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A NEW PLAN FOR **JOBS**
AND **WEALTH CREATION**

**PUTTING PEOPLE'S LIVES
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MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE

My fellow Ghanaians, brothers and sisters, It is with immense humility and gratitude that I share with you the great news that I am running for the highest office in the land. I do so because I am led by a sincere believe and evident fact that the great people of Ghana need a kind of leadership that will take us all into a great future. Ours is a country of many tribes, intricately interwoven into one beautiful and wonderful landscape of hardworking men and women from our rural communities to cities; from the Akans to the Ewes, Ga, Frafra Adangwe, Dagomba, Bono and the many other powerful minority tribes that make up our great nation. The future of our great country looks so promising and this is why my campaign slogan is tagged **"A Better Tomorrow" ; A new plan for Jobs and Wealth Creation.**



Over the years, though we have seen our many failings, we have most importantly, failed to see and capitalize on our numerous strengths. Our indomitable strength is in our diversity. Ours is a nation where our many natural resources of cocoa, gold, timber, bauxite, diamonds, oil and gas though equally important, cannot be compared to our major and most important resource; our people. But what do we see? our young men and women being wasted roaming on the streets without any hope.

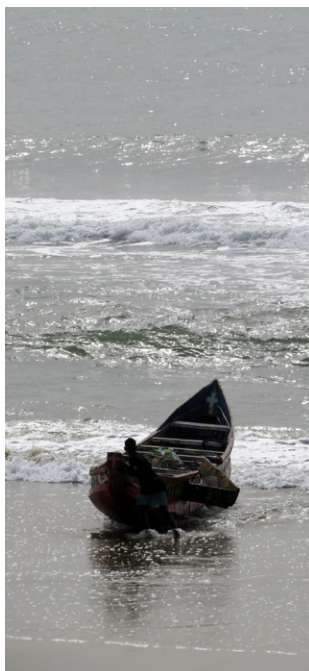
In the world today, when properly harnessed and utilized, human resource is the most important resource than all other natural resources combined. Gone are the days where natural resources of oil and gas, gold and bauxite led countries to unbelievable prosperity, today we witness a world where a lot of countries with all these natural resources flounder because they failed to develop their most important resource; their people. While on the other hand, countries like Hong Kong, Israel and a lot to mention, with very limited natural resources, have been able to make economic and scientific leaps. **This is my vision for Ghana. We will make university Education Free.**

The world has changed dynamically today, the most important resource needed for transformational change, the most vital commodity, the most attractive capital both foreign and local, **is the people.**

As such, led by this belief, I have taken it upon myself to develop our great people and lead our great country into a position of prosperity and international competitiveness in this decade. I believe we have what it takes to move our great country from where it is to where it should be.



1. A place where our technology be driven and support the world's marketplace through our home developed tech services,
 2. A place where our students and graduates can compete internationally for jobs and services,
 3. A place where our schools will be internationally competitive because we meet and surpass world's standards,
 4. A place where our citizens will be healthy and vibrant because our primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare centers are up to par,
 5. A place where food security is assured because we have finally taken advantage of our arable land and its' produce,
 6. A place where we have advanced our agriculture and agro allied sector to a level of a self-sustaining ecosystem, one that can export finished agro products and services instead of exporting just raw materials.
 7. A place where the lives and property of our citizens and immigrants are safe because crime is minimized and job opportunities are abundant. Ghana is that place.
- I can go on and on, but I believe the most important question in your mind right now is, how? How can we achieve these looking at the bleak financial situation our past leaders have put us in?
- With a population of 30 million people, our GDP is a mere \$67 billion dollars with a GDP per capita of \$2,233. Our economic growth is at 5.4% where we should be seeing double digits. This statistic is so because past government of the years focused most of their energy and resources on white elephant programs/



and grow their businesses including a monthly **startup allowance** to help unemployed graduates start new businesses. Up to GHc250,000 will be guaranteed by our government to help support educated youths for self-employment.

