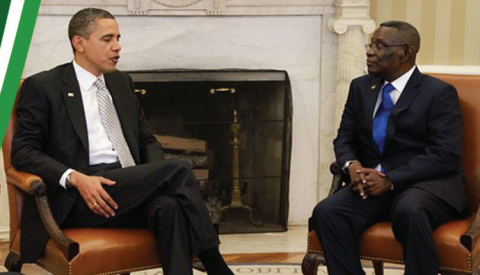




Overview of the **Better Ghana Agenda**





President J. E. A. Mills

INTRODUCTION

President John Evans Atta Mills promised to run a transparent and accountable government. The people of Ghana expect their government to be accessible and accountable for their stewardship. These are the principles underpinning this publication.

This edition is in two parts. Part One contains an overview of what the Mills Government has achieved in the first three years of its administration. Part Two is a pictorial compilation of some projects undertaken at the regional, metropolitan, municipal and district levels.

A publication of this sort cannot provide an in depth assessment of all sectors. However, we hope this summary will form enough basis for an objective appraisal of the Better Ghana Agenda as promised by Professor J. E. A. Mills.

It is clear that the unprecedented achievements contained in this compilation justify a second term for President Mills. Many challenges still confront us, but President Mills is definitely laying the solid foundation necessary to attain the objective of a transformed industrialized nation.

May God continue to bless us and make our nation great and strong

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HIGHLIGHTS OF UNPRECEDENTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ghana under President Mills has recorded GDP growth rate of 13.6%. This is the highest in the nation's history.
- Longest sustained single-digit inflation (sustained for more than 22 months and now at 8.6%)
- Highest ever Gross International Reserves of \$4.98bn
- One million metric tons of cocoa production
- Signatory to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the Open Government Partnership
- Establishment of a Public Interest Committee to oversee the Oil Sector with an independent membership
- Two new public universities established in the Volta and Brong Ahafo Regions
- Ghana secured a \$3 billion loan facility from the CDB. This is the single largest loan to Ghana and evidence of confidence in the Ghanaian economy.
- Declaration of September 21 as Founder's (Kwame Nkrumah) Day
- A process to review the 1992 Constitution with the setting up of a Constitution Review Commission, which has presented its report.
- 66,000 free computers and laptops distributed to students and schools
- 127 new Fire Tenders and other Fire Fighting Equipment procured for the Ghana National Fire Service
- The Ghana Police Service now has an ultramodern forensic laboratory together with hundreds of vehicles and other equipment
- Massive retooling of the Ghana Armed Forces. Modern aircraft and other essential equipment supplied for the use of our men and women in uniform.
- Electricity coverage has been increased from 54% to 72% nationwide in three (3) years. This represents an increase of 18% in 3 years compared with the NPP's 11% increase in nationwide coverage in 8 years.
- 1,700 communities have been connected to the national grid since 2009.
- Streetlights have been erected in all regional capitals including the Tema Motorway, which was abandoned by the NPP.
- Ghana has successfully met all four (4) convergence criteria of the West Africa Monetary Zone of WAMI
- Ghana has successfully implemented Mobile Number Portability, making it the first country in West Africa to do so.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNPRECEDENTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Anti-Corruption:
 - i. After many years of foot-dragging by the NPP, the Mills administration prioritized the Right to Information bill and approved it for laying before parliament. The Bill is currently with the Legislature.
 - ii. The SFO has been strengthened and transformed into an Economic & Organised Crime Office (EOCO).
 - iii. In the handling of corruption cases, there has been no cover up like in the past. President Mills is transparent and has proven this by saying that when it comes to fighting corruption, "it doesn't matter whose ox is gored".
- Fastest packaged social interventions in a first term: Free uniforms, Free exercise books, 50% increase in capitation grant, Elimination of Schools under trees and a Mathematics, Science and Technology Scholarship Scheme (MASTESS) were rolled out in the first year, as compared to the NPP's school feeding which was started in 2005, Capitation Grant in 2005/2006 academic year, NYEP in 2006, Health Insurance (based on the NDC's pilot) in 2004 and LEAP in 2008
- The country's Wage Bill has more than doubled under the last three (3) years from approximately two billion Ghana Cedis to over five billion Ghana Cedis. President Mills has therefore put more money in the pocket of Ghanaian workers who are better off today than they were.
- Life Expectancy has shot up from 53 years to 64.2 years, an increase of 11 years (Latest United Nations Human Development Index)
- A number of Special Funds have been created:
 - i. Media Development Fund- 1 million Cedis
 - ii. Creative Industry Fund- 2 million Cedis
 - iii. Science, Technology and Innovation Fund- 2 million Cedis
- Industry has received phenomenal boost
 - The former Akwatia Diamonds, which had collapsed has been resuscitated. It is now the Ghana Consolidated Diamonds Company Ltd.
- Establishment of a Sheanut Processing Factory at Buipe
- Ghana's Aviation industry has witnessed a boom with a 100% increase in international airlines from 16 to 32%. Domestic flights have also doubled with increased patronage.
- A National Buffer Stock Company has been established to guarantee ready market for farmers, ensure stable prices and contribute tremendously to food security. In 2010, the World Food Programme relied on the National Buffer Stock Company for its purchases to address famine in Niger.
- Pension of widows of our gallant soldiers has been enhanced from a flat rate of GH¢30.00 to 50% of the spouse's pension by rank
- Government has procured 160 new ambulances to boost the capacity of the nation's emergency services.

In the year 2008, the National Democratic Congress (NDC) presented its Better Ghana Agenda manifesto which was hinged on four broad thematic areas to the Ghanaian electorate. The thematic areas were as follows:

- *Strong Economy for Real Jobs*
- *Investing in People*
- *Expanding Infrastructure for Growth*
- *Transparent and Accountable Governance*

Since assuming office, the Mills administration has gone about delivering on its promise to the Ghanaian electorate. The first part of this publication catalogues the various achievements of the administration under each thematic area. It highlights the unprecedented gains made in the management of the economy, the phenomenal investments made in the education, health and Agric sectors as well as the landmark progress made in almost all other sectors of national life.

I. STRONG ECONOMY FOR REAL JOBS

Under the President Mills led administration, the economy which hitherto had high inflation, a high budget deficit, a depreciating cedi and depleting gross international reserves has been totally turned around for the better.

The Macroeconomic indices attest to this feat with several indicators showing fantastic results never achieved in Ghana's history.

Below is a summary list of the impressive record in the economic management of the country under the "Better Ghana Agenda":

- Economic Growth rate of 13.6% in 2011 making Ghana the fastest growing economy in the world. It also represents the highest ever growth rate in the annals of our history.
- Sustained reduction in inflation. Inflation at the end of 2011 stood at 8.55% from 18.13% in December 2008. This is the lowest inflation for about 40 years (since 1970). This has been unprecedentedly maintained for almost 2 years running.

- Bank of Ghana Monetary Policy Rate as of December 2011 was 12.5% compared with 17% in 2008

- Arrested the depreciating cedi and made it stable for the longest period in our history.

- Reduction of Budget deficit from 14% of GDP in January 2009 to an all-time low of 2% in September 2011.

- Due to the sound and prudent management of the economy, Ghana was given the nod by the Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to access its biggest ever single loan deal, i.e. US\$3 Billion from the China Development Bank to undertake major industrial and infrastructural projects of unprecedented scale in 2012. This also reflects overwhelming confidence in the Ghanaian economy.

The \$3 billion will be used to undertake the following projects:

- i. Western Corridor Infrastructure project
- ii. Western Corridor Petroleum terminal project
- iii. Western corridor renewal infrastructure project

- (western railway line modernization and Takoradi Port)
- iv. Sekondi Free Zone Project
- v. Accra Plains Irrigation project
- vi. Eastern Corridor Multi-Modal Transport Project
- vii. Development of ICT enhanced surveillance platform for Western Corridor oil enclave.
- viii. SME projects incubation
- ix. Construction of coastal fishing harbours and landing sites from Keta through Chorkor to Axim.

• During the recent visit of President Mills to the United States, he secured these facilities for the underlisted projects:

- i. US\$ 600M from Conti Group to construct drains and manage floods in Accra.
- ii. US\$200m from GE for railways development

• COCOBOD also succeeded in its bid to raise US\$ 2 Billion in syndicated loan in 2011. An unprecedented feat in the annals of the country and shows the confidence of the international business and financial community in the management of the Ghanaian economy.

• Interest rates have continued to decline. This is evidenced by the significant reduction in the yield of the 91 day money market instrument from 24.67% in 2008 to 9.1% in September 2011, making it the lowest recorded money market rate in decades.

• Ghana adjudged global best performer in access to credit according to the 2011 World Bank/International Finance Corporation Doing Business Report

• Ghana adjudged best place for doing business in West Africa according to the 2011 World Bank/International Finance Corporation Doing Business Report

• Ghana moved up ten places from 77 to 67 out of 183 countries studied in business friendly countries according to the 2011 World Bank/International Finance Corporation Doing Business Report

• Ghana is almost certain to attain the Millennium Development Goals and halving poverty by 2015 according to international development experts.

• The fast-tracked implementation of the Single Spine Pay Policy has seen the migration of 99% of public sector workers to the Single Spine Salary Structure as of 13 February 2012. This has greatly improved the remuneration package for public sector workers. This increased the wage bill from about 2 billion Ghana Cedis to over 5 billion Ghana Cedis increasing consumer spending and thus generating growth. The daily minimum wage has also moved from 2.4 Ghana Cedis in 2008 to 4.48 Ghana Cedis in 2011

• Improved gross foreign reserves from \$2 billion in 2008 which represented import cover of 1.8 months to \$ 4.98 billion representing 4 months import cover. This is also the highest ever recorded.

