

most deprived District in 216th place, Karaga in Northern Region. Compared to the average score of 58%, 95 Districts are below this level. Among the top Districts, the Ashanti region figures most prominently. Amongst the bottom Districts, Volta and Northern regions stand out.

**Lessons Learnt and Conclusions**

The DLT highlights Ghana's substantial weaknesses in the production and use of key indicators, impeding the ability of actors to fully understand, plan for, and monitor District development. Several key areas do not yet have robust indicators available for the District level. A key challenge is that existing indicators are not published and are difficult to access.

The DLT shows that substantial inequities exist between Districts. The top District had a development level 5 times greater than that of the bottom one. Districts in regions with lower poverty

like Ashanti did better in the DLT. However there are plenty of exceptions to learn from – many Districts in poorer regions such as Upper West are doing much better than their high level of poverty might imply. Overall, Districts that come lower in the DLT are facing the greatest challenges and need more support.

Accountability is a Government-wide responsibility. The majority of spending and service delivery in Districts is still determined at the central level. In turn, District Assemblies themselves are often facing major capacity constraints. The frequent creation of new Districts impedes the improvement of such capacity for planning and monitoring.

To monitor the progress Districts are making, we aim to repeat the DLT's publication on an annual basis. In future years the Districts which witness the biggest improvement in the DLT will be nationally recognised.

# Ghana's District League Table 2014: Strengthening Social Accountability for National Development

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**Introduction and background**

In democratic countries around the world, the provision of public goods and services is implicitly founded upon **social accountability** between citizens and their government representatives. Citizens have the right to accountability for basic service delivery, while public actors have the obligation to be accountable for effective and efficient provision. Mechanisms for strengthening social accountability include rights campaigns, citizen report cards and league tables. However in many countries, including Ghana, mechanisms to promote social accountability are limited.

The agencies that contributed to the District League Table are gratefully recognised as: The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ministry of Education, Ghana Education Service, Ministry of Health, Ghana Health Services, Community Water and Sanitation Agency, Ghana Water Company Ltd, Ghana Police Service, Ghana Statistical Service.

**What indicators were used and how were they aggregated?:**

Across the 6 key sectors, the District indicators agreed upon are: BECE pass rates, skilled delivery at birth; rural water coverage; open defecation free (ODF) certification; police personnel coverage; and fulfilment of District administrative FOAT minimum conditions. They were then aggregated into a single index score for each District using a common approach of taking the simple average of the 6 indicators. This means that the DLT is only to be used to provide a holistic overview of District development, and not as a measurement of performance in an individual sector. A score of 0% is bad, a score of 100% is the best.

**What is the District League Table?:**

The District League Table (DLT), produced by UNICEF Ghana and CDD Ghana, attempts to fill this gap. It is a simple ranking tool of the level of development in each of Ghana's 216 Districts. Instead of rating Districts by administrative compliance, it ranks them in terms of their delivery in six key sectors: health, education, sanitation, water, security and governance.

**What is the DLT's objective?:**

The DLT aims to increase social accountability for development across Ghana's 216 Districts so as to improve state responsiveness in service delivery. It aims to support Government in better understanding and monitoring development across the country, and to support citizen's access to information and knowledge on rights on development in their Districts.

**What will it be used for and by whom?:**

Government can use the DLT to provide guidance on District level development; citizens can use it to call for improvements; media and civil society can use it to generate more debate on local development.

“The DLT will be repeated on an annual basis, allowing national recognition of those Districts which witness the biggest improvement.”

**How was it developed?:**

The development of the DLT was complex and involved several steps to agree with key stakeholders which indicators should be used in the construction of the index. Numerous challenges were encountered regarding data – many indicators are not reliably available at the District level on an annual basis. In addition, annual District indicators are not routinely made available, making data access a substantial obstacle.