Our primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare institutions have to be upgraded to world class standard; we all know this. In a country where malaria still kills and where HIV and other ailments are still a threat, we will put in place a coordinated healthcare strategy and insurance plan, to upgrade and appropriately man our health sector so working class men, women and indeed our citizens from all works of life are given adequately funded healthcare insurance coverage to keep us all healthy - as a result of access to basic healthcare services. **We deserve this.**

Mechanized farming and agricultural industrialization not only make life better for our farmers, it also increases yield. It leads to more employment opportunities because our farmers can earn more as a result of increased yield. Agro mechanization and its attendant agro-allied services in the areas of agro production and industrialization needs massive interventions and support by the government, we will put in place funding and subsidy regimes to support our farmers while discouraging food importation, especially in commercial rice and poultry production.

I look forward to creating one million entrepreneurs within four years. This is a promise with teeth. I have done it as a businessman, I will do it as a civil servant.

My government will prioritize the tech sector with up to 3% budgetary allocation, this is unprecedented and it should be, because tech products and services are a bold new area of expertise that is creating wealth today and will create more wealth for our future generation when we invest strategically, today. The billionaires and investments that are driving global economy today are predominately of the information technology sector. Statistics show that mobile internet and broadband penetration is known to increase GDP by over 2% if the Broadband penetration increases by 10% Imagine the collective wealth and inclusive development we are about to bring to Ghana?

Imagine what access to internet for all, at rural level, will do to our MSME's, to our educational and healthcare sectors and indeed to the general economy of Ghana? It takes a future looking leader to make hay while sun shines and take advantage of the available opportunities.

projects when they should have been investing in our people, first. Developing people and communities are the surest and shortest way to get Ghana out of relative poverty to inclusive prosperity. We know this because having had extensive local and international learning and working experiences, I have learnt that when human development is prioritized in any society, carried along as the national agenda, the prosperity penetration increases exponentially.

My strategy is in running a government that will prioritize and incentivizes investment in education, healthcare, agriculture, Information Technology, research and development. We will put in place the needed resources, policies and incentives that will bring about the development of our educational system from primary, secondary to tertiary education. From our teacher training colleges to upgrading of syllabuses reflecting the kind of education needed today, **we will promote education aided by technological tools and skills.** Our tertiary institutions will be centers of excellence where world class research and development will take place, our primary and secondary school students will once again have the confidence to dream to be inventors and scientists. Salaries of our teachers and workers in the educational and healthcare sector especially, will be something to be proud of, timely and compensating.

My government **will provide free wi-fi services** to our educational institutions. I will build business incubators in all our tertiary institutions for graduates to start



I believe my capacity to so do speaks for itself. The mantra of my campaign is 'A Better Tomorrow' A New Plan for Jobs and Creation, it is indeed the core reason and motivation behind my decision to take on this responsibility and run for the office of the president of Ghana; it is because I have seen a glimpse of the future of our great country Ghana, and it looks amazingly prosperous!

I was born in a humble suburb in Kumasi to a middle-class parent. As a result of personal struggle, I have grown to become a successful man in my own right. I have raised a wonderful family with my wife and six children. I have seen that success isn't a birthright nor talent only for a few. I believe every Ghanaian has a talent and can be successful if they are supported and given the opportunity. I want to give every Ghanaian equal opportunity to succeed and thrive. I believe when our MSME's are given the support and needed incentives, they can grow to be global dominating corporations and can be listed on the London stock exchange, this is why I propose to set up the \$10 Billion 'Jobs Fund' to support our youths to start their own businesses. From sports to entertainment and tourism, I will give them further incentives and growth opportunities by allowing them tax breaks and other eco system support, turning around these sectors into an over \$20 billion market.

We will regularize 'Galamsay' small scale mining, **introduce child and unemployment benefits**, overhaul the Ghana Police Service, provide affordable housing rental accommodations nationwide, all in our bid to have a comprehensive support system that will ease the many burdens mitigating the quick development of great country. A strong working class and big entrepreneurship-led economy will in return lead to vibrant market place and a greater Ghana.