• The size of Ghana's economy has expanded and is now estimated at GHC56.28 billion.

• Protecting investors: Ghana moved up to 44th out of 183 countries as of May 2011 according to the 2011 World Bank/International Finance Corporation Doing Business Report for the first time in 9 years,

• Ghana has met all four primary convergence criteria of the West Africa Monetary Union.



Inauguration of Olam Wheat Milling Plant in Tema by President Mills (another evidence of a booming economy)

Job Creation

INITIATIVE	NO. OF JOBS
Youth in Agric	80,132
Youth in Road Maintenance	10,000
LESDEP	10,000
Oil & Gas	3,500
Eco-brigade	10,000
National Forest Plantation Program	20,000
Tema and Takoradi Ports	192
Indirect jobs related to road projects, Tema & Takoradi Ports expansion projects, Aviation Expansion projects, Constructions of schools under trees, electricity expansion projects and other infrastructure projects.	820,000
NYEP	100,000
Police	4,000
Other Security Services	5,800
Revamped Factories	3,200
National Food Buffer Stock Company (Direct and Indirect)	5,000
Ghana Airport Company and Ghana Civil Aviation Authority	358
Labour Intensive Road Projects	650,000
Takoradi Logistics Platform project	100
Four private vehicle test station under the auspices of Ministry of Transport	70
Civil Service and State Owned Enterprises (SIC, NIB, ADB, GCB, TOR, GNPC, GNGC, GFZB, GEPC, GIPC etc)	11,626
TOTAL	1,734,978

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

- Wilmar is constructing a \$60 million vegetable oil (palm oil) refinery in Tema. It is expected to be commissioned in October 2012 and will be the largest palm oil processing plant in West Africa.

- Wilmar is also looking to establish a 30,000 hectare new oil palm plantation. [They have already acquired Twifo Oil Palm Plantations]

- Avanash Industries will by June 2012 commission a 500mt/ day Vegetable Oil (Palm Oil) refinery also in Tema. They will buy palm fruits from the Bechem PSI.

- Avanash Industries is also constructing a 150mt/ day soap and detergent factory in the Tema Free Zone enclave. This will be commissioned this year.

- They are also concurrently developing a Rice Mill in Tamale.

- Total industrial investment by this company amounts to \$82 million.

- Olam is rehabilitating a property acquired in Tema to process tinned tomatoes. Factory to be commissioned later this year.

- Danadams Pharmaceuticals with support from EDIF has acquired equipment and expanded operations to manufacture anti-retrovirals for treating HIV-AIDS.

- With funding from EDIF a Craft Village with showrooms, 80 stores and shared user facilities has been built at Aburi.

- Work will commence on a technology park in May in the Tema Free Zones enclave. It is being funded by the World Bank MSME project of the Ministry of Trade & Industry.

- Restructuring of Ayensu Starch Factory - Cultivated 1000 acres of cassava to keep the factory operational and organized 1000 out-grower farmers to feed the factory with raw material.

- Pwalugu Tomato Factory (Northern Star) revamped with a minimum capacity of 250 metric tonnes per day.
- Sheanut Processing Factory established at Buipe
- Instituted a Cotton Support Programme in the 3 Northern Regions with a fund of GHC 3.5 million from EDIF and GHC 1.5 million in the form of subsidy from MOFA.
- 107 Ghanaians made up of 42 males and 65 females and an additional 118 individuals (45 males and 73 females) have been assisted by the National Board for Small Scale Industries (NBSSI) with loans totalling GHC 91,289.00.
- NBSSI recovered GHC 43,514.47 from defaulters moving the repayment rate to 80% and extending its coverage from 110 districts to all 170 districts.
- The Microfinance and Small Loan Centre (MASLOC) disbursed a total of GH¢3 million as loans to groups and individual beneficiaries across the country.
- Disbursed over GHC 30 million to support export oriented enterprises through EDIF.
- 2011 also witnessed the commencement of work at the Ghana Consolidated Diamonds Ghana Limited (GCDGL) with a commitment to all Ghanaians that government will ensure that the company succeeds since it will create sustainable jobs, revamp the local economy and conserve the environment.

Sheanut Factory, Buipe



APPROVED FREE ZONE COMPANIES FROM 2009 TO DATE

NAME OF COMPANY	CAPITAL INVESTMENT (US\$)	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	NATURE OF ACTIVITY
MAHOB HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED	14,786,231.00	107	COCOA PROCESSING
REBECCA FASHION MANUFACTURING GHANA LTD.	5,649,160.40	230	MANUFACTURING OF SYNTHETIC HAIR PRODUCTS
LUCKY 1888 MILLS LTD	3,324,643.57	305	GARMENT MANUFACTURING
RUKER VENTURES LTD	1,100,000.00	21	PROCESSING OF AFRICAN FOODS
RUBBER PLANTATIONS GHANA LTD	19,711.17	729	PROCESSING OF RUBBER INTO LATEX
SCANSTYLE BIOFUEL MIM LTD	7,748,000.00	54	WOOD PELLET PRODUCTION
QUINTILES WEST AFRICA LTD	400,000.00	32	CLINICAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
INFONALIGY GHANA LTD	50,000.00	12	IT SERVICES AND BUSINESS OUTSOURCING
PIONEER QUALITY FARMS LTD	1,177,000.00	52	PROCESSING OF PINEAPPLE
BERRAK MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD	2,000,000.00	14	MANUFACTURING OF DETERGENTS, COSMETICS AND STAIN REMOVERS
STERLING INTERNATIONAL LTD	648,231.17	32	MANUFACTURING OF PAINTS
BUSYLAB LIMITED	300,000.00	41	SOFTWARE
WEST AFRICAN AUTOMOTIVE & TYRE LOGISTICS GHANA LTD	116,856.41	10	IMPORT AND EXPORT OF TYRES AND ACCESSORIES

NAME OF COMPANY	CAPITAL INVESTMENT (US\$)	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	NATURE OF ACTIVITY
GOLDLINE (FZE) GHANA LTD	93,150.09	59	RECYCLING OF SCRAP/ USED/WASTE LEAD ACID BATTERIES
MET TRADE GHANA LTD	1,600,000.00	79	RECYCLING OF USED LEAD ACID BATTERIES
A-Z PETROLEUM PRODUCTS GHANA LTD	50,000,000.00	220	LUBRICANTS & TANK FARMING
DOMINION OILFIELDS SERVICES LTD	3,800,000.00	57	MANUFACTURING OF DIVING GASES
ANARCH GHANA LIMITED	395,000.00	102	IMPORT & EXPORT OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS
NICHE COCOA INDUSTRY LIMITED	2,928,617.63	90	PROCESSING OF COCOA LIQUOR
HPW FRESH & DRY LIMITED	1,653,163.37	137	PROCESSING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
KORANCO FARMS LTD.	80,723.8.00	25	PROCESSING OF PINEAPPLE
ORO OIL GHANA LTD	813,033.00	69	PALM OIL PROCESSING
KANY INVESTMENT COMPANY GHANA LTD	14,552,505.00	76	COCOA PROCESSING
MIM CASHEW & AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS LTD	1,946,000.00	570	CASHEW NUT PROCESSING
EAI INFORMATION SYSTEMS GHANA LTD	43,500.00	9	SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND DATA PROCESSING
CAGY GHANA LIMITED	1,649,372.00	131	PROCESSING OF HIDES & SKIN INTO LEATHER

NAME OF COMPANY	CAPITAL INVESTMENT (US\$)	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	NATURE OF ACTIVITY
SG SUSTAINABLE OILS GHANA LIMITED	90,000,000.00	327	OIL PALM PLANTATION AND PALM OIL PROCESSING
VEGPRO GHANA LTD	1,208,628.05	59	COMMERCIAL FARMING CROPS
HASAN INVESTMENT GHANA LTD	1,470,000,000	337	ENCLAVE DEVELOPMENT
PBC- SHEA LIMITED	15,000,000.00	50	PROCESSING OF SHEA NUTS INTO SHEA BUTTER
AIR LIQUIDE AFRICA SERVICES LTD	824,410.00	11	MANUFACTURING OF GASES
UNIFRUIT LIMITED	287,682.75	83	PROCESSING OF PINNEAPLES
SERVAIR GHANA COMPANY LTD	3,454,544.00	46	AIRLINE CATERING & RELATED SERVICES
WORLD CLOTHING COMPANY LTD	600,000.00	546	GARMENT MANUFACTURING
KIMMINIC OIL LTD	13,058,000.00	345	PROCESSING CRUDE VEGETABLE OIL INTO BIODIESEL
SHEBU INDUSTRIES LTD	62,900.00	50	PROCESSING OF SHEABUTTER
BLACKSTAR FOODS LTD	1,594,375.00	1,222	PROCESSING OF CASHEW NUTS
STARLIGHT WEST AFRICA NATURAL RESOURCES LTD	694,000	29	PROCESSING OF NATURAL PLANT PRODUCTS
ABELLON CLEANENERGY GHANA LTD	46, 391.67	139	MANUFACTURING OF WOOD PELLETS AND SOLID BIOFUELS

NAME OF COMPANY	CAPITAL INVESTMENT (US\$)	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	NATURE OF ACTIVITY
TAKORADI RENEWABLE ENERGY LTD	6,098,065.06	93	PRODUCTION OF WOOD CHIPS
CCT ROPES & TWINES LTD	3,709,311.00	43	MANUFACTURING OF FISHING NET AND ROPES
AGRONA COMPANY LTD	8,950,000	90	FRUIT PROCESSING
RIDER STEEL GHANA LTD	6,000,000.00	96	MANUFACTURING OF STEEL PRODUCTS
WAD AFRICAN FOODS LTD.	82,734.29	25	FRUIT PROCESSING
CANADA OPTICAL LABORATORIES LTD	2,000,000	34	MANUFACTURING OF OPTICAL LENSES
S.F.INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY COMPANY LTD	12,000,000.	80	COLOURED STEEL TILES MANUFACTURING
ECO-LOGISTICS LIMITED	2,300,000.00	51	PALM OIL PROCESSING
CHIDWELL LIMITED	886,000.00	53	MANUFACTURING OF BULK FRAGRANCE COMPOUNDS
GHANA OIL PALM DEV.CO.LTD	59,381,104	2,589	PALM OIL PROCESSING
GN FOODS LIMITED	21,000,000.00	329	MANUFACTURING OF TOMATO PASTE

Total Capital Investment - US\$360,753,009.46

Jobs Created - 9, 995

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture provides plant and animal products for human consumption as well as industrial raw materials. Food has practically inelastic demand and therefore the challenge lies in regulating the supply side of the equation with prudent policies. When the supply side of the equation is not well managed this leads to food price inflation which affects general inflation and may lead to negative impacts on the economy and general well-being of the population.

