

# GHANA DIASPORA COMMUNITY SURVEY

## The Diaspora Survey

The Ghana Mission mandated by the Diaspora Affairs Bureau is conducting a survey of people who belong to Diaspora communities to learn more about them and the development issues they care about. In this survey, we want to learn about:

- Demographic characteristics;
- How you get information about employment and business opportunities in your country of origin;
- Issues (or problems) in Ghana you care about and how you access/get information about these issues;
- Your relationship with Ghana, your level of engagement as well as actions you have taken so far;
- Whether you are a member of any Diaspora community organization(s) or group(s)
- Your relations with the Mission of Ghana in your current country of residence;
- What sort of assistance you need from the Government of Ghana to enable you become more involved in socio-economic developments back home;
- We wish to assure you that the information you provide in this survey will be treated with utmost confidentiality and will be used for only statistical purposes.

**There are 29 questions in this survey.**

## **A. DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL & ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

### **1. Sex\***

Please choose **only one** in the following:

Female

Male

### **2. How old are you? PLEASE, STATE AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS.**

Only numbers may be entered in this field.

Please write your answer here .....

### **3. What is your current marital status?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Never Married

Informal/Loose Union

Currently Married

Married in the Past

### **4. How many children or dependents do you have?**

Only numbers may be entered in this field

Please write your answer here .....

### **5. Where were you born?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Accra | Northern   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central       | Upper East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volta         | Upper West |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western       | Eastern    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashanti       | Other      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brong Ahafo   |            |

**6. Are you a second or a third generation Ghanaian?**

**Second Generation: A Ghanaian born in the country. Third**

**Generation: A child of a second generation Ghanaian. Please**

choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Yes, second generation
- b. Yes third generation
- c. Other

**6. If "Yes" or "Other", in which country were you born?\***

Please write your answer here .....

**8. How many years have you lives abroad\***

Only numbers may be entered in this field.

Please write your answer here .....

**9. What is the highest level of education attained?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Never attended school
- b. Basic (Kindergarten, Primary, Middle school, JSS. JHS)
- c. Secondary (Secondary, SSS, SHS)
- d. Post-Secondary (Vocational, Technical, Commercial, etc)
- e. Tertiary (HND, Diploma, Masters, PHD, etc)

**9. Are you attending school now?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

**11 . Please indicate/describe your area of specialization during your education/training.**

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Accounting/Audit tax
- Administrative
- Banking/Finance/Insurance
- Construction
- Consulting/Business Strategies
- Building Design/Architecture
- Customer Service
- Engineering
- Healthcare/Pharmaceuticals
- Hospitality/Leisure & Travels
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Legal
- Manufacturing/Production
- Oil & Gas
- Project Management
- Sales/Marketing/Business Development
- Teaching/Education
- Telecommunications
- Media/Advertising/Journalism
- Social Services
- Other .....

**12. Are you engaged in any activity for pay or profit or family gain (in each or kind)?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

**Yes (GO TO QUESTION 13A)**

**No. (GO TO QUESTION 13B)**

**13A. Describe the type of work you mainly do.**

Please write your answer here:

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### 13B. Why are you not doing any work?

Please choose **only one** of the following

1. Unemployed
2. Student/in full time education
3. Retired
4. Disabled
5. On social benefit

## B. GETTING INFORMATION AND LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT IN GHANA

### 14. How do you get information about Ghana?

Please choose **all** that apply.

- Get no information
- Through friends
- Through families
- Newspapers/magazines
- Websites
- Ghanaian shops/restaurants/pubs
- Through the Ghana Mission
- Religious bodies
- Hometown association
- Other .....

### 15. What are the issues (or problems) back home that you care about?

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Starting a business
- Economic growth
- Investment promotion
- Housing
- Financial services (banking, insurance, etc.)
- Rural development
- Environmental sustainability
- Supporting social development issues (education, health, etc.)
- Supporting my immediate relatives only
- Getting involved politically
- Other

**16. How often have you gone back to Ghana?\***

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Regularly (one or twice a year)
- b. Occasionally (once in 1-5 years)
- c. Never in the past decade

**17. How often do you get in touch with people back home?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Regularly, (every 3 months or less)
- b. Occasionally (e.g. Easter, Christmas or on other festive occasions)
- c. Never

**17. Do you contribute materially or financially to any person(s) and/or organization(s) in Ghana?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes (**GO TO SECTION C**)

No

**19. What prevents you from making any material or financial contributions to any person(s) and/or organizations in Ghana?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Not interested
- b. Lack of information on areas of opportunity
- c. Lack of knowledge about government policies
- d. Frustrations with red tape and government bureaucracy
- e. Lack of start-up capital
- f. Other

**C. AFFILIATION TO DIASPORA GROUP(S)/ASSOCIATION(S)**

**20. Are you a member of any Ghanaian group(s)/organization(s) /association(s)?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No (**GO TO QUESTION 21**)

**20a. What is/are the names(s) of the group(s)/organization(s) of which you are a member?**

Please write your answer here:

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**20b. What particular issue(s) is/are your group(s)/organization(s) working on?**

Please choose **all** that apply:

Issues related to reintegration to the host country (i.e. self-help among Diasporas)

Development related issues back home

Political issues back home

Other .....

**20c. Besides paying your dues as an active member, do you support your group(s)/ Organization(s)/ association(s) in other ways?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

**20d. How often does your group(s)/ organization(s)/ association(s) carry out development projects or donates to communities in Ghana?\***

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Once every 3 months
- b. Once every 6 months
- c. Once a year
- d. Once every 5 years
- e. Never

**21. Do you provide support to any group(s)/ organization(s)/association(s) of which you are not a member?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

**22. What form of support do you provide to this/these group(s)/ organization(s)/ association(s) even though you are not a member?**

**YOU MAY SELECT MORE THAN ONE.**

Please choose **all** that apply:

Financial

Logistics

Other.....

**D. YOUR RELATIONS WITH GHANA'S DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR MISSIONS (EMBASSY, HIGH COMMISSION, CONSULATE)**

**23. Are you registered with Ghana's Mission in your current country of residence?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No



**24. If "No", what prevents you from doing so?**

Please choose **all** that apply:

- I Don't know where the Mission is located
- I am afraid the Mission may not keep my personal details confidential
- I don't have the time
- Other.....

**25. In which situation(s) do you get in touch with Ghana's Mission in your country of residence?**

Please choose **all** that apply:

- a. Consular Services (passport, visa, attestation of documents, etc.)
- b. Attend official activities
- c. Other .....

**26. Do you get ready access to the officials of the Mission when you visit?\***

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not applicable

**27. How often does the Mission reach out to the Ghanaian Diaspora community?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Always
- b. Most of the time
- c. Occasionally
- d. Not applicable

**28. How do you find the professional attitude of the Mission staff when you visit the Mission?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- a. Very welcoming and helpful
- b. Unwelcoming and unprofessional
- c. Not applicable

**29. What would you want to see the Mission do in order to facilitate more Diaspora engagement in Ghana?**

**List minimum of 2 issues**

Please write your answers here:

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**E. CONTACT INFORMATION**

**1. Would you like the Mission to contact you?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

**2. If "Yes", kindly provide your contact details.**

Please write your answers here:

Name .....

E-mail .....

Tel. No. ....

Town/City .....

Thank you for completing this survey.