We can achieve all this by taking advantage of our great diaspora resources and strategic international partnerships. I have already made a pact to strongly adhere to the sustainable development goals (SDG) by making appropriate budgetary allocations to the areas of education, healthcare, agriculture, tech, research and development as stipulated and supported by the UN and AU adoptions at several fora.

My party, the Liberal Party of Ghana, was created to liberate Ghana from the shackles of past political dinosaurs and



their hegemony. I need the good people of Ghana to support us in getting rid of the corruption, ineffectiveness and injustices that have permeated our leadership at all levels.

Lead by example, government, pay your service providers on time!

How are small businesses supposed to stay afloat if they don't get paid what's due to them? Our Government will be committed to paying service providers within 30 days as against how it is presently, where thousands of small businesses have unpaid invoices that are 10 years old!

This is unacceptable.

Whether a business owner or contractor is LPG or NPP or NDC, Dagomba or Akan or Ewe, male or female, has no bearing on which employees are affected!

LPG or NPP-owned businesses have NDC employees, who in turn support families. By deliberately denying these businesses critical government relief, it is not just the owner of the business, but indeed these families, who will suffer should the business fail.

We deserve better. In an era of corona pandemic and global economic downturn, this is an election for the survival and transformation of Ghana.

Join me and the many progressive Ghanaians in opening a new chapter for our great country. A vote for me is a vote for your future and the future of your children. Support our campaign and carry this message; the leader for '**A Better Tomorrow**' is here.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

**HONORABLE
KOFI PERCIVAL AKPALOO.**

Presidential candidate, Liberal Party of Ghana, 2020.

**\$10
BILLION
JOBS FUND
TO SUPPORT
YOUTHS**





MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

My fellow Ghanaians, the Liberal Party of Ghana (LPG) with this our manifesto christened **"A Better Tomorrow"** A new plan for Jobs and Wealth creation, would bring a total change to the people of Ghana, and also transform the governance style of the winner takes all approach which has stifled growth and development in our dear nation.

My role as a vice president when my leader Mr Percival Kofi Akpaloo is voted for as president on the 7th December, 2020, would ensure that the affirmative Action Bill is passed by parliament to strengthen the advocacy of Women Empowerment that would create equal opportunities for all Ghanaians.

I would also ensure that the implementation of the social contract that our manifesto has tabled would be realized through the institutional structures that already exist to give a better life to the citizens.

Vote for change, vote for all inclusive government, vote for Mr Percival Kofi Akpaloo and vote for Liberal Party of Ghana.

LPG: Yenko Nkoaa

LPG: Someha na Someha

MRS. MARGARET OBRINE SARFO

Vice Presidential Candidate, Liberal Party of Ghana, 2020.





MY MESSAGE TO ALL GHANAIS

Since the inception of Democratic dispensation in Ghana, 1992. The living conditions of our people kept worsening over the years and has made the people to be looking forward to a Government that will come out with Policies to reverse this downtrend of their living conditions.

The Liberal Party of Ghana, having interacted with the people through its 20point policies has gladdened the hearts of Ghanaian people especially, mothers, fathers, the youth and aged. They've seen clearly that the Liberal Party founded by its leader and Presidential candidate, H. E Kofi Akpaloo is the only Party that can liberate them from this worsening conditions of living.

Apart from the Manifesto that is being launched, the Party has also positioned itself in a manner to unite Ghanaians, irrespective of their tribe, religion and culture

affiliations. We have also decided to unite Ghanaians by eliminating the politics of accusations and counter accusations, and the Winner takes all syndrome from our country. This Manifesto brings all our people across Ghana together as a result of the provisions made for their Better Tomorrow.

Our daily engagement with the Ghanaian people across the length and breadth of Ghana tells how the People are yearning for a Better Tomorrow.

We call on all Ghanaians to be Fair in the judgement of this Manifesto which will make Ghana great by voting for H. E Kofi Akpaloo and the Liberal Party of Ghana. God Bless.

JOHN AMEKAH
National Chairman.