The President Mills administration has instituted sound policies and these have ensured food security. The following initiatives are a few of those policies undertaken by the administration:

- Provision of GH¢3.5 million facility by EDIF for cotton farmers and an additional GH¢1.5 million as subsidy on fertilizer and chemicals to revive the once vibrant cotton industry. Cotton production increased ten fold from 5,000mt in 2008 to 50,000mt in 2011.
- Government subsidized 176,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer (3 million bags) at an estimated cost of GH¢69 million for farmers across the country for the 2011 farming season under the fertilizer subsidy programme. In 2010, 100,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer was subsidized. In 2008, only 43,176 metric tonnes of fertilizer was subsidized.
- A total of 77 Agricultural Mechanization Services Centres (AMSEC's) established and operationalized since 2009. Only 12 existed before 2009.
- Harvesting of rice improved by the introduction of 136 combine harvesters, 10 planters, 2 boom sprayers. As of December, 2008 only 4 combine harvesters existed in the whole country.
- The Mills administration has provided 350 new Grain cocoon storage facilities as against 200 in 2008.

- Rice importation which stood at a staggering \$500 million a year in 2008 has been significantly reduced by 30%. This has been achieved through the support given to local rice farmers and the implementation of the Youth in Agriculture concept and the following interventions:

- Northern Rural Growth Programme (GOG/IFAD/AfDB).
- Rice Sector Support project (GOG/AFD)
- Inland Valley Rice Development Project (GOG/AfDB)
- Sustainable Development of Rain-fed and Lowland Production Project. (GOG/JICA)
- Prairie Volta Rice Project (formally Aveyime Rice Project) is fully operational and currently cultivating about 3,000ha. The target is to expand to 6,000ha over the next three (3) years.

Intensification of Youth-in-Agriculture Programme

- The Youth in Agriculture programme was introduced as an intervention which had a two-pronged approach of creating jobs while making sure the country is food secured. It has four components, namely:
 - Block Farm Programme
 - Livestock Programme
 - Fisheries Programme
 - Agri-business programme

Block Farm Programme

- In 2009 the block farm concept was implemented in 6 regions for maize, rice, soyabean and sorghum;
- In 2010 the programme was implemented in all regions in the country and it is expected to be sustained.

Statistics of Block Farm Programme 2010

REGION	AREA (ha)	ENTERPRISE	NO. OF FARMERS
Central Region	1254.99	Maize grain	2,130
Greater Accra Region	679.995	Rice/Onion/Tomato	1,149
Upper East Region	3659.37	Rice/Maize/Soya	6,210
Brong Ahafo Region	4707.945	Rice/Maize/Soya/Sorghum	7,989
Ashanti Region	1977.03	Maize	3,355
Eastern Region	2339.7	Maize	3,970
Northern Region	21951.93	Rice/Maize/Soya	37,252
Volta Region	3225.75	Rice Maize	5,474
Upper West Region	6847.83	Rice/Maize/Soya	11,621
Western Region	579.15	Rice/Maize	983
TOTAL	47, 220.69		80,132

Irrigation Projects

In order to prevent the seasonal fluctuation in food supply on the Ghanaian market and thus stabilise food prices, the NDC government has initiated a number of irrigation projects.

- Between 2009 and 2011, Government rehabilitated several irrigation dams in the three northern regions, the Greater Accra, Volta, Ashanti, and Brong Ahafo regions.
- Subsequent to the completion of a master plan for irrigation development, the first phase of the Accra Plains Irrigation Project is to be undertaken under the CDB facility.
- 1,500 bore holes were sunk in some regions to enable farming all year round.
- Tano Irrigation Project: First phase of rehabilitation involved 25,870 metres of the left bank and 1,800 metres of infill canals involving the main canals was completed. This brings back all the 1,874 acres into production.

- Rehabilitation works on 72 breached dams in the Northern regions have also been carried out.

- Rehabilitation of nine Irrigation Schemes (Sata, Aveyime, Affie, Bontanga, Tanaso, Akumadan, Subinja, Kpandu Torkor, and Weija) is on-going and about 90% completed.

The National Food Buffer Stock Company (NAFCO)

The NAFCO is a wholly state owned enterprise responsible for food security, buffer stock, and minimum guaranteed competitive price for target crops aimed at ensuring sustainable income and last resort market. To facilitate the work of this new enterprise Ghana Food Distribution Company silos and warehouses across the country were released to NAFCO by the Divestiture Implementation Committee.

Due to this bold NDC government decision, between May and August 2011, 50,000 bags of rice, maize and soyabeans were released onto the market from NAFCO's warehouses to stabilise food prices.

This helped cushion Ghanaians against spiralling global food prices which has led to unrest in several countries around the world. Indeed average food inflation for 2011 was the lowest in three decades.

Roots and tubers productions

- Over 1,000 farmers have been involved in direct multiplication and distribution (36% women).
- A total of 50,000 farmers have been supplied with improved planting material of recommended varieties.

Livestock Development

- Distributed 35,000 cockerels to 1,700 small scale farmers in 5 regions (Western, Central, Greater Accra, Eastern, and Volta) at subsidized prices for rearing.
- Livestock farmers were supplied with 2,584 livestock of various species (650 sheep, 450 goats, 700 pigs) Northern, Upper East, Upper West, Brong Ahafo, Ashanti and Volta Regions at a subsidized rate.

Fisheries

- The NDC administration took steps to strengthen the enforcement of Fisheries Regulations and protect fisheries resources; to this end some patrol vessels were acquired and commissioned.
- These patrol vessels enabled the enforcement teams to arrest 10 Industrial Vessels engaged in various acts of the violation of the Fisheries Regulation and were fined US\$500,000.

• Implementation of a Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Plan is underway. LI 1968 of 2010 outlaws the use of light, pair trawling and other unorthodox fishing methods.

• Work on a turnkey fish processing plant at Elmina is expected to commence this year.

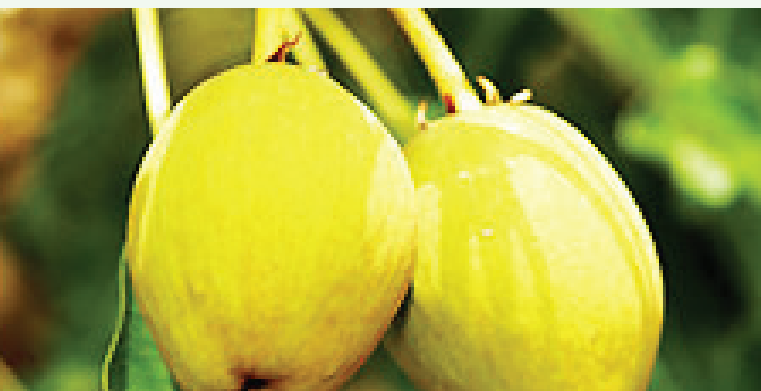
• Government has continued to heavily subsidize premix and ensure its availability unlike in the past. The distribution and management of Premix by the reconstituted committees has curbed corruption and led to the use of revenue generated by the committees being used for development projects along the coasts.

Aquaculture.

- Commercial fish farmers and groups were assisted and trained in cage net weaving, construction, installation and fingerling stocking.
- Sustainable fish cage culture was carried out on the Volta Lake.

Cocoa

- For the first time ever, Ghana produced one million metric tonnes of cocoa in a single year. Our output last year was 32% more than the output in 2008 which was 680,000 tonnes. Government intervention through the distribution of subsidized fertilizer as well as improved Agric Extension Services culminated in this historic achievement.



- In terms of the percentage of the world cocoa price that is paid to the farmer, we have out-performed every government in our history. At an average world market price of US\$2,450.00 per tonne in January 2012, we are paying the cocoa farmer about 80% of the world market price.
- The coupon system used in 2009 has been replaced with a waybill system since 2010.
- Government through COCOBOD launched a 6-year cocoa re-planting programme to rehabilitate old cocoa farms in Ghana. The program incorporates the production of 20 million elite cocoa hybrid seedlings for distribution to farmers free of charge to be used for replanting.
- The 6-year cocoa re-planting program is creating opportunities for the youth in cocoa growing areas and it is also assisting them to acquire relevant skills and techniques in cocoa production under the Youth in

Agriculture Programme. This will encourage and equip under-producing farmers to expand their acreage and increase their yield.

