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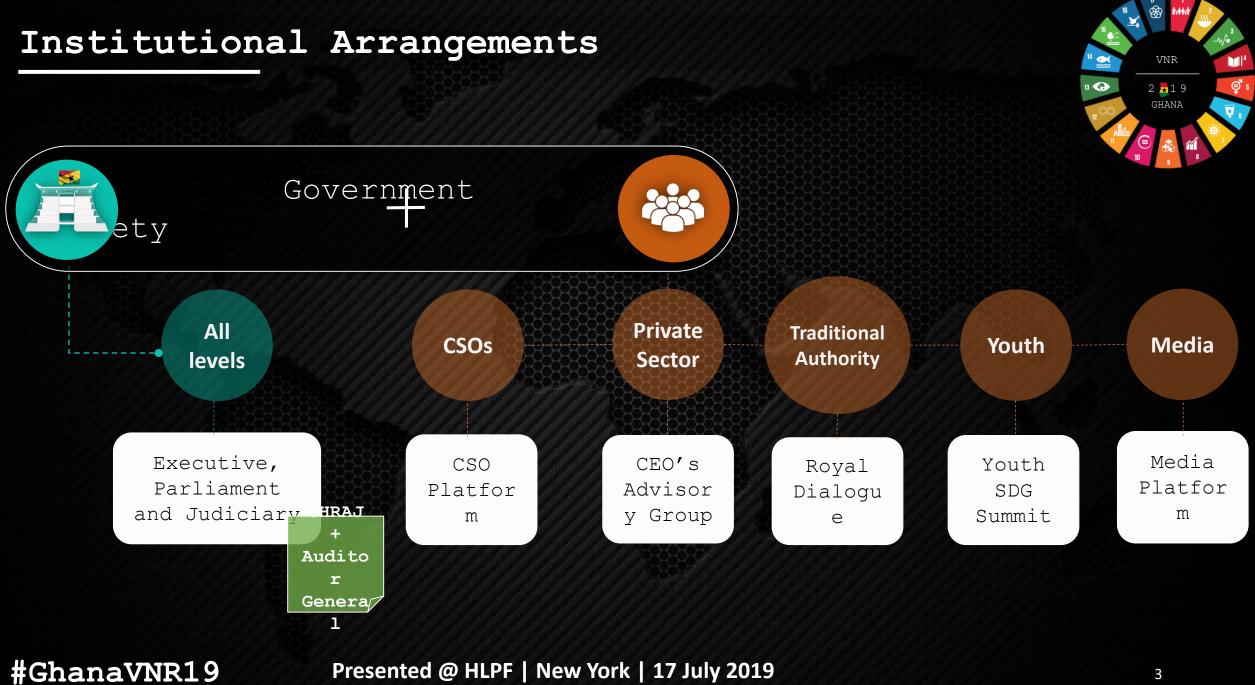
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### Coordination Arrangement



SDGs implementation is driven by National Development Agenda



The Coordinated Programme (2017-2024)

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Sector and District Development Plans

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Medium-term National Development Policy Frameworks (2018-2021)

Annual National Budget aligned to SDGs

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Examples of synergistic relationships between selected Government flagship programmes and the SDGs



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### Progress so far ....

