Achieving the MDG1- what role did Agriculture play: The case of Ghana

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Ghana will be the first country in Sub-Saharan Africa to achieve MDG 1

Goal 1: Reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from extreme poverty and hunger
Reducing extreme poverty: How are we doing?

Source: Millennium Development Goal Report, April 2010
Reducing underweight: How are we doing

Source: Millennium Development Goal Report, April 2010
Importance of Agriculture to Ghana

Agriculture contributes the largest share of the GDP - 37%

Ghana’s work force in Agriculture sector: 60%

Total female population in Agricultural sector: 49%

Significant growth in Agricultural
  From 4% in 2000 to 6% in 2005

Ghana is largely food sufficient in the major food Staples: Cereal-51%; Fish- 60%; Meat- 50%
Factors contributing to Ghana’s progress

- Good Governance and National /political stability
- GPRS I&II
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  - Subsidies on fertilizers, support to farmers: improved seeds etc, ploughing
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- National food fortification program
- Infant and young child feeding: EBF, adequate complementary feeding
- Community-based food and Nutrition Security Programs

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Community-based food and Nutrition Security Programs: Linking Agriculture to improve nutrition and food security

- Growth Monitoring & Promotion
- Micro-finance
- Food security: Back yard garden; Fruit tree planting; Small animal rearing

Started with 4 districts now being scaled up to 65 districts
Factors contributing to Ghana’s progress

1. Ghana as HIPC
2. National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)
3. Livelihood Empowerment Against poverty (LEAP)
4. Free maternal health services

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Thanks for your attention!!