday.

Service: As far as electricity is a concerned in Ghana, the government is making all possible efforts to keep the supply up and running. Diesel fuel for generators will widely available. No supermarkets or corner shops are experiencing significant stock issues and several restaurants offer delivery.

On 6 April 2020, the Spanish Embassy in Ghana informed by e-mail that it is still closed to the public but continues to operate both through e-mail (emb.accra@maec.es) and through the emergency telephone number (available 24/7): +233 (0) 540 11 35 82.

## 2. Status of project staff in the field

- The Team Leader of the project and the Financial Officer are currently in Spain teleworking according to the lines instructed by FIIAPP on 17 March 2020.
- The CU Office team continues to telework and the office is closed except for exceptional actions such as disinfection.
- FIIAPP's staff in Madrid continues to provide service in telework mode.

## STATUS OF THE PROGRAMME

### 3. Programme continuity plan

Relationship and performance with Stakeholders

- The calendar for the second pilot on complaints of the EPA has been reformulated, in agreement with the institution, a priori and pending the evolution of events in the coming months of June - July and August (month of final evaluation)
- The compilation of the manuals and validated secondary legislation pending printing has been launched for final revision and printing.
- Possibilities for on-line activities are being analysed:  
Specifically, the validation of the LAC strategic plan, once presented by the consultant, an online process of analysis, review and evaluation is being designed for validation with the institution, with future plans for its presentation and public dissemination through social communication networks.
- Once the design of the programme has been presented to the EPA's Environmental Crimes Legal Unit, the specific aspects of the programme are being finalised with the EPA, taking into account the recommendations of the EUD, as well as a possible timetable for its implementation. The possibility of online training courses is being evaluated.
- Compilation and analysis of the news related to corruption, transparency and public responsibility in Ghana that provide information on how the extraordinary situation of the crisis covid-19 is affecting these areas.

- Development of the video presentation of the Web-Library, as well as the elaboration of a tutorial guide for its diffusion through social networks (the work of extending the content of the web is paralyzed when the work of the CLR is stopped).

#### Internal Programme Planning

- Work is being carried out in the areas and tasks defined in the Contingency Plan by the individuals and experts responsible for them as initially planned. Work in progress.
- The position of Programme Manager has been filled: Olga Gracias Pozuelo has been reinstated.

#### Relationship and communication with the EU

- Permanent contact is maintained with DEU, who has been informed of the necessary contractual adjustments with some experts to ensure the maintenance of their collaboration with the programme and the incorporation of the Programme Manager in Madrid.
- An update on the state of the programme has been sent to DEU on 3 April 2020, with a note on the contingencies that have arisen and the possible steps to be taken to deal with them, which have been assessed by FIIAPP.
- Today, 8 April 2020, a meeting was held with the DEU where the following was agreed:
  - To continue promoting the program for its completion
  - Review pending activities trying to promote online activities
  - Reformulate the calendar of activities, considering a period of 2 to 3 months of possible slowdown in the execution and/or suspension of activities.
  - Prepare addenda to the contract for a temporary extension without additional financing of the Programme of 2 - 3 months, readjustment of budget items, extension of the Contracting Deadline, possible use of the Contingencies item
  - Prepare concrete action to support the Ghanaian institutions in preventing and combating the virus

#### **4. Options for continued dialogue with partners and EUD**

The Contingency Plan and the Communications Plan was sent to the DEU and the Project counterparts for information and follow-up.

This update will be sent as well.

#### **5. Communications Plan**

The Communication Plan is maintained and applied in its terms. The news in the communication channels of the Programme are updated: Web, Twitter and Facebook. As well as sending updated information on the evolution of the COVID19 crisis and the state of the country's situation to all the members of the ARAP programme through our Communications Officer.

## 6. Economic implications

As discussed above, an addendum to the contract will be presented to extend the implementation of the Programme for 2 to 3 months without additional funding by the EUD, readjust the budget items and be able to use the contingencies item.

No adjustment is provided for to the programme staff, except for the suspension of the driver and vehicle performance, mobility, in Accra, until the face-to-face activity in the country resumes.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

### 7. The EUD's position on the situation and analysis of possible contractual and economic implications

The European Union Delegation expresses its willingness to continue the programme until its completion, considering that the proposed contractual addenda are appropriate.

Ghana still has the idea of holding national elections, scheduled for December 2020, which will have to be taken into account from the point of view of restructuring programme activity.

### 8. Proposal for short (15 days) and medium term (one month - two months) mitigation: e.g. suspension of contracts, reduction of man/days, etc

The measures that have been adopted are teleworking and the suspension of Expert's missions.

The only contract that has been suspended is the car rental with driver because mobility is restricted in Ghana.

*Given the exceptional nature of the situation in which we find ourselves, this Contingency Plan will be reviewed again in two weeks.*