**The results**

The results of the District League Table are shown below. There is a wide range of development levels between Ghana's Districts and across the regions. The top District, Tano South in Brong Ahafo Region, has a development level 5 times better than the





# Ghana's District League Table 2014

RANK	DISTRICT	REGION	SCORE	RANK	DISTRICT	REGION	SCORE	RANK	DISTRICT	REGION	SCORE	RANK	DISTRICT	REGION	SCORE	RANK	DISTRICT	REGION	SCORE	RANK	DISTRICT	REGION	SCORE
1	Tano South	BA	76	36	Bongo	UE	67	71	East Akim Municipal	ER	62	107	Aowin	WR	59	143	Jomoro	WR	55	179	Sawla-Tuna-Kalba	NR	52
2	Nsawam-Adoagyiri Municipal	ER	75	37	Offinso North	AR	67	72	Asikuma Odoben Brakwa	CR	62	108	Ajumako-Enyan-Essiam	CR	59	144	Atebubu-Amantin	BA	55	180	Twifo Ati-Morkwa	CR	52
3	Denkyembour	ER	74	38	Juabeso	WR	67	73	West Gonja	NR	62	109	Akwapim North Municipal	ER	58	145	Fanteakwa	ER	55	181	Ayensuano	ER	51
4	Jaman South	BA	73	39	Nabdam	UE	67	74	Sunyani West	BA	62	110	Adansi North	AR	58	146	Mion	NR	55	182	Lambussie Karni	UW	51
5	Bibiani Anhwiaso Bekwai	WR	73	40	Ashaiman Municipal	GR	66	75	Talensi	UE	62	111	Sefwi Akontombra	WR	58	147	Wassa East	WR	54	183	Akyemansa	ER	51
6	Berekum Municipal	BA	72	41	Asunafo North Municipal	BA	66	76	Krachi West	VR	62	112	Nkoranza North	BA	58	148	Ketu North	VR	54	184	Tolon	NR	51
7	Offinso municipal	AR	71	42	Sefwi Wiawso Municipal	WR	66	77	Asunafo South	BA	62	113	Mfantseman Municipal	CR	58	149	Tatale Sanguli	NR	54	185	Agona East	CR	50
8	Awutu Senya	CR	71	43	Nkoranza South Municipal	BA	66	78	Pusiga	UE	62	114	Komenda Edina Eguafo Abirem Municipal	CR	58	150	Agona West Municipal	CR	54	186	Akatsi South	VR	50
9	Kwabre East	AR	71	44	Ellebele	WR	66	79	Suhum Municipal	ER	61	115	Zabzugu	NR	58	151	Nkwanta South	VR	54	187	Ga South Municipal	GA	50
10	Atwima Kwanwoma	AR	71	45	Lower Manya Krobo Municipal	ER	66	80	Jaman North	BA	61	116	Shama	WR	58	152	North Tongu	VR	54	188	Upper West Akim	ER	50
11	Mpohor	WR	71	46	Shai-Osudoku	GA	66	81	Birim Central Municipal	ER	61	117	Builsa South	UE	58	153	Mampong Municipal	AR	54	189	Sagnerigu	NR	49
12	Ejura Sekyeredumase Municipal	AR	71	47	Bole	NR	65	82	Asokore Mampong Municipal	AR	61	118	Sekyere Kumawu	AR	58	154	Banda	BA	54	190	Sene East	BA	49
13	Obuasi municipal	AR	70	48	Bawku West	UE	65	83	Atwima Mponua	AR	61	119	Suaman	WR	58	155	Bia East	WR	54	191	Assin South	CR	48
14	Bosomtwe	AR	70	49	Asuogyaman	ER	65	84	Jasikan	VR	61	120	Kintampo South	BA	58	156	Ledzokuku-Krowor Municipal	GA	54	192	Krachi Nchumuru	VR	48
15	Bolgatanga Municipal	UE	70	50	Keta Municipal	VR	65	85	Nadowli-Kaleo	UW	61	121	Tain	BA	57	157	Adentan Municipal	GA	54	193	Kwahu Afram Plains South	ER	48
16	Sekyere East	AR	69	51	Bia West	WR	65	86	Birim North	ER	61	122	Dormaa West	BA	57	158	Birim South	ER	54	194	Yilo Krobo Municipal	ER	48
17	Dormaa Central Municipal	BA	69	52	Tamale Metropolitan	NR	65	87	Assin North Municipal	CR	60	123	Atiwa	ER	57	159	Mamprugu-Moagduri	NR	53	195	Gomoa East	CR	48