#### Economic Sector

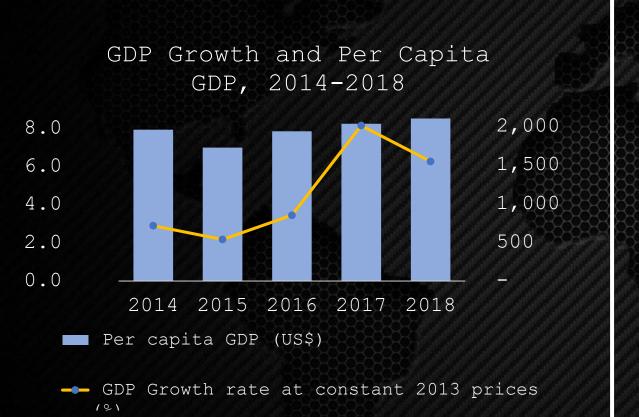


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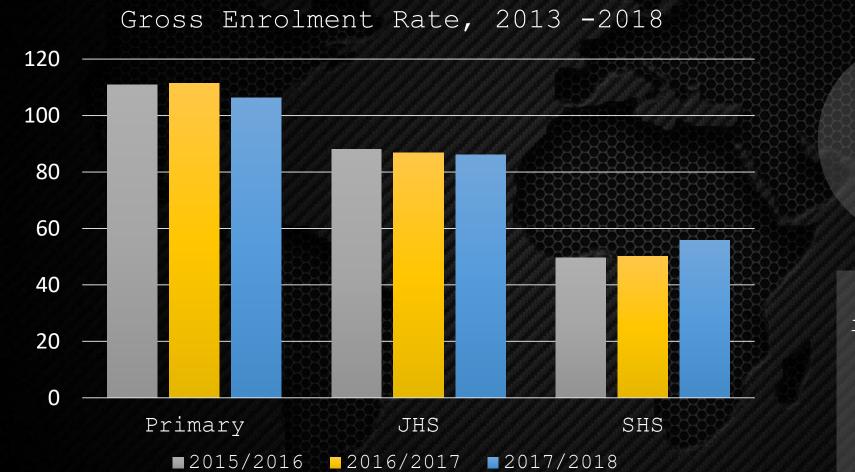
> The proportion of Ghanaians living below the international poverty line continues to decline

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### Social Sector

Education





There has been a general improvement in access to education especially at the SHS level

Completion rate has improved at JHS (75.2% in 2017 to 78.8% in 2018) and SHS level (48% in 2017 to 52% in 2018)

Gender parity has been achieved at basic school level <sup>8</sup>

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The FREE SHS policy was introduced in 2017 with the following objectives:

DISTRIBUTION OF CORE TEXBOOKS

EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCUTRE

30% ELITE SCHOOL PLACEMENT

IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY AND EQUITY

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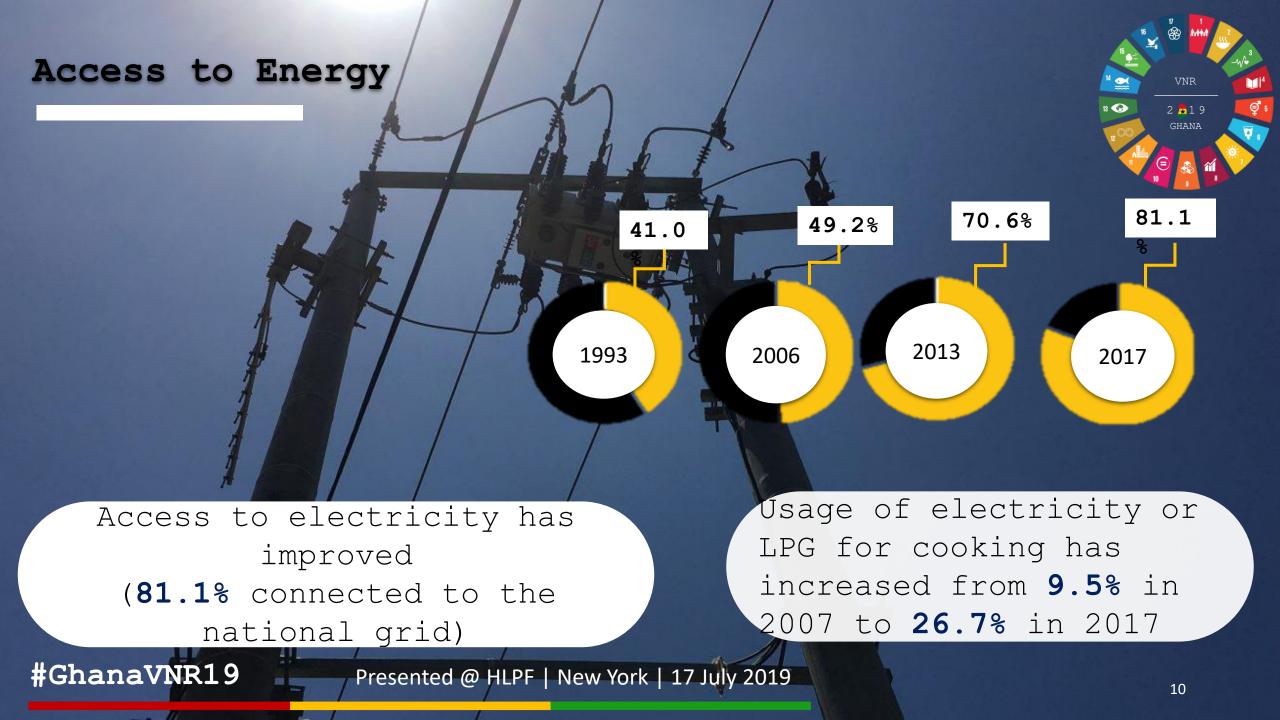
# Thank you Ghana for accepting the FREE SHS policy.