INTRODUCTION

Today, our economy faces challenge due to high energy costs and unemployment growth. Our task is to strengthen our economy and build a greater degree of security – in availability of jobs, in accessibility of health care, in portability of pensions, and in affordability of energy. That is an urgent task because economic freedom – and the prosperity it makes possible – are not ends in themselves. They are means by which families and individuals can maintain their independence from government, raise their children by their own values, and build communities of self-reliant neighbors.

For too many Ghanaians, the political freedom achieved in 1957 has not been matched with economic freedom. The fact that two out of every four Ghanaians does not have a job is the clearest and most devastating expression of this lack of economic freedom.

The unemployed are unfree. And so, we need to prioritize jobs as a passport to freedom.

Unemployment fuels poverty and inequality. Currently, more than four out of every ten Ghanaians live below the poverty line. Ours remains one of the most unequal societies in the world.

Our unemployment rate is 8.8% under the “narrow” definition of those actively looking for work, and 16% under the “expanded” definition that includes discouraged job-seekers. This is extremely high by international standards.

Youth are the worst affected.

The unemployment rate among youth between the ages of 18 and 30 at 23%. According to the World Economic Forum’s 2019 Global Risks report, Ghana has one of the highest unemployment rates for youth between the ages of 15 and 24.

No country can create jobs or include more people in the economy without economic growth. This insight informs The LPG’s Plan for Jobs and Wealth Creation. Our Plan aims to create the conditions for the Ghanaian economy to grow at 12.5% by:



Providing policy direction and coherence on the economy.



Managing public money better.



Increasing investment and savings.



Supporting redress measures to broaden participation in the economy.



Boosting trade with other countries, especially our African neighbors, so that businesses can grow and create jobs.

The LPG remains committed to achieving 12.5% growth by implementing our Plan for Jobs and Wealth Creation. We will continue to strengthen and revitalize our ideas in each of these areas with up-to-date research and innovative policy proposals. For example, over the next six months, the LPG will embark on a costing and modeling exercise aimed at cutting the public sector wage bill and reducing our bloated government to 19 ministries.

This will result in a better use of public funds. In order to provide better and more growth-focused policy direction and coherence, we will analyze all interventionist laws and regulations – from those affecting the mining sector to tourism and beyond – that are suffocating growth and that the LPG will repeal when it comes into government.

What we envision, after eight years of LPG government, is a dynamic and vibrant country – a leader in the developing world – where opportunity, personal responsibility, and effort coupled with reward, all provide for economic freedom.

Ghanaians have extraordinary potential. But that potential remains untapped. Too many of our people don’t have the opportunity – by way of education, skills and, above all, jobs – to enjoy economic freedom. Opportunity is what enables people to be truly free. It is what allows them to unleash their talents and pursue their dreams, develop their full potential and lead lives they value.

Without opportunity there can be no economic freedom. And without economic freedom, society is much less fair. The internal consolidation of our values and vision around



freedom, fairness and opportunity over the past year has led us to a much sharper focus on jobs. It has become increasingly clear that to realize our vision, we will require a laser-like focus on addressing and removing barriers to labor market entry and job creation in five key areas. For that reason, as we prepare to form part of government in 2021, and with a view to attaining our vision after eight years of LPG government in 2028, we will, over the medium term, refocus and refine our economic priorities so as to:



Invest in integrated energy, transport and ICT infrastructure for job creation.



Give more people the education and skills they need to get a job.



Radically prioritizing investment in agriculture to support job creation.



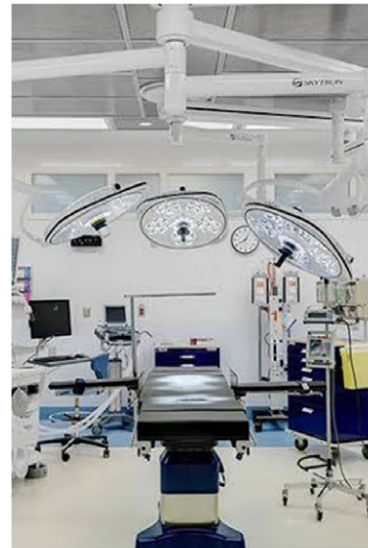
Provide direct incentives for job creation.



Create a nation of entrepreneurs by making it easier for Ghanaians to start and grow their own small businesses.