Sheanut

- A new Sheanut processing factory has been established at Buipe in the Northern Region, to process 40,000 metric tonnes of sheanuts for export annually. Two other sheanut processing factories are earmarked to be located in vantage areas of the Upper East and Upper West Regions.
- Government inaugurated a fifteen-member National Steering Committee to formulate programmes and strategies for growing and sustaining the industry in December 2011.
- A floor price for purchases at the farm gate has been fixed to ensure that farmers and pickers are not short-changed.



2. INVESTING IN PEOPLE

EDUCATION

Education underpins a country's future human resource base. Under the President Mills - led administration, the education of the future human resource of Ghana has been characterised by heavy priority spending and the implementation of pragmatic policies aimed at increasing quality and access. Below is a summary presentation of some implemented programs:

Basic Education

- Provision of 3 million free school uniforms to school children in public basic schools (covering approximately 60% of the total population of school children in public basic schools) in 2011.
- More than 43 million exercise books were distributed to primary school pupils in 2011, in addition to the 40million distributed in 2010. These supplies are not only helping to improve school enrolment and attendance, but the local production of these uniforms and exercise books is contributing to revamping our local printing industry and thereby creating jobs.
- Elimination of schools under trees nationwide. Out of the 4,320 schools under trees that existed across the country in 2008, over 1,250 have been replaced. Many more will be completed to bring the figure to 1,728 by the middle of 2012.
- School shift system has been abolished in Accra with the construction of 48 three-storey 18-unit classroom structures.
- The School feeding programme has been rationalized to target schools in more needy communities. This rationalization and improvement has ensured the feeding of 1.4 million school children representing 26.44% of school children in basic schools as against 9% coverage under the previous NPP administration. The program is now wholly funded by the GoG at a cost of GHC50 million.
- Under our Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy, the Basic School Computerization Program has been initiated and 66,000 laptops are being distributed

Handing over of 11 unit classroom block at Bornikope



Vice President John Mahama presenting a school bus to the Bole Senior High School.





Newly completed classroom block, Ndewura, Upper East Region



Some beneficiaries of the Better Ghana Basic Schools Computerization Programme

to basic school children nationwide. It is expected that by June 2012, the number would have doubled. This has increased computer accessibility for students writing the BECE ICT papers in deprived communities.

- Government has increased the Capitation Grant by 50%.

Second Cycle Education

• 672 emergency classroom blocks and dormitories are at various stages of completion to cater for the NPP's increase in SHS duration to 4 years while failing to make adequate arrangements. 300 of these classroom blocks and dormitories are already completed with the President commissioning many of them on his regional tours in 2011 with the rest scheduled to be completed by the end of 2012.

• In line with our social democratic principles, we aim at making secondary education accessible to every Ghanaian child of school going age by 2016. An example can be found in the construction of a GH¢1.816 million dining/assembly hall complex and a three-storey girls dormitory block for the Adjei Kojo State School for the Deaf near Ashaiman in the Greater Accra Region

• Restoration of 30% admission at SHS level to local students within a 10-mile radius of where schools are situated.

• Revamping Collapsed Science Resource Centres: 59 of them have been refurbished so far with work still in progress to refurbish all 110 Science Resource Centres

• Government through the GETFund provided over 5,000 Maths and Science Scholarships under the MASTESS programme.

• Between 2013 and 2015, we intend establishing additional 200 community second cycle schools throughout the length and breadth of the country, particularly in under-served districts. The feasibility, including cost, has been concluded.

Vocational Education

• National Apprenticeship Programme, LESDER, and other skills training programmes aimed at teaching the youth employable skills have been launched.

• Through the activities of the various training institutions under the Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare, a total of 43,782 youth benefited from employable skills training.

• The NVTI provided skills training for 38,435 JHS graduates in 37 vocational training institutions across the country.

• The OICG provided vocational skills to 355 youth in Accra, Kumasi and Sekondi- Takoradi.

• DSW vocational rehabilitation institutions trained 1,358 Persons with Disability in various employable skills.

• Two hundred and thirty (230) youth are undergoing training at the School of Social Work.

Tertiary Education

- The bills for the establishment of the University of Health and Allied Sciences in the Volta Region and the University of Energy and Natural Resources in the Brong Ahafo Region were passed in 2011. Work is almost complete on the structures for the temporary campus of both Universities. The two Governing Councils of the Universities have been inaugurated and admission is scheduled to commence with the new academic year in September 2012.
- Infrastructural facilities for effective teaching and learning have been improved in the existing public tertiary institutions. In the particular case of the University of Development Studies, we have made available funds for the expansion of infrastructural facilities and procurement of laboratory equipments and other projects.
- Government broadened the Student Loan Trust to cover all tertiary students including those in nursing and teacher training institutions.
- In the area of human resource training and development, since 2009 government through the GETFund has been providing hundreds of scholarships not only in anticipation of employment but also ensuring that Ghanaians are trained to take full control of the following areas:
 - i. Emerging Oil & Gas Sector
 - ii. The University of Health & Allied Sciences (Faculty)
 - iii. The University of Energy and Renewable Natural Resources (Faculty)
 - iv. Other Public Universities and the
 - v. The broader National Economy.
- At least 673 Ghanaian students have benefitted from higher training to feed into the above-mentioned specialized areas.
- Head office building for the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences is under construction.
- Hundreds of ICT Centres have been constructed across the country including a fully equipped ICT complex in Bolgatanga at a cost GH¢450,000.

Lecture, Accommodation and Other Structures for the Volta University



TEACHER REMUNERATION AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

A lot has been done to improve the lot of teachers who remain the backbone of our educational policies. Their salaries have seen significant improvements as captured in the table below

Grade of Teacher	Salary as at Feb, 2009(GH¢)	Present Salary(GH¢)
Pupil teacher	80	310
Certificate A	230	520
Diploma	310	580
Degree holder	385	780
Form master	385	860
Teacher training students(allowance)	80	240

- Government paid the full tuition fees for all teachers pursuing further studies through distance learning.
- Between 2009 and 2011, 9000 teachers went on study leave with pay.
- 24,000 untrained teachers have been trained since 2009 representing close to 10% of total teacher population.

Asiwa SHS Girls Dormitory



Newly built dining hall for Zebilla SHS



HEALTH

A healthy body provides for a healthy mind which is a necessity in all human endeavours. Under President J. E. A. Mills, programmes have been instituted to improve on the current status of our health facilities to improve on healthcare delivery.

Regional Hospitals

- Replacement of 13 non-functioning lifts at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (KBTH)
- Construction of a DNA Laboratory at KBTH which has made Ghana the first country in West Africa to own such a facility.
- Refurbishment of the Tower section of the Medical Block in KBTH
- Expansion of the Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and Burns Centre, KBTH
- A new Reproductive Health Centre in KBTH
- Two lifts for Efiu Nkwanta Hospital procured.
- Phase 2 of the rehabilitation of Bolgatanga Hospital underway

- For the first time in the nation's history, 6 state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machines are being installed at the Komfo Anokye, Tamale, Korle-Bu, 37 Military, Volta and Central Regional Hospitals. Services with these equipment will commence before the third quarter of 2012 to enhance health care delivery.

- Under the National Medical Equipment Replacement Project, Government has made provision for life support equipment and medical imaging in selected District Hospitals nationwide as well as re-equipping radiology departments in the teaching and regional hospitals. These centres are also receiving mammography units to make breast cancer screening routine.

- The Korle-bu Teaching hospital is also getting a facelift through the procurement of equipment including life support equipment and new oxygen plants, the





Newly acquired ambulances for the National Ambulance Service

installation of which will soon commence. By the end of 2012 these equipment will be in place to provide health care to patients who attend the hospital.

- Work on the rehabilitation of the Tamale Regional Hospital to upgrade it to a Teaching Hospital, is almost complete. This will not only enhance health delivery in the northern regions, but also provide an opportunity for UDS Medical Students to go through their clinicals in Tamale instead of Kumasi or Accra.
- Refurbishment of the three Regional hospitals built by the first NDC administration namely Ho, Cape Coast and Sunyani Regional Hospitals.
- 50 housing units completed for the Tamale Regional Hospital. The scheme will be replicated at the Korle-Bu and Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospitals.

District Hospitals & Polyclinics

- 5 new polyclinics in Northern Region have been completed and commissioned by President Mills at Karaga, Kpandai, Tatale, Janga and Chereponi
- Abandoned Projects completed in Accra include a Maternity Block at Achimota Hospital and upgrading of Mamobi, Kaneshie and Mamprobi Polyclinics. In the Volta Region, an abandoned hospital project since 2000 in Juapong has been completed and commissioned.
- Building of five polyclinics will be completed by the end of June 2012 in Wechiau, Babille, Ko, Lambussie and Hain, all in the Upper West Region.

- Government has also strengthened the capacity of some existing Regional, District Hospitals, and Polyclinics.
- A number of new health facilities have been completed within the last three years and will soon be put to use, notable of which is the Winneba Municipal Hospital and the Tarkwa and Mampong Hospitals
- Rehabilitation of 90 District hospitals is also underway.
- A 100-bed Hospital and Malaria Research Centre in Teshie was completed and commissioned in 2011
- The Adenta Community Hospital was also built and commissioned by President Mills in 2011
- Parliament in August 2011, approved a loan agreement for the construction of a 597-bed teaching hospital at Legon to cater for the health needs of people within the Legon, Adenta, Madina, Abokobi, Dodowa and other catchment areas
- Additional 21 Health Centres have been built across the country
- The National Ambulance Service has taken delivery of 160 ambulances to augment the existing fleet. 50 more ambulances to be delivered from Germany later this year.
- Basic obstetric equipment have also been supplied and installed in selected district hospitals and health centres across the country as part of efforts to reduce maternal mortality.



