

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** of 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:

- Greater Accra
- Central
- Volta
- Western
- Ashanti
- Brong Ahafo
- Northern
- Upper East
- Upper West
- Eastern
- Other

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

Second generation: A Ghanaian born in the host 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

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

Please write your answer here:

8. How many years have you lived 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.)

10. 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

- Building design/architecture
- Construction
- Consulting/Business strategies
- 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/Advertisement/Journalism
- Social Science
- Other:

12. Are you engaged in any activity for pay or profit or family gain (in cash 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 (once 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

18. 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 contribution to any person(s) and/or organization(s) 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 name(s) of the group(s)/ organization(s)/ association (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)/ association(s) working on?

Please choose **all** that apply:

- a. Issues related to reintegration to the host country (i.e., self-help among Diasporas)
- b. Development related issues back home
- c. 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 answer 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 answer(s) here:

- Name:
- E-mail:
- Tel. No:
- Town/City:

Submit your survey.

Thank you for completing this survey.