If we get these five things right, by 2028 Ghana will be a hub of innovation, with 1 million new entrepreneurs. We will have a growth rate of 12.5 percent. And businesses will have been able to create millions of jobs.

Economic freedom expands the prosperity pie; government can only divide it up. That is why Liberal Party of Ghana advocates lower taxes, reasonable regulation, and smaller, smarter government. That agenda translates to more opportunity for more people. It represents the economics of inclusion, the path by which hopes become achievements. It is the way we will reach our goal of enabling everyone to have a chance to own, invest, and build through the following initiatives.



FIGHTING POVERTY

We will give families more money to help with the high cost of raising their kids. We will also lift more Ghanaians – including children and unemployed – out of poverty.

Poverty and inequality are not just problems for individual Ghanaians – all of Ghana is affected. For Ghanaians, poverty makes it more difficult to get and stay healthy, and more difficult to find and keep good work. For Ghana, the costs of poverty – seen in higher health care costs and greater demand for social assistance – are immense.

Our plan will lift Ghanaians out of poverty starting immediately after the next election.

We will introduce a new Ghana Child Benefit. Tax-free, tied to income and delivered monthly, this benefit provides greater support to those who need help most: single-parent families and low-income families. It will lift 3,200,000 children out of poverty.

For the typical family of four, that means an additional GHc 4,800 in help, tax-free, every year.

We will help to lift millions of unemployed out of poverty by introducing Unemployment Benefit Scheme. This will give 4,000,000 of our most vulnerable unemployed – who are often women and youth – almost GHc4,800 each year. LPG introduction of Child Benefit and Unemployment Benefit will stimulate the economy to generate demand activities to create wealth and jobs in Ghana with GHc 6,700 million net outflow.

The introduction of child and unemployment benefit is a way to put money directly into the citizens pocket to stimulate the economy by generating demand activities. As more people are able to buy goods and services it helps producers and suppliers to increase production it will necessitates recruiting more hands to create new jobs in the economy.

LPG in government will provide free NHIS to the unemployed and low-income earners and it's expected to cost GHc 50 million annually.

**WE CAN END
POVERTY
2020**



EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY

The LPG will invest \$10.0billion to transform Ghana to become a Medical Tourism Centre with 10 new state of the art ultra-modern hospitals.

LPG government hopes to encourage a budding trade in medical tourism, selling foreigners the idea of travelling to Ghana for low-cost but world-class medical treatment. This initiative will also encourage all the big men and politicians on the continent to stop them from travelling outside for medical screening and care. The LPG will Improve the existing national health insurance scheme by equipping them with the necessary gadgets, equipment's and skilled personnel nationwide. Invest heavily in over 230 new medical centres, at least 530 new ambulance vehicles. This will create additional 128,500 jobs. LPG will employ 20,000 Sanitation Inspectors to reduce filth nationwide.





YOUNG GHANAIS

We will involve young people in government. At its highest levels, our government needs to do a better job of understanding and addressing the needs of Ghana's young people.

We will create a President's Youth Advisory Council, consisting of young Ghanaians aged 16 to 25, to provide non-partisan advice to the President on issues facing the country.

After two decades under NPP and NDC, good-quality job opportunities for young Ghanaians are tougher and tougher to find. Faced with high unemployment and underemployment, many young people have stopped looking for work altogether and formed unemployment associations.

This is hard for both young people and their families. Many parents are seeing their household debt rise and retirement savings dwindle as they struggle to support their grown children, who are finding it difficult to secure jobs and make any income.

National Service Scheme for SHS graduates: It is time to invest in young Ghanaians – to help them get the work experience they will need to start their careers and contribute fully to our economy.



SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES

A Nation of Entrepreneurs and Small Business: The Engine of Job Growth. If Ghana can encourage an efficient small business culture as well as create the conditions for a growing economy, we will solve our challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

Ghana needs to become a nation of entrepreneurs. We cannot separate the need to create new jobs from the need to create new businesses and support new entrepreneurs. If we are able to create one million new businesses after eight years of LPG government, we will create at least 5 million jobs.