Newly Constructed Tarkwa Hospital Complex

Health Personnel and Training Centres

- New Health Assistant Training Schools, Nurses Training Schools, as well as Midwifery schools in various parts of the country have been constructed to train more health personnel.

- With the help of the Cuban Government, 250 Ghanaian students will benefit from medical training in Cuba. 200 of them will pursue first degrees in medicine while 50 of them will benefit from specialist training.

- Government has also succeeded in reaching an agreement with the Cuban Government to increase the yearly medical personnel quota to Ghana from 200 to 300.

- Training of 400 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) has also began

- Completion of Ashanti Mampong and Bolgatanga Midwifery Training Schools

- A number of buses have been handed over to health training schools across the nation to help facilitate their training.

National Health Insurance Service (NHIS)

- Coverage has been increased from 14 million in 2008 to 22.4 million presently. This represents about 89 percent of the population.

- The NHIA Council revised the free maternity care policy to provide coverage for pregnancy test in cases where pregnancy is confirmed.

- 1,930 health facilities accredited as service providers
- Claims Processing Centre established

- Clinical Audit Division to conduct regular audit of the scheme and provider level has been established.

- For better customer orientation the scheme has plans to start a call centre to make it more user-friendly.

Guinea Worm Eradication

In 2008, Ghana emerged as the second most guinea worm prevalent country in the world after Sudan. The NDC government instituted programmes to reverse the negative trend by eradicating guinea worm from the country. From a prevalent level of 189,000, the government succeeded in reducing to 8 cases in 2010. By the end of 2011 guinea worm had been eradicated from Ghana. The World Health Organization is expected to declare Ghana as a guinea worm free country in the coming months.

Maternal Mortality

Institutional maternal mortality ratio declined from 170 per 1000 live births in 2009 to 164 per 1000 live births in 2010. This is below the target of 185 set for 2010. In 2010, the health sector redoubled its efforts to reduce maternal mortality through the following measures, among others:

- A comprehensive Antenatal Clinic programme that is linked to Child Welfare Clinic in the districts was implemented. Under the programme, newborns and their mothers receive three monitoring visits to access the newborns' health. Women attending ANC at hospitals are screened and all those with previous history of caesarean, postpartum haemorrhage, eclampsia,

hypertension, and the elderly are identified as high risk clients. Special counselling clinics are organized for these women and their spouses and they are advised to deliver at the hospital.

ii. The following training programmes were conducted to upgrade the skills of health personnel: Safe Motherhood Clinical Skills training for Regional Resource Teams, training of trainers (TOT) on Lactation Management and Jadelle insertion and removal.

Social Interventions

- Government launched the Ghana Social Opportunities Project (GSOP) at Nadowli, which covers 40 districts throughout the country. The \$89.1 million-dollar project is expected, among other things, to facilitate the graduation of ultra-poor households out of poverty by exploiting synergies.

- Government launched the first ever ICT programme for the physically challenged. It seeks to train 5,000 persons living with disabilities (PWDs) in the assembling and repairs of mobile phones and computers. The government is expending GH¢21,741,000 on the project out of which rlg Communications would absorb GH¢1,983,000. Known as the Persons with Disability ICT Project, the beneficiaries would be deployed to the 45 training centres of the Institute of Technology of the rlg Communications spread across the regional and district capitals where they would be provided with the best hands-on ICT training.

- Government assisted about 5,000 head porters (kayayei) and truck pushers with sewing machines, electronic and auto mechanic equipments. They underwent vocational and technical skills training under master craftsmen in sewing, hairdressing, garment-making, electronic and auto mechanics this year under the National Apprenticeship Programme being implemented by the Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (COTVET). The Vice-President, H.E. John Dramani Mahama, who made the presentation in Accra, said the decision to train the head porters and truck pushers followed the outcome of a meeting held with about 1,000 of them in 2010.

- Government also presented 6,060 Longda motorbikes, valued at GH¢10.8 million, to the more than 6,000 assembly members in the various electoral areas across the country, the first of its kind since we embarked on decentralization.

Science, Communication Technology and Innovation

- In July 2011, Mobile Number Portability was introduced offering choice to mobile phone subscribers.
- Preparation on digital broadcasting migration has been going on. We expect to be ready as a nation by December 2014 ahead of the 2015 deadline set by the International Telecommunication Union for all countries.

Youth and Sports

- In sports, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) which had suspended the Ghana Olympic Committee (GOC) lifted the ban in August 2011 paving the way for Ghana's participation in the upcoming London 2012 Olympic Games.

- In 2009, the National Under-20 Football team, the Black Satellites, became the first African country to win the World Under-20 Football Trophy.

- At the 10th All Africa Games held in Maputo, Mozambique in September 2011, Team Ghana put up the best performance ever by winning 19 medals. The National U-23 male football team and their U-20 female counterparts won gold and silver respectively at the Games.

- Ghana's Black Stars were quarter-finalists at the 2010 World Cup tournament in South Africa.

- In a move to resuscitate athletics in Ghana, the Ghana Athletics Association and the National Sports Authority hosted the first-ever International athletics championship in Kumasi- the rlg 2011 Ghana Grand Prix.

- On the youth front, the National Youth Authority introduced the Better Ghana Caravan Project which focused on activities in the priority areas of employable skills, youth health and sexuality education, drug use, substance abuse education, and the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts.

3. EXPANDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GROWTH

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

The transport sector provides the network infrastructure for almost all economic activities within the country. The Mills administration has commenced a number of projects to provide the various linkages between communities, businesses and industries. The following is an abridged enumeration of some of these plans and projects:

- The monthly collection generated from all the 29 Toll stations has increased from GH¢250,000.00 to GH¢2.9 million. This comes on the back of the bold initiative by government to increase the rates at the toll booths and has come to boost the revenue generated. This however does not adequately meet the road maintenance needs.
- The Ministry of Roads and Highways constructed Fourteen (14) Permanent Weighbridge Stations (PWS) out of a total of twenty-six (26) Permanent Weighbridge Stations programmed.
- The Department of Feeder Roads has carried out routine maintenance on a total of 5,149km of the feeder road network.
- The Department of Urban Roads has completed over 4,000km of routine maintenance and periodic maintenance works in Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies.

The following projects have been undertaken since 2009:

Accra

- Dansoman Highway, Guggisberg Road Extension
- Spintex Road and Polo Grounds Bypass
- Adjiringanor and East Legon Roads
- Teshie Roads

Tema

- CBD Roads, Republic and Padmore Road
- Meridian, Lumumba (Agbamami) and Beach Roads
- Lashibi, Baatsonaa and Klagon Roads
- Kpone Main Road
- Tema Oil Refinery Road
- Ashaiman-Zeenu Road

Cape Coast

- Fosu Lagoon Bridge repairs
- Ankaful Road Bridge Construction
- Bridge on Ekon Road



Work progressing on the Tetteh Quarshie – Madina Road



Commissioning of Koforidua Bypass

Government secured 400 million dollars in bonds in 2011 to complete the ‘gang of four’ roads.

i. Achimota-Ofankor is 82% complete as against 13% completion under NPP in 2008.

ii. In January 2009, the Tetteh Quarshie-Madina road was about 30% complete. It is currently about 80% complete.

iii. The Madina-Pantang road is now about 45% complete.

iv. Work is also progressing on the Nsawam to Suhum stretch.

- The Nsawam bypass, the Nkawkaw bypass, the Oforikrom-Asokwa bypass, the first phase of the Sogakope-Adidome-Ho-Fume and the Bamboi-Tinga road projects are all nearing completion.

- The Koforidua bypass has been completed and commissioned

- The Kumasi-Techiman Road has also been completed.

Rehabilitation of Adomi Bridge

- Government secured an amount of 12.9 million Euros from the Austrian Government for the rehabilitation of the Adomi bridge. Engineering studies for the

rehabilitation of the Bridge have been completed and designs are currently on-going. The rehabilitation works are expected to commence by June, 2012.

Reconstruction of the Asikuma Junction-Hohoe Road (45km)

- In 2011, as per the directions of the President, an allocation of US\$100 million was sunk to kick-start the construction of some major parts of the Eastern Corridor. The forty-five (45) kilometre road section was awarded on contract. The reconstruction of that section of the road will enhance mobility and improve access to socio-economic facility in the neighbouring areas. Preparatory works commenced in October, 2011 and the contractor is actively on site.

Reconstruction of Dodo Pepesu-Nkwanta Road (46km)

- Evaluation of Tenders, received from contractors for reconstruction of the road, was completed and government released funds for payment of compensation for properties and crops to be impacted by the works. Construction has begun.

Reconstruction of Nkwanta-Oti Damanko Road (58km)

- The government awarded the contract for the reconstruction works in 2011 and the contractor is actively on site.

Nkwanta-Yendi-Nakpanduri road reconstruction project (213km)

•The NDC administration in partnership with the Brazilian Government has secured US\$250 million for reconstruction of this section of the Eastern Corridor. The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning has finalized the financial arrangements with the Brazilian Government and the necessary procurement processes are on-going for the project to take off this year, 2012.