18	Kwahu West Municipal	ER	69	53	Asante Akim South	AR	64	88	Lawra	UW	60	124	West Mamprusi	NR	57	160	Kumasi Metropolitan	AR	53	196	Kumbungu	NR	47
19	Sekyere South	AR	69	54	Ejisu-Juaben Municipal	AR	64	89	Ahafo Ano North	AR	60	125	Nanumba North	NR	57	161	Ahanta West	WR	53	197	Kpandai	NR	47
20	Tema Metropolitan	GA	69	55	Wenchi Municipal	BA	64	90	Ho Municipal	VR	60	126	Wa West	UW	57	162	Afigya-Kwabre	AR	53	198	Upper Manya Krobo	ER	46
21	Bawku Municipal	UE	69	56	Kintampo North Municipal	BA	64	91	Kpone Katamanso	GA	60	127	Bosome Freho	AR	57	163	Akatsi North	VR	53	199	Krachi East	VR	46
22	Sunyani Municipal	BA	69	57	Sissala East	UW	64	92	Ga East Municipal	GA	60	128	West Akim Municipal	ER	57	164	Kwahu East	ER	53	200	Daffiama-Bissie-Issa	UW	46
23	Upper Denkyira East Municipal	CR	68	58	Amansie West	AR	64	93	Ga West Municipal	GA	60	129	Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan	WR	56	165	Hohoe Municipal	VR	53	201	Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira	CR	45
24	Tano North	BA	68	59	Upper Denkyira West	CR	63	94	Akwapim South	ER	60	130	Ketu South	VR	56	166	Cape Coast Metropolitan	CR	53	202	East Gonja	NR	45
25	La Dade-Kotopon Municipal	GA	68	60	New Juaben Municipal	ER	63	95	Nzema East Municipal	WR	60	131	Kpando	VR	56	167	Ningo-Prampram	GR	53	203	Chereponi	NR	45
26	Techiman Municipal	BA	68	61	East Mamprusi	NR	63	96	Efutu Municipal	CR	60	132	Adansi South	AR	56	168	Kwahu Afram Plains North	ER	53	204	Nanumba South	NR	44
27	Asante Akim North	AR	68	62	Kassena Nankana West	UE	63	97	Jirapa	UW	60	133	North Gonja	NR	56	169	Agortime Ziope	VR	53	205	Afadzato South	VR	44
28	Bekwai Municipal	AR	68	63	Pru	BA	63	98	Sissala West	UW	60	134	Central Gonja	NR	56	170	Nkwanta North	VR	53	206	Kwaebibirem	ER	43
29	Asutifi South	BA	68	64	Builsa North	UE	63	99	Kassena Nankana Municipal	UE	60	135	North Dayi	VR	56	171	Techiman North	BA	53	207	Adaklu	VR	42
30	South Dayi	VR	68	65	Asutifi North	BA	63	100	La Nkwantanang-Madina Municipal	GA	59	136	Garu-Tempane	UE	55	172	Prestea-Huni Valley	WR	52	208	Gomoa West	CR	41
31	Awutu Senya East Municipal	CR	68	66	Kwahu South	ER	62	101	Biakoye	VR	59	137	Wassa Amenfi Central	WR	55	173	Abura Asebu Kwamankesse	CR	52	209	Wa East	UW	40
32	Tarkwa- Nsuaem Municipal	WR	67	67	Kadjebi	VR	62	102	Wassa Amenfi East	WR	59	138	Savelugu Nanton Municipal	NR	55	174	Dormaa East	BA	52	210	Bunkpurugu-Yunyoo	NR	39
33	Wa Municipal	UW	67	68	Yendi Municipal	NR	62	103	Ahafo Ano South	AR	59	139	Amansie Central	AR	55	175	Sekyere Central	AR	52	211	Central Tongu	VR	36
34	Asante Akim Central Municipal	AR	67	69	Sene West	BA	62	104	Atwima Nwabiagya	AR	59	140	Ga Central Municipal	GA	55	176	Nandom	UW	52	212	Gushiegu	NR	32
35	Accra Metropolitan	GA	67	70	Wassa Amenfi West	WR	62	105	Ada East	GA	59	141	Bodie	WR	55	177	Ho West	VR	52	213	Saboba	NR	31
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																179	Sawla-Tuna-Kalba	NR	52	215	Ekumfi	CR	26
																180	Twifo Ati-Morkwa	CR	52	216	Karaga	NR	15

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