Ghana has more than enough hard-working, resourceful people to make this happen. All it needs now is the right government.

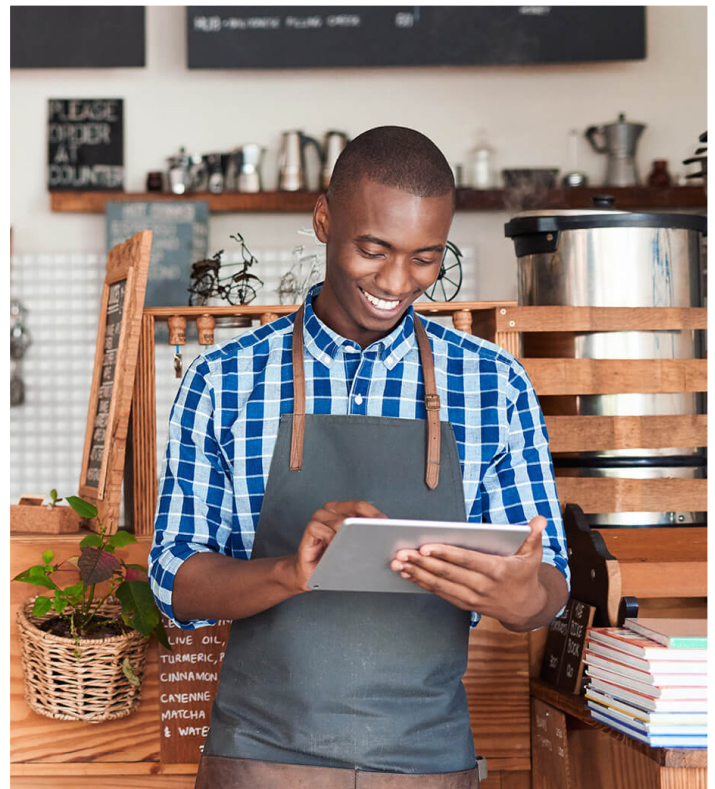
We proudly call ourselves the party of small business because small businesses are where national prosperity begins. Small businesses such as main street retailers, entrepreneurs, independent contractors, and direct sellers create most of a country's new jobs and prosperity.

Liberal Party of Ghana will advance a multi-pronged plan to support small business and grow good-paying jobs:

- Through the energy agenda laid out elsewhere in this platform, we will attack the rise in energy costs that is making it so difficult for entrepreneurs to compete.
- Our tax reduction and tax simplification agenda will allow businesses to focus on producing and selling their products and services – not on paying taxes.
- Our determination to vigorously open foreign markets to Ghanaian products is an opportunity for many small businesses to grow larger in the global economy.
- Our approach to regulation – basing it on sound science to achieve goals that are technically feasible – will protect against job-killing intrusions into small businesses.
- Our commitment to legal reform means protecting small businesses from the effects of frivolous lawsuits.

Using history as our guide, we look to innovative entrepreneurs for the ingenuity and daring that can give us the next generation of technological progress. The advances our country needs, in everything from health care to energy to environmental protection, are most likely to come from the men and women of small business. An LPG government would ensure that all the obstacles that prevent businesses from getting off the ground are removed.

The government can make it easier for Ghanaians to start and grow their own businesses. Our key proposals with regard to small business development are fleshed out below:



• **Cash-flow assistance for small businesses.**

The LPG believes that cash-flow pressures on small businesses can be relieved by introducing a three-year Tax Loss Carry-back for businesses with a turnover of less than GHc5 million. This would allow a small cyclical business to recoup a loss by setting it off against a prior year profit. As an elective alternative, declare that a tax credit that derives from an assessed loss (which hasn't been claimed as above) can be set off against VAT payable. This will terminate at the commencement of the year following that in which the taxpayer's estimate of tax for the second provisional payment exceeds GHc50,000.

- **Entrepreneurship competition.**

We will enter into partnership with companies, NGOs and local business schools and training centres to establish an annual 'My Future Starts Now' entrepreneurship competition for 18 to 30 year olds that will pay a cash prize each year to an individual or group of individuals responsible to developing a winning business plan. The exact amount would differ from year to year, depending on partner contributions.