Strategic Projects in the Western Region

In order to develop strategic road links in the Western Region and improve access to the sea port of Takoradi for export of primary goods to support the economy for accelerated developments, the NDC government working through the Ghana Highway Authority has embarked on the following road construction projects:

1.Reconstruction of Takoradi-Agona Junction (25km)-DANIDA/GOG

DANIDA and the Government of Ghana have made provision of an amount of DKK180millionfor the reconstruction of this road. Currently, procurement of consulting services for detailed design and construction supervision is on-going. The works will commence in 2012.

2. Rehabilitation of Agona Junction – Elubo road (110km) - World Bank Funded – US\$112million

Evaluation of tenders for rehabilitation of this road has been completed. Award of contract for commencement of the works will be made this year.

3.Reconstruction of Tarkwa-Bogoso-Ayamfuri (94.4km) – EU Funded - 70million Euros

Contract for reconstruction of Tarkwa-Ayamfuri road has been awarded and the works have commenced in earnest.

4. Rehabilitation of Ayamfuri-Asawinso (52.2km) World Bank Funded:

Evaluation of tenders for the rehabilitation of this road, which was reconstructed in the 1980s, has been completed and works will commence this year.

5. Benchema–Adjuafua (39 km)

The Government of the Netherlands is supporting the Government of Ghana with a facility of 35 million euros for the rehabilitation of the Benchema-Adjuafua road. Engineering studies is currently in progress. Everything is being done to fast-track the early start of the road.

Development Projects Designed to Improve Access to the Centre of Accra

1. Tetteh Quarshie – Madina Road (4.6km) – GoG Funded – US\$21.7m and GH¢34.6m

This project is on-going and about 3km of the road works have been completed. Works currently in progress include construction of Interchanges at the Legon and Atomic Junctions, together with the associated slip roads. The road works is 82% complete. The outstanding works are the Legon Interchange and Atomic Junction Overpass.

2. Madina – Pantang Road (5.6km) – BADEA Funded
Currently, 45% of the works has been completed. The major challenges encountered in the course of implementation of the works included the re-location of utilities and resettlement of project affected persons. These have been resolved and the works are now proceeding steadily.

3. Government also embarked on the construction of by-passes as alternative roads to ease congestion on the Mallam-junction- Kasoa and Tetteh Quarshie-Legon roads. Commuters between Mallam-Junction and Accra, who spend about two hours before reaching their destinations, can now cover the same journey within 20 minutes through the newly constructed Panbros-Dansoman road. Also under construction is the Airport-Spintex road by pass.

4. Achimota-Ofankor Road (5.7km) – GoG Funded
Currently, 82% of the works have been completed. The works in progress include construction of carriage-way, footbridges, service lanes and overpasses. The works are envisaged to be completed by the end of 2012.

Cocoa Roads Improvement Project (CRIP)

The Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD) has collaborated with the Ministry of Roads and Highways in the rehabilitation, up-grading and maintenance of roads critical to its operations and vital for the haulage of cocoa. These roads are termed Cocoa Roads. This collaboration has now been expanded to deal with the full mandate of COCOBOD which also includes coffee and sheanuts. The basic criterion for the prioritization and selection of these roads is that the road should be vital to the operations of COCOBOD.

CRIP Tranche II (2011-2013)

COCOBOD has made available an amount of US\$200 million to the Ministry of Roads and Highways for the maintenance, rehabilitation and upgrading of Roads critical to their operations nationwide. Under this programme, it is estimated that routine maintenance will be carried out on 4,000km, spot improvement on 2,000km and upgrading of 750km of feeder roads to bituminous surface. The regional distributions of contracts awarded under Tranche II are as follows:-

1. Greater Accra Region - 66km
2. Eastern Region – 75km
3. Volta Region – 71km
4. Central Region – 120km
5. Western Region – 199km
6. Ashanti Region – 77km
7. Brong Ahafo Region – 49km
8. Northern Region – 119km
9. Upper East Region – 44km
10. Upper West Region – 24km

This investment would go a long way to facilitate the efficient operations of COCOBOD in particular, generally

facilitating the movement of people, goods and services. The importance of employment generation under this programme cannot be over emphasized.

Status of other Key Development Projects:

1. Reconstruction of Fufulso-Sawla Road (147km) AfDB Funded

Government has secured a grant from AfDB for implementation of the project. Compensation has been paid to project affected persons. Currently, works have commenced from both the Fufulso and Sawla ends of the road by two contractors who are expected to complete the works in two years.

2. Construction of Seven (7) Bridges (BADEA/GoG) Rehabilitation of Assin Praso-Bekwai road (60km) – JICA Grant Funded

JICA has provided a grant of 8.3 million Yen for the financing of this project. The project is aimed at improving access between the Central and the Ashanti Regions. This project includes the construction of a new two lane bridge over river Pra at Assin Praso to replace the existing narrow bridge. Funds have been released for compensation payments. The project is currently on-going and progress is about 11%. The project is expected to be completed this year.

3. Construction of Five Bridges on Wa-Walewale Road (Austrian Facility)

This is a virgin project which is expected to open up the overseas areas and equally reduce the travelling distance between the Upper West and the Northern Region. Contracts for two of the five bridges to be undertaken under this project have been awarded and procurement

Commissioning of the George Walker Bush Motorway



Achimota Ofankor Road



of consulting services for the supervision of the bridges is almost completed and works will commence in the first quarter of 2012.

4. District Capital Roads Improvement Project (DCRIP)

The District Capital Roads Improvement Project was initiated to facelift rural district capitals. The funding for the project totalling GH¢33.2 million is provided from the Japanese Counter-Value Fund.

Sixty-Nine (69) Districts Capitals in all the 10 regions of Ghana are currently benefiting from the programme. The project is in three phases. On the average, physical completion of the works under Phases 1, 2 and 3 are 80%, 65% and 47% respectively.

It is expected that 143km of town roads will be surface dressed by the end of Phase 3(2013).

5. ACROW-Ghana Bridges

The ACROW-Ghana bridge programme involves a total amount of US\$44.7 million for 100 bridges. This consists of a loan amount of US\$37.7 million for the supply of components and a grant amount of US\$7.0 million for civil works. All the components for the 100 bridges have been supplied. Contracts for the first forty two (42) steel bridges under Phase 1 have been awarded.

6. Ghana-Spanish Bridges

The Spanish bridge programme involves the construction of fifty two (52) bridges throughout the country. This involves a facility of €10million under the Second Ghana-Spain Protocol. Components for all the 52 bridges have been supplied. The contracts for Phase 1 comprising 24 bridges have been awarded.

7. Urban Transport Project -IDA/AFD/GEF

Works on Lot 1 involving the expansion of the Odaw Bridge and construction of flyover bridges began in September 2010 and is about 50% complete. The procurement process for Lot 2 representing the construction of the Bus Rapid Transit route has been completed. It is expected that construction will begin this year.

8. Transport Sector Project - IDA funded

This project involves the works on roads in the Accra East corridor enclave specifically the Giffard and Burma Camp roads. The procurement process is completed and works is expected to commence soon.

9. Extension of the La-Teshie road –GOG

The south carriageway was completed in August 2011 and opened to traffic. Works on the north carriageway will be completed by the second quarter of this year.

10. Kumasi Road and Urban Development project

-AFD funded. Work on this project involving the reconstruction of the Oforikrom-Asokwa Bypass (including an Interchange at Timber Gardens) and the Lake Road experienced some delays in the past. However, current progress of work is 90% and it is expected to be fully completed this year.

11. Construction of Sunyani road in Kumasi (Komfo-Anokye Teaching Hospital to Abuakwa) –GOG

This project has suffered long delays due to irregular payment to both the Contractor and Project Affected Persons (PAPs).The works resumed in August 2011 following the release of funds. The physical works to date is 55% and it is expected to be completed in December 2012.

Poverty Focused Rural Transport Programme

This programme is being funded by Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) with an amount of 8.2million Euros. It is part of Government's programme to provide access to markets in the Ashanti and Brong Ahafo Regions. Under the programme, DFR is expected to rehabilitate 300km of feeder roads. The following contracts covering a total length of 87km have been awarded:

1. Aframso – Nkyensie (8.3km)
2. Ejura Nkwanta - Kabre (7.6km)
3. Aframso – Kyeiase (14.1km)
4. Bosomkyekye - Ouagadugu (12.5km)
5. Dome-Asasembonsa (9.8km)
6. Hwidiem - MakyinMabre (10.4km)
7. Yerepemso Junction – Yerepemso (10.1km)
8. Brahoho – Dompooase (14.2km)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Government has added 350 buses to the fleet of Metro Mass buses. 150 out of these were purchased from Metro Mass Transit Company's (MMT) internally generated funds at a cost of US\$11 million.
- The MMT has also settled its GHC400,000 indebtedness to Goil, which was inherited from the Kufuor administration
- MMT is constructing new terminals at Kumasi, Ho, Tamale, Bolgatanga and Cape Coast.
- As a result of the additional buses, 20 new routes have been added to the existing network giving access to new communities. These include Samreboi, Kete-Krachi, Mehame, Nsawra, Akotombra, Sankore and Dambai.
- Work has also commenced on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project in Accra estimated to cost US\$90 million. It is aimed at reducing vehicular traffic on the road connecting Kasoa to the Central Business District of Accra.

AVIATION SUB-SECTOR

The aviation industry has witnessed tremendous growth over the last three years due largely to the improvement in the economy, and its attendant enhancement of the living standards of Ghanaians. Ghana's Aviation industry has witnessed a boom with a 100% increase in international airlines from 16 to 32%. Domestic flights have also doubled with increased patronage.