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During the 2017/2018 academic year, 90,000

additional students were enrolled at the SHS level due to the introduction of the Free SHS policy.

By 2018/2019 academic year this had increased to 181,000



#### Environment

There has been a marginal increase in the forest cover

To protect the forest cover and achieve sustainable supply of planted forest goods and services, Ghana has commenced the implementation of the Forest Plantation Strategy 2017-2040 Ghana has committed to unconditionally reduce GHGs emissions by 15% relative to BAU scenario

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Key Lessons:

f. Developing strategic partnerships with key stakeholders is essential;

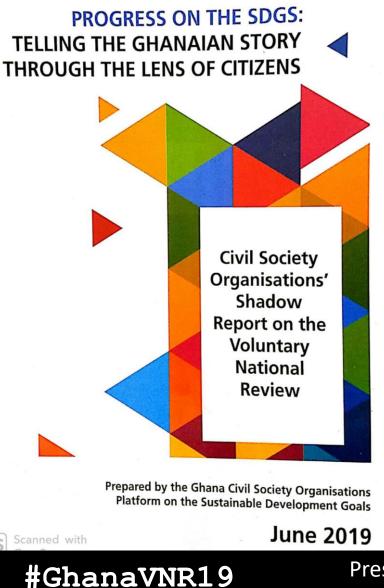
- 2.Building strong linkages among stakeholders to promote research and innovation must be encouraged;
- 3. Enhancing the capacity of subnational structures is necessary for the effective implementation of the SDGs;
- 4. Government must mobilise adequate domestic resources to sustain and or expand current interventions;

5. Urgent need to strengthen the capacity to **#GhanaYNR19** and Presented @ HLPE | New York | 17 July 2019 data.



## Telling the Ghanaian Story through the Lens of Citizens





The Ghana CSOs Platform on SDGs put together this shadow report titled: *'Telling the Ghanaian Story through the Lens of Citizens'* 

Drawing inspiration from paragraph 79 of the Agenda 2030 Declaration, our report compliments Ghana's VNR report.

### CIVIL SOCIETY CIVIL SOCIETY CIVIL SOCIETY

### Key Lessons for CSOs:

1. The CSOs Platform is providing an avenue for engagement and collaboration among non-state actors and government

2. CSOs in Ghana are making significant contributions in the areas of awareness creation; building the capacity of local NGOs and citizens to monitor progress of implementation

3. Ghana has adopted an inclusive and multi-stakeholder partnership approach backed by sound institutional arrangements and high-level political support. These institutional structures have recognised civil society as key implementing partners. 4. The emerging culture of collaboration between CSOs and government has resulted in the reduction of mutual mistrust and suspicion.

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## CSOs commitment:

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1. CSOs will work together with Government to enhance public awareness and knowledge on the SDGs;

- 2. CSOs will work with government to improve coordination of the SDGs implementation at the sub-national level;
- 3. In view of the fact that CSOs produce complementary data for monitoring progress, it is important that their capacities are strengthened for efficient data collection;
- 4. CSOs will **s**upport the process of building capacities of all stakeholders to operationalise the key principles of the 2030 Agenda.

### Way Forward



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### Revenue

Mobilisation: (a) Domestic resource mobilization,

(b) Leveraging available resources from the Private Sector for accelerated implementation on priority interventions

Addressing Data Challenges:

- (a) filling data gaps
- (b) encouraging data use
- (c) strengthening the data ecosys

### Partnerships:

Forging new partnerships and deepening existing ones







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