This could be coupled with an entrepreneurship week in which participants are encouraged to get involved in activities related to entrepreneurship.

- **Start a business voucher support programme.**

The LPG would pilot a Business Voucher Support Programme (BVSP) to offer support services to small start-ups, or small enterprises employing fewer than five people. The business voucher will be exchangeable for a business skills-, management-, financial skills- or relevant technical programme at an accredited business skills provider. Recipients will have to be over the age of 21 and must present a feasible business plan.

- **Introduce opportunity vouchers.**

In government the LPG would implement an opportunity voucher programme that will provide funding to newly graduates or young adults who would like to start their own businesses. The voucher would entitle the graduate to:

- Seed capital to establish small or micro enterprises subject to a well-formed business plan; or
- A government guarantee to cover loans extended by commercial banks to graduates to establish small or micro enterprises subject to the submission of a basic business plan and other requirements.

- **Establish effective small business incubators in partnership with the private sector.**

If they are managed efficiently, staffed with knowledgeable, experienced personnel and maintain close relationships with established businesses, small business incubators can provide an effective platform for targeted support to small business.

- **Opportunity centres.**

An LPG government would establish Opportunity Centres, which will serve as One-Stop-Shops for small businesses and as a central node for young job-seekers and entrepreneurs to access support.

These centres will allow prospective entrepreneurs to register a company name, lodge their documentation with the Registrar General, and register with GRA, the Department of Labour and SSNIT - all with a single online form and with a single registration fee. This will significantly reduce the time and cost of opening a business. Applicants will be able to follow the registration through an online tracking system that will highlight each stage of the process as it is completed.

One-stop shops will also be used as portals to access small business support initiatives and to disseminate information on tendering for government business.

The efficacy of these centres should be supported through a toll-free national call centre for small businesses, offering information on all aspects of setting up a small business and referring callers to their closest one-stop-shop for support in addressing specific challenges in running their business.

- **Encouraging government procurement of goods and services from small business entities and ensuring that micro-entrepreneurs are made aware of these opportunities.**

- **Awareness programmes on support available to small business owners.**

Many business owners are not aware of the support available to them and the various support programmes run by the government.

LPG government will partner the private sector to invest GHc200.0million annually to build industrial parks in every district capital nationwide to house new and existing businesses in Ghana.

We will support those working in the textile and leather industry to produce clothes, shoes, bags, etc. for local consumption and export to our neighbouring countries.



GETTING GHANAIAN GOODS TO MARKET

We will expand export opportunities that benefit Ghana. Trade is vital for our economy. It opens markets, grows Ghanaian businesses, and creates good-paying middle-class jobs – jobs that pay wages that are 50 percent higher than industries that are not export intensive. That is good news for the middle class and the communities they call home.

Properly negotiated and implemented, free trade agreements are good for the Ghanaian economy. We will carefully consider all trade opportunities currently open to Ghana, and explore deeper trade relationships with emerging and established markets, including China and India.

We will develop a new export promotion strategy that will help businesses take advantage of new trade agreements.





HELPING SMALL BUSINESS TO ACCESS FINANCE

Ghana has an unprecedented opportunity to transition from an economy based on resources, primary industries and domestically focused businesses to one based on highgrowth, knowledge-intensive businesses that can compete globally.

Currently Ghanaian micro-businesses either struggle to get a loan or may borrow via other means, such as residential mortgages, in the absence of cheaper, more appropriate financing alternatives.

We want to help more Ghanaians convert their great ideas into good businesses. We will enable entrepreneurs to access the capital they need to start and grow their enterprises without them having to take risks on the family home.

LPG will work with the banks and finance industry to develop StartUp Finance, a partial guarantee scheme which will improve access to finance for Ghanaian micro-businesses.

Under StartUp Finance, LPG will examine partially guaranteeing small loans from banks and finance institutions to give start-ups the affordable capital they need to get going with their business.