- International passenger traffic has been growing consistently in line with the increase in daily flights into Accra. Between January and August 2011, traffic increased by 16.7% compared to the same period in 2010, from 900,000 to 1,000,000.
- There has been an even more impressive rise in domestic air traffic with an increase in domestic airlines and traffic on the Accra- Kumasi, Accra- Tamale and Accra- Takoradi routes. Domestic passenger volume for

January to August 2011 recorded a dramatic improvement of 29.6% compared to the same period in 2010.

- Three additional boarding gates have been constructed at the Kotoka International airport (KIA) to bring the total to five (5), reducing congestion especially during the peak periods.
- Self-check-in equipment and software installed at KIA to facilitate passenger processing while reducing passenger handling times to meet industry innovations and best practice.
- New parking aprons and a taxiway under construction to create eight (8) additional parking spaces to accommodate wide body aircrafts.
- Ultra-modern fire station completed. This will improve safety measures to control emergencies and improve response times within and around the airport city.
- Water development and storage systems project completed at KIA to provide continuous water supply and improve on the basic hygiene conditions at the airport.
- Doppler VHF Omni-directional Radio Range, a new landing aid installed to help pilots navigate safely and efficiently to and fro KIA under all weather conditions without the need to depend on Air Traffic Controllers for information.
- An ADS-C/CPDLC Communication System was also installed to improve communication between pilots and controllers, especially, in the oceanic/remote regions where there is no radar coverage to enhance navigational services.
- An Automatic Weather Observation System and Automatic Terminal Information equipment installed to enhance communication with aircrafts. These provide weather information on continuous basis; i.e. every 30 minutes.
- Electronic Training School of the GCAA rehabilitated to provide training locally and also for the sub-region.
- New Air Carrier Licenses (ACL) issued to three Ghan

airlines - Africa World Airlines for scheduled passenger & cargo services, BF Jet Air Ghana Ltd for non-scheduled executive jet charter services and Century Aviation for non-scheduled helicopters & fixed wing services.

- The Ghana Airports Company Limited and the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority created new jobs of 321 and 37 in various departments respectively.

MARITIME AND INLAND WATERWAY SUB-SECTORS

Due to the economic growth and the oil find, there is pressure on the existing port facilities to accommodate the increase in traffic especially the supply vessels that ply between the Port and the oil field. Comparable cargo traffic handled for both Ports from January to September 2011 showed an increase of 24% compared with the volume of last year. Also container traffic also shows an increase of 26% over that of last year. To this end the following principal projects were provided or are on-going at the seaports:

- Upgrading of the Closed-Circuit Television system [CCTV] to cover the entire main seaport of Tema including the golden Jubilee Terminal at a cost of about US\$3million.
- Provision of traffic lights at the principal road intersections around the Tema Port to control and manage traffic in and out of the seaports at a cost of almost 700,000.00 Ghana Cedis.
- Deployment of over 25 new operational plant consisting of reachstackers, tractors, and forklifts of various sizes costing well over US\$3million.
- Supply contracts for the supply of new marine craft to include a Tugboat, Security Patrol and Rescue boat as well as Pilot Launch, all costing over US\$10million.
- Works contract to dredge and reconstruct the canoe basin of the Tema Fishing Harbour at a cost of about 7million Ghana Cedis.

- Installation of four new weighbridges and upgrading of four old ones at a cost of US\$350,000.00 at the port to ensure that loaded trucks from our ports stay within the permissible axle load limits on our roads.

The proximity of Takoradi Port to the current oil fields makes her the priority of the Government's ports expansion programme. Accordingly the GPHA has engaged engineering consultants to review the detailed design proposals for the proposed expansion of Takoradi Port for works to commence under the China Development Bank (CDB) loan facility for the Phase I expansion works. The works under this first phase will include the following principal items:

- An extension of the existing breakwater to create additional harbour basin for the berthing of ships.
 - Dredging of the additional harbour basin to provide for the intake of bigger ships drawing 14m of water or more.
 - Construction of dedicated bulk cargo jetty for the handling of manganese, bauxite, cement and oil.
 - Construction of additional quay length for the berthing of more ships principally the several supply vessels calling at the port.
 - Reclamation of the sea to create operational areas for the oil & gas activities to include fabrication and workshop yards.
- A 24% increase in port traffic has resulted in an increase in the number of dock labour, truck drivers and driver mates, plant operators, warehouse operators, food vendors and other support services engaged in our marine industry. Additionally the ports have engaged over 192 staff to beef up her manpower strength to handle the increased port traffic.

- The Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority has acquired a Vessel Traffic Management Information System (VTMIS) to ensure comprehensive surveillance of Ghana's Maritime domain. The VTMIS is currently been installed.

- A Seafarer electronic database has been established to facilitate online verification of certificate of competence issued to seafarers.

- In 2011, the Ghana Shippers' authority commenced the development of the Takoradi Logistics Platform to

provide warehousing facilities and facilitate the provision of ancillary services for the Oil and Gas industry and also create employment avenues for about 100 Ghanaians.

- The Ministry of Transport, on behalf of VLTC, has procured eight (8) Main Engines and eight (8) Auxiliary Engines to refurbish the old ferries which will improve ferry services at the following crossing points: Yeji, Dambai and Kpando-Torkor.
- The Volta Lake Enhancement Project has improved the lives of the people living in communities around the Volta Lake. Over 3,700 lives have been saved by Life Guards in both major and minor accidents in 2012.
- Also, over 19,000 life jackets have been donated to members of various communities located along the banks of the Lake. After the 6th September, 2011 boat disaster

at Sene in the Brong Ahafo Region, 3,000 life jackets were distributed to Boat Operators and members of the Tapa Abotoase community. Lake Guards also provide passengers who are travelling by boats on the Lake with life jackets.

RAILWAY SUB-SECTOR

- Due to the high patronage of the Accra-Tema Railway line, government is currently extending the line from Tema Port to Community I in Tema to increase benefits to commuters between Accra and Tema. This line is about 90% completed.
- Under an Indian credit facility, Letters of Credit (LC) have been established for the Ghana Railway Company Limited to take delivery of wagons, spare parts and track materials to address problems of old rolling stock and track infrastructure to improve their services.

Inauguration of New Tema Railway Extension



ENERGY

Almost all sectors of the economy derive their ability to contribute to the social and economic wellbeing of the country by the intricate contributions of the energy sector. In order to discover, harness, sustain and supply energy to the country, the President Mills Government implemented a number of projects and policies.

- The nation's premier refinery (TOR) which was nearing collapse because of huge debts incurred by the Kufuor administration has been revived by President Mills. The over GHC1 billion debt has been fully settled thereby giving the refinery a new lease of life.
- Government's commitment to transparency and accountability in the management of proceeds of oil has manifested in the passage of the Petroleum Revenue Management and Oil Exploration Bills.
- At the end of 2011, Ghana earned a total of US\$444,124,724 from the sale of the Ghana Group's 4 liftings totalling 3,930,189 barrels of crude oil.

- Government inaugurated the Public Interest Committee under the chairmanship of an eminent Ghanaian to demonstrate its intention to enhance transparency and accountability.
- The Ghana National Gas Company Limited (Ghana Gas) set up to build, own and operate infrastructure required for gathering, processing, transporting and marketing of natural gas resources in the country.
- Ghana Gas has begun the process for the construction of a major gas processing plant and pipelines in the Western Region. The Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the Early Phase Gas Processing Plant (EPGPP) has been completed and the manufacture of the plant has begun.
- Petroleum Commission established.
- Local Content Policy adopted by cabinet that obliges all Oil Companies to ensure that 90% of their staff are Ghanaians.

FPSO Kwame Nkrumah





President Mills turning on the valve for First Oil onboard the FPSO Kwame Nkrumah

- A two-year project launched in Hohoe aimed at providing solar lighting systems in remote communities in the northern part of the Volta Region which are not on the national grid. The project has already been piloted in both the Nkwanta North and Nkwanta South districts in the Volta Region.
- Electricity supply has been expanded from 54% nationwide coverage to 72% over the last 3 years. This represents 18% addition in 3 years compared with NPP's 11% in 8 years.
- 1,700 communities have been connected to the national grid. As the project gains momentum, we expect to extend electricity to a further 4000 communities covering all regions in the country.
- An additional 376 megawatts of electricity generation capacity has been added to the 1800 megawatts the government inherited in 2009.
- The additional capacity being added in 2012 through the expansion of the Takoradi International Company (TICO), the planned completion of the Bui project, the development of the Kpone Thermal Power Plant; and the completion of the Tema Osono Power Project will ensure that by 2013, power generation should reach 3300Mw. This represents over 80% increase in the capacity as of 2009
- In order to reduce high losses and evacuation constraints of the national electricity transmission system due to over-aged and obsolete equipment, government embarked on transmission network construction and repairs and also substation projects.
- These projects have been initiated and some completed at Buiepe in the Northern Region; Kpando, Ho and Asiekpe in the Volta Region; Sunyani and Techiman in the Brong Ahafo Region; Obuasi and Kumasi in the Ashanti Region; Tema and Accra in the Greater Accra Region; Winneba in the Central Region and Takoradi in the Western Region.
- Government implemented a programme to provide street lights in all regional capitals and this programme objective has almost been completed with the next phase involving the extension to all municipal and district capitals.
- \$8.5 million 161/34.5 kilo volts power substation to provide reliable bulk power to the Savannah Diamond Cement Company Limited established at Buiepe in the Northern Region. Apart from feeding the cement company, the project, executed by Ghana Grid Company Limited (GRIDCo), would also replace the existing power supply system at Buiepe from the shield wire scheme with a conventional supply scheme, to meet the anticipated growth in power demand.

