

Country-story: Ghana

Ghana kicks-off more inclusive tracking



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Based on its experience in tracking 2010 and 2012 commitments, Ghana's Government has decided to kick off the 2014 process earlier, this time involving more stakeholders and taking action to mainstream activities into its regular tracking and monitoring processes.

Ghana has now in place an extended commitments tracking task-team which involves government, civil society, donors, development partners and a journalists network. 2014 tracking activities kicked off as early as June 2014, with a National SWA Roundtable on Tracking Commitments, where SWA

partners defined and agreed on indicators for the SWA traffic light system. A brochure was published to disseminate information of the commitments to a wide audience, including the press.

The task team is also working towards including regular follow-ups of SWA commitments in the national high-level mechanism for coordinating cooperation in Ghana, where heads of agencies and ministers seat to discuss progress and challenges.

Ghana Commitments on WASH



2 commitments to increase political prioritization



4 commitment to promote the development of a strong evidence base



5 commitments to Strengthen government-led national planning processes

The High Level Commitments Dialogue

The High Level Commitments Dialogue (HLCD) is SWA's primary mechanism to engage high-level decision makers to take action. It is designed to encourage on-going political dialogue at the national (including sub-national) and global levels and is focused on achieving results on the ground.

Monitoring commitments is a key mechanism for partners' accountability. Every year, partners monitor progress made on each individual commitments and that information is made publicly available. It is not just a technical exercise, but provides an important opportunity to advocate for stronger results on the ground.

