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CVA Feasibility Assessment Ghana

Upper East and Upper West
Region, Key highlights

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Situation overview: With the Influx of over 15,000 asylum seekers into Ghana's Upper East and Upper West regions. The residents of Zini and Tarikom settlements and the host communities face significant challenges related to protection, shelter, food security, livelihoods, education, WASH, and healthcare. Shelter is a predominant issue for settlement residents, while education needs focused attention in the host community. Asylum seekers along the two border regions of Ghana are currently being hosted formally in two settlement centers

- The Tarikom settlement in the Upper East Region has registered around 3,568 (1,052 Households) out of an estimated 8,107 asylum seekers. 58% of the asylum seekers in the Upper East region are children, and 62% are females of reproductive age¹, while 29% of the population has at least one specific need².
- The Zini settlement in the Upper West Region, initiated in April 2024, has registered 396 individuals (112 Households) from an estimated 6,892 asylum seekers. 62% of the asylum seekers are children, 47% are females of reproductive age, and 49% of the population have at least one specific need.³

Market Assessment ⁴

The analysis presents separate results for Sissala West and Bawku West. Data segregated by market is illustrated in the accompanying graph.

- No accessibility issues were reported for residents in either district.
- Shop owners set prices across all markets. The average price increase from the source ranged from 1% to 50%, with the highest increase in Gwollu (Sissala West) and Kukore (Bawku West).
- In Sissala West on 18% of stores displayed prices on all items, 68% did not, and 14% displayed prices while in Bawku West only 11% displayed prices.

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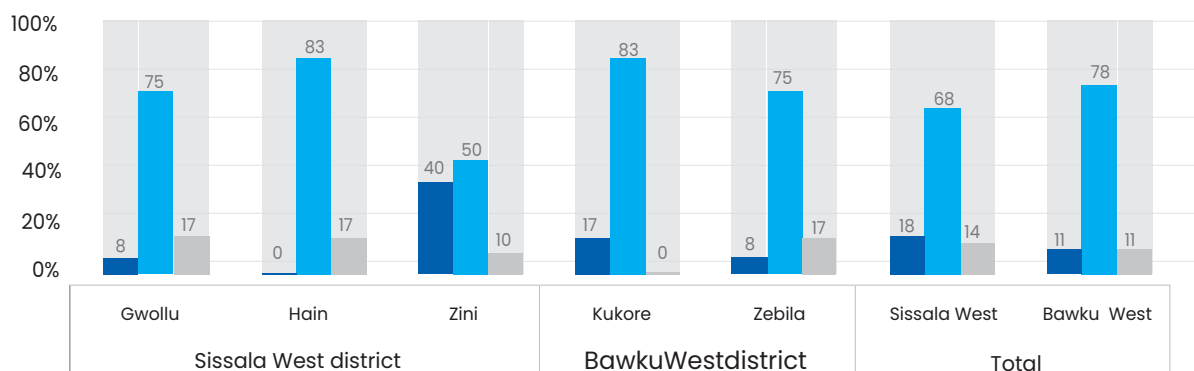
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Display of price in the market



¹ age 13 to 49

² source: UNHCR Ghana Situation report on Burkinabe Asylum Seekers in the upper East. This including Child at risk, Women at risk, single parent, serious medical condition, older person at risk, unaccompanied child, disability and family unit

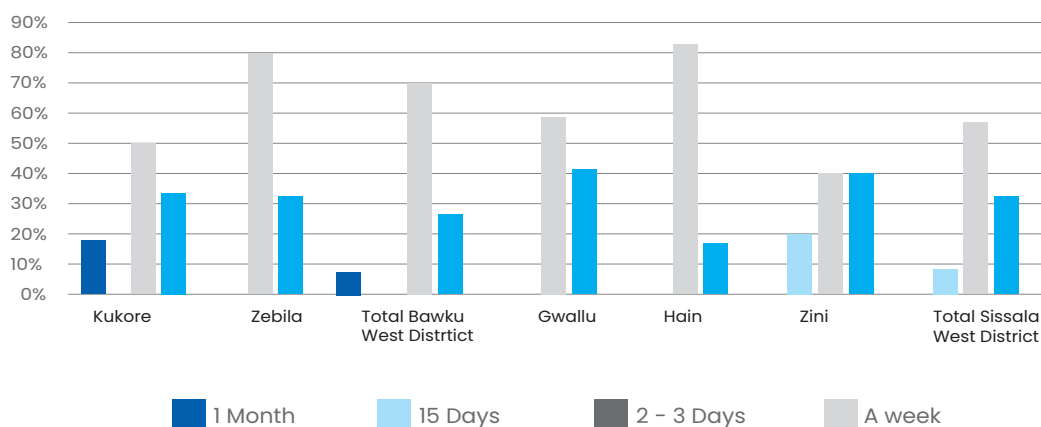
³ UNHCR- GRB Situation report on Burkinabe Asylum seekers in upper East.