WATER

- Since 2009, we have constructed thousands of boreholes fitted with hand pumps, hand dug wells with hand pumps and piped water systems throughout the country. Several others have been rehabilitated.
- Construction of 20,000 boreholes has commenced.
- Government absorbed the 5% contribution by communities to the capital cost of construction of rural water systems in rural communities thus taking over the total capital cost of rural water systems construction.
- The Kpong Water Expansion Project currently underway is expected to add 40million gallons of water daily to the supply of Accra-Tema Metropolis.
- Government has initiated a number of interventions to ensure that by 2015 urban water sector coverage should have increased from the present 62% to 80%.
- Mechanised water system at Akaa in the Volta Region.
- 130 Communities connected to potable water supply which serves 10,000 people in the South Dayi
- Aunty Aku and Teshie water projects in Ga South and LAEKMA respectively in the Greater Accra Region.



SAVANNAH ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SADA)

Government has fulfilled the following obligations as contained in the Budget statement of the MFEP:

- GHC 30,000,000.00 promised in the 2011 budget was released and paid into SADA. This is benn used to pursue operational objectives in the Northern Savannah Ecological Zone (NSEZ)
- Another GHC 30,000,000.00 has been allocated in the 2012 budget.
- Government has released GHC 100,000,000.00 to SADA. An additional GHC100,000,000 will be released later this year.
- SADA is sponsoring a Millennium Village Project with an US\$18million grant from DFID. The project will launched in a cluster of villages in two adjacent Districts in two regions of (NSEZ).

• SADA is currently located within the premises of the Northern Regional Coordinating Council.

Flagship Interventions

- About 6,000 households in the flood stricken areas of the NSEZ were supported with improved variety of seeds, fertilizers, and technology to cultivate maize to mitigate the effect of the floods caused by the spillage of the “Bagri” dam in 2011. Results from this intervention informed the scaling-up of this intervention with the onset of rains in the 2012/2013 rainy season.
- A market-led out-growers' pilot irrigation project has been established to support the production of a high value crop (HVC) – Butternut squash, Pluto variety, for export. Foreign exchange earnings of this crop compares favorably with that obtained from cocoa. Harvesting will

commence in April. Outputs from the pilot project will be used to formally launch the intervention.

- SADA is constructing low cost houses using local material and technology. The construction of the houses, dubbed, “sustainable housing project” is a collaboration between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and SADA, with the UNDP committing over half a million dollars to the project while SADA provided GH ₵2.5 million.
- The introduction of the new building technology will help reduce the housing deficit in the country since the cost of houses will become affordable to the people.

Planned activities for 2012

The 2012 cropping season will focus on the following:

- i. Agricultural modernization
- ii. Up-scaling cereal production
- iii. Up-scaling pilot irrigation project
- iv. Supporting free range poultry and guinea fowl production
- v. Facilitating fruit tree planting through Agroforestry initiatives
- vi. Enhancing livestock production

Support to Private Sector

SADA has provided support to some private sector entrepreneurs to establish and operate. Key ones are:

i. Groundnut and Rice farming and Milling

SADA collaborated with AvaNash, a private Investor, to establish large scale farms and install rice and groundnuts processing factories. Sites have been identified; some of the parts of the machines have been shipped. It is expected that in the next few months test milling will commence.

ii. Establishment of solar farms

SADA has been in talks with some private investors desirous of establishing solar farms in the NSEZ. A number of proposals are being considered by the Board of Directors. These include the possibility of facilitation and/or entering into PPP arrangements.

iii. Establishment of the Sissili/Kulpong hydro-electricity and irrigation scheme

An MOU is being drafted by SADA's legal team to be signed by SADA and Wienco for the establishment of a hydro-electricity scheme in the Sissili/Kulpong river. The scheme would incorporate an irrigation scheme for the cultivation of sugar-cane and other high value crops under irrigation.

A rice farm in Northern Ghana



4. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

Good Governance and the Fight Against Corruption

- Right to Information Bill laid before parliament.
- Ghana has signed up to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the Open Government Partnership under President Mills.
- Government has transformed the Serious Fraud Office (SOF) into the Economic and Organized Crime Office (EOCO) with more powers and independence. Government has also provided them with dozens of vehicles, restoring their salaries and building their capacity.
- Provision of 25 cars for State Attorneys.
- Government has released GHC50 million to the Electoral Commission for the Biometric registration.
- Ghana has undertaken major restructuring of its national drug law enforcement agency, the Narcotics Control Board, and has also improved national inter-agency cooperation and collaboration with international partners. (Report of the International Narcotics Control Board 2010 - analysis of the world situation).

- The president policy of not covering up any suspected act of corruption continues to be entrenched as he has been praised locally and internationally (recently President Barack Obama) for his "it doesn't matter whose ox is gored" policy.

- President Mills initiated a constitutional review process in line with the NDC's manifesto promise. The Constitution Review Commission has presented its Report, which is currently at the executive consideration stage.

Parliament

- Work is proceeding fast on the Job 600 project which will provide parliamentarians with office space. The project will be completed this year and ready for occupation.
- The administration is working with the Office of Parliament on the construction of constituency duty offices for MPs and establishment of an MPs' Constituency Development Fund separate and apart from the District Assemblies Common Fund.



UN Secretary General confers with President Mills and Vice President Mahama



President Yayi Boni & President Mills deep in conversation



Lecture Hall for Ghana Armed forces and Staff College



Fire tenders presented to the Ghana National Fire Service

SECURITY

Government continues to ensure that Ghana remains the safest country in Africa. Over the period, all measures have been taken to protect life and property and to ensure adequate interventions are embarked upon to resource and motivate the security agencies.

- The Police, Military and other institutions charged with law enforcement have the fullest support of Government to act decisively and fairly.
- Our commitment to ensure the safety of Ghanaians has been as strong as ever. Over the past 3 years there has been a reduction in major crimes such as armed robbery, car snatching, highway robbery, narcotics and murder and the law enforcement agents are under strict instructions to sustain the arrest of narcotic traffickers and their collaborators.
- Better conditions of service have been instituted for the security services to discharge their duties efficiently.
- Government speedily evacuated and provided security for 21,720 Ghanaian citizens from Libya during the crisis.

The Police

- A large quantity of vehicles, communication gadgets and bulletproof vests have been provided to boost operational efficiency of the Police.
- The Atta Mills government has increased the strength of the Police Service by over 4,000
- A newly constructed Forensic Science Laboratory has been commissioned for the Ghana Police Service. The

laboratory is the first of its kind in Sub Saharan Africa and comparable to forensic laboratories in South Africa. It has document examination, chemical, photography, ballistics and DNA sections.

Immigration

- The Ghana Immigration Service is installing a Digital Border Surveillance System at strategically selected Border control points. This around-the-clock monitoring equipment seeks to enhance border security especially in the face of new sub-regional threats of religious and ethnic nature.

The Military

- The Ghana Armed Forces, in the last three years has witnessed tremendous retooling and support.
- A lot of acquisition has been made in equipment and hardware for the Forces.
 - i. Government has inaugurated a twin-turboprop transport aircraft for the CASA C-295-M. This has replaced the Fokker 27 plane that had been used by the Air Force for the past 37 years. The new aircraft, which has a civil forward facing capacity of 46 seats, military troop capacity of 70 seats and 24 medical evacuation stretchers, can fly for 11 hours non-stop and maximum speed of 245 knots with a range up to 2100 nautical miles. The aircraft, apart from carrying passengers and goods would, also be used for supply dropping, surveillance, search and rescue and communications purposes.
 - ii. Four new navy patrol ships have been commissioned for the Ghana Navy.

- The 48 Engineer Regiment has once again been mainstreamed into the area of road construction and they have been working on a number of projects across the country.
- Establishment of a new garrison in Bawku to contain violence in that part of the country.

• Veterans are now beneficiaries of Health Insurance, their VAG lands and properties, including the Legion Village near Opeibea House, Accra are being developed to generate revenue for the Veterans Association of Ghana.

• In line with government's social democratic philosophy, government has improved widow's pension from a flat rate of GH¢30.00 to 50% of the spouse's pension by rank.

- Donation of a 33-seater bus to VAG.

Prisons Service

- The Administration in 2011 commissioned a new medium security prison at Ankaful; the biggest in West Africa. Under phase two, the Ankaful prison is expected to be a model prison which will compare with any world-wide.
- The Service is also being provided with the needed logistics and manpower resources to make it more efficient.

Fire Service

- The Service took delivery of 127 new fire tenders and equipment for the Ghana National Fire Service (GNFS) in Accra-2011. The highest number of equipment GNFS ever received from government.

• As a way of building capacity, a number of officers and men last year received training in the, United States, United Kingdom, Germany, and Belgium [It goes without saying however that there is a need to enforce safety regulations and standards and I expect the Fire Service to be fearless in that respect]

The “Cocaine” Commission

- The National Security has in its custody a very key player in the case of the 77 parcels of supposedly missing cocaine.

• Also President Mills commissioned and received a report from the BNI on the results of the investigations into the cocaine which got swapped between 2008 and 2010 while in police custody. Swift prosecution of the indicted has since commenced.

- Under President Mills' watch, Ghana will continue to be an unattractive destination for the illicit drug.



New Forensic Science Lab for the Ghana Police Service



New vehicles dedicated to the Forensic Science Lab



Dedication of New CASA C-295-M



**Artist's impression of
34-courtroom complex**

**Newly acquired vessel for
Navy patrols on high seas**

