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# POWER TO THE FISHERS

## PROJECT BRIEF

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

Fishing is a major sector of Ghana's economy which currently accounts for 4.5% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and estimated at \$1 billion per annum. The sector provides employment, for an estimated 2.5 million people. However, the sector faces a number of challenges which threaten the livelihoods of its dependents. Dwindling fish stocks, inefficient fish processing systems, limited access to credit to finance fishing remain the major obstacles in the way of fishers. The goal of the Power to the Fishers project is to enhance the socio-economic livelihoods of fishing communities within selected districts of Ghana's coastal savannah zones. The project areas are Effutu Municipal, Awutu Senya East, Ekumfi, Gomoa West and Shama districts.

### TECHNICAL APPROACH

The project focuses on five main intervention areas. They are stakeholder engagements for advocacy, promotion of efficient fish smoking technologies and fuels, capacity building and communities' education on climate change, and enhancing knowledge and access to social protection services. There will be series of monitoring and evaluation activities for learning, communication and visibility.

### IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION

CERATH Development Organization (CDO) is a developmental organization that aims at empowering rural and urban poor communities in Ghana and West Africa. We execute our goal through partnership with relevant stakeholders, and developing interventions aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity, food security, access to credit and rural empowerment.



### PROJECT GOAL

To enhance the socio-economic livelihoods of fishing communities within selected districts of the coastal savannah zones of Ghana.

Duration: June 2019 - March 2023.

### EXPECTED RESULTS / OUTCOMES

- Increased knowledge on best fishing and fish smoking practices in target districts.
- Improved business of fish processors (mostly women) through the adoption of improved practices and efficient technologies.
- Improved livelihood of target beneficiaries through the adoption of social protection services.

### FUNDING SOURCE

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