⁴ Source from qualitative Shop owner (64) survey in Sissala West and Bawku West – more details in the full report.

Storage, Source of Supply & Access to credit.

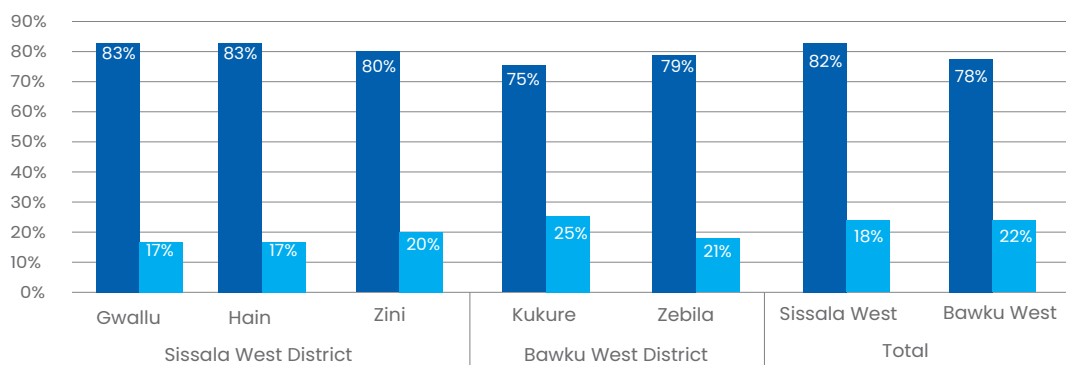
- Regarding **storage capacity** in Sissala West District, 71% of the traders interviewed reported having storage/warehouse facilities available, compared to 61% in Bawku West.
- In Sissala West, 57% of vendors need 2 to 3 days to **restock**, 36% need around a week, and 6% need around 15 days. In Bawku West, 69% need 2 to 3 days, 25% need around a week, and 6% need 1 month.
- Vendors obtain supplies from various sources, including Zebilla, Burkina Faso, Bolgatanga, Techiman, Sunyani, Tamale, Kumasi, Accra, Wa, Sankanse, and Togo markets. (Detailed list can be found in the table below).

Time needed to restock



- 82% of traders reported access to credit in the Sissala West district in comparison to 78 % in Bawku West.

Access to credit facilities



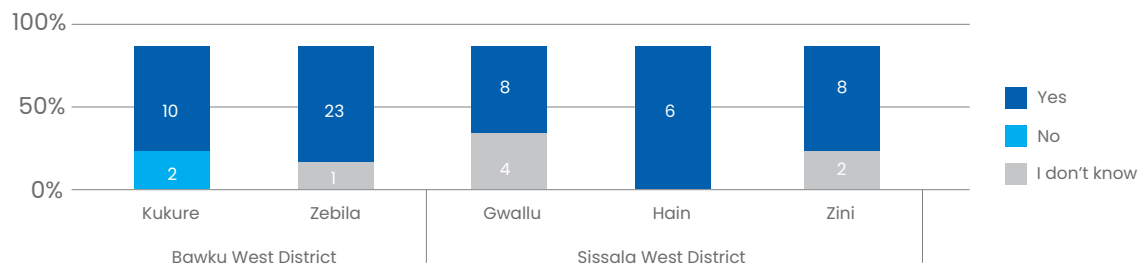
Safety and Security

- Theft and burglary are the main concerns among the traders interviewed. In Sissala West, 54% of operators, with women making up 53% of this group, reported concerns about theft and burglary, which is exceptionally high in the Gwollu market at 92%. In Bawku West, 17% of operators expressed similar concerns, with 83% being women.

Willingness to Participate in CVA Programs: Awareness of CVA programs is low, with only six traders in the Kukore market aware of such programs.

In Sissala West, 79% of traders are willing to participate in the CVA program, with 21% unsure. In Bawku West, 92% are eager, 5% are unwilling, and 3% are unsure.

Willingness to participate in CVA programming



- Delivery mechanism: Due to limited identification options, direct cash transfers may be necessary for asylum seekers, while mobile money can be used efficiently for host communities. Addressing broader needs, including education and livelihoods, through complementary support programs is also recommended.
- The feasibility study found that existing market capacity and financial service providers' structure, along with previous successful CVA implementation by the government and WFP, are solid enablers for implementing successful CVA programming.

Plan International Ghana possesses the necessary capacity to implement a CVA program effectively.

- A long-standing presence focusing on marginalized communities.
- A strong technical team with expertise in gender and child protection.
- Trained staff on CVA and Gender in Emergencies.
- An active Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning (MERL) team.

Top Level Recommendations:

Implement effective targeting and clear communication strategies; develop and execute risk management mitigation measures, feedback mechanisms, and regular monitoring; maintain community and interagency coordination, ensure timely CVA preparedness actions, and combine CVA with complementary activities to address capacity gaps; develop a graduation strategy, and advocate for durable solutions.



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