# REPUBLIC OF GHANA
# OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP
# ROAD MAP FOR THE REFRESH PROCESS /MID-TERM REVIEW OF GHANA'S 5TH OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP NATIONAL ACTION PLAN (2023-2027)

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Government of Ghana remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the principles of open, transparent, participatory, and accountable governance under the Open Government Partnership (OGP) framework. Since joining the OGP in 2011, Ghana has continued to demonstrate leadership in promoting good governance through the co-creation and implementation of successive National Action Plans (NAPs) in collaboration with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other stakeholders.

Following the successful implementation of four National Action Plans, Ghana is currently executing its Fifth National Action Plan (NAP-5), which spans a four-year period (2023–2027). This extended cycle allows for greater cost efficiency, broader stakeholder engagement, and deeper implementation of commitments that address key governance priorities, including transparency, citizen participation, innovation, and accountability.

In line with OGP requirements, the Refresh Process/Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the NAP-5 serves as a critical assessment point to evaluate the progress made in implementing NAP-5 commitments. The review provides an opportunity to identify achievements, challenges, and lessons learned, while fostering dialogue among government institutions, civil society, and development partners. The MTR also helps strengthen accountability mechanisms and ensures that implementation remains aligned with national development objectives and OGP global standards.

The Roadmap for the Refresh Process/Mid-Term Review of the NAP-5 outlines the objectives, methodology, timelines, stakeholder roles, and key deliverables that will guide the review process. It aims to ensure a transparent, inclusive, and evidence-based evaluation that will inform the completion of NAP-5 and lay a strong foundation for future open government initiatives in Ghana.

## 2.0 THE GHANA OGP CONTEXT

Ghana's commitment to developing and implementing OGP activities is strong as ever. This is because the Government of Ghana considers OGP as one of many important mediums for shaping concrete and effective policies to positively impact the quality of life of the citizenry.

The 1992 Constitution of Ghana provides a framework for the people to commit themselves to open government under 'The Directive Principles of State Policy'.

Within this overall framework, Ghana has adopted and implemented a wide variety of measures in all the open government thematic areas namely transparency, citizens' participation, accountability as well as technology and innovation.

By the OGP criteria, Action Plans are developed every two years, however, Ghana decided to extend its 5th National Action Plan development and implementation cycle, to cover four years.

This is for cost efficiency reasons and, to allow a longer time for implementation by the relevant agencies of the state.

Ghana developed and submitted its 5th National Action Plan spanning a four-year period (2023-2027) in December 2023. It has eighteen commitments around the open government pillars and other emerging pillars. These are transparency, accountability, citizens' participation, technology and innovation, open parliament and justice. Under these pillars specific commitments have been made for the country to implement within a four-year implementation cycle. The implementation of the 5th National Action Plan will end in June 2027.

In Ghana, the institutional framework for OGP includes the Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF)/ National Steering Committee, drawn from government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Civil Society Organizations, and Parliament. The national co-creation process has emphasized multi-stakeholder engagement, with civil society playing a critical role in the design, monitoring and implementation of commitments.

The 5th National Action Plan therefore builds on previous efforts. As part of good practice for four-year plans, a Mid-term Review/Refresh is critical to assess progress, identify obstacles, and vary implementation where needed.

## 3.0 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose and objectives of the Refresh Process/Mid-Term Review are to:

- Track and assess how far commitments have been translated into measurable actions and outcomes.
- Identify implementation bottlenecks, policy or institutional constraints.
- Adjust strategies, timelines or implementation modalities if needed.
- Re-engage stakeholders (government, civil society, citizens, development partners) and reaffirm commitment to shared objectives.
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation so that the remainder of the cycle delivers stronger results.

## 4.0 METHODOLOGY

The approach and methods that will be used include:

- Assess Action Plan progress by reviewing implementing institutions reports, minutes of meeting, documents, and data.
- Consult with stakeholders on reports /results from assessment of Action Plan progress for their inputs.
- Engage with stakeholders to give feedback on how their contributions were incorporated and transparently explain the rationale for any inputs that were not included.

| S/N | ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN (ROADMAP) | RESPONSIBILITY | DATES |
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| 1. | Develop detailed Work Plan, Budget and | • Point of Contact<br>• Steering Committee (SC) members | 24th November - 4th December 2025 |
| 2 | Develop Mid-term Evaluation Framework | Monitoring & Evaluation Expert | 12 December |
| 2. | Develop Mid-term Data Collection tools | • Monitoring & Evaluation Expert<br>• Point of Contact | 19th December, 2025 |
| 3. | Collate progress reports from Implementing Agencies, conduct document reviews, and collect supporting evidence (reports, minutes of meetings, photos etc). | • Monitoring and Evaluation Expert<br>• OGP Secretariat | 19th December – 31 January 2026 |
| 4. | Analyze quantitative and qualitative data against OGP indicators. Identify success stories, challenges, and lessons learned. | • Monitoring and Evaluation Expert<br>• Communication Expert<br>• OGP Secretariat | 2nd - 20th February, 2026 |
| 5. | Present findings to the MSF/Steering Committee | • Monitoring & Evaluation Expert<br>• Point of Contact | 25th February, 2026 |
| 6. | Conduct two (2) virtual Zonal Consultations (Northern and Southern) with stakeholders from Government, Civil Society, Media, Academia, and Private Sector | • SC Members<br>• Point of Contact<br>• Monitoring & Evaluation Expert | 26th March 2026 (Southern Zone)<br>15th April March 2026 (Northern Zone) |

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| 7. | Present feedback from Consultations to MSF/ Steering Committee members. | • Point of Contact<br>• Monitoring and Evaluation Expert | 22nd April, 2026 |
| 8. | Conduct a virtual Validation Workshop with Stakeholders on the draft report | • OGP Secretariat<br>• Monitoring and Evaluation Expert | 29th April, 2026 |
| 9. | Revise 5th National Action Plan with inputs from stakeholders | • Point of Contact<br>• Monitoring and Evaluation Expert | 6th May, 2026 |
| 10. | Submit revised Action Pan to Steering Committee | Point of Contact | 13th May, 2026 |
| 10. | Submit the revised Action Plan to the OGP Support Unit for adoption | Point of Contact | 20th May 2026 |
| 11. | Publish the revised 5th Nation Action Plan | • Steering Committee members<br>• Point of Contact | 26th May, 2026 |