LPG will establish this scheme to back in the creativity and ingenuity of Ghanaians and grow more good local jobs.





GETTING STARTUPS CAPITAL - ANGEL INVESTMENT SCHEMES.

PG will help supercharge the formation of start-ups in Ghana by delivering tax relief for angel investors through a new Ghanaian Angel Investment Scheme.

The Ghanaian Angel Investment Scheme, aims to attract greater private financing support for start-ups in the early stage of their development. It will reward individual support for the nation's early stage innovation effort via modest tax relief to investors who purchase an equity stake in those businesses.

The benefits of targeting significant tax relief to very early stage start-ups (as opposed to more well established businesses in latter stages of development) is that these they have the most trouble getting access to finance because its where the largest market barriers exist. Once early stage start-ups have proven concepts and get on their feet, they are in a better position to then seek out other avenues of finance, such as venture capital. The Ghanaian Angel Investment Scheme will have the following characteristics:

- An upfront 50 per cent tax deduction for an investment up to a maximum of GHc200,000 per year.
- Investors can 'carry back' tax relief if they don't reach the maximum GHc200,000 cap in any particular year.
- Full capital gains tax exemption for equity held in the start-up venture for more than three years.
- Any realised losses following investment in the scheme can be deducted against wage and salary income.

Deferral of capital gains tax on investments if the investor directs a prior capital gain into a new start-up venture.

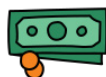
Start-ups supported under the scheme would have the following characteristics:



Maximum of 25 employees.



Maximum GHc400,000 in assets.



Maximum raised under the scheme is GHc300,000 per year.



Businesses accessing this support must have a permanent presence in Ghana and must meet certain rules and eligibility requirements.

LPG will review the program following implementation to ensure it is appropriately calibrated and attracts smart angel investors that can take start-up businesses through future stages of development.



SETTING UP \$10.0BILLION JOB FUND

LPG will setup a \$10.0 billion Jobs Fund to provide start-up capital to young Ghanaians who want to go into their own businesses. LPG is committed to making the investments to help all Ghanaians reach their highest potential. And make our economy work better for every Ghanaian no matter where they live.

LPG government will guarantee loans and credit to graduates from tertiary institutions who want to start-up their own business. We want to create 1,000,000 new entrepreneurs in Ghana before 2024.

LPG government will empower the graduates to unlock the power of nonstop innovation for business. This is one of our numerous programs to solve the unemployment situation.

LPG government will purposefully guarantee loans of at least GHc50,000 each to over 200,000 graduates from our universities and colleges with good business plans to start up new businesses that can employ at least two or more people.





OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG GHANAISANS

We will invest to create more jobs and better opportunities for young Ghanaians. After over 2 decades under NPP/NDC, good-quality job opportunities for young Ghanaians are tougher and tougher to find. Faced with high unemployment and underemployment, many young people have stopped looking for work altogether.

LPG in government will create 200,000 good youth jobs – including 50,000 youth green jobs – each year for the next three years, by investing GHc300 million in Youth Employment Strategy.

We will invest GHc100.0million for 4 years to introduce Skills Link for Ghanaians to access each year. This program will help young Ghanaians – including disabled youth to make a more successful transition to the workplace.

After this initial three-year boost in funding, we will set the Youth Employment Strategy’s funding level at GHc500 million per year – a GHc200 million increase from 2020.

We will invest GHc100 million each year to help employers create more placements for students in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and business programs.

And to encourage companies to hire young Ghanaians for permanent positions, we will also offer a 12-month break on employer’s social security contributions. We will waive employer social security contributions for all those newly graduates who are hired into a permanent position in 2021, 2022, or 2023.

We will also work with post-secondary institutions to develop or expand Pre-Apprenticeship Training Programs. This will provide up to GHc10 million per year to help young Ghanaians gain the skills they need to enter high-demand trades.



INNOVATION

We will kick-start investment in innovation to grow our economy and create good, middle class jobs.

To get our economy growing, we need to immediately invest in helping our businesses and entrepreneurs – including those in manufacturing – become more innovative, competitive, and successful.

Over the next three years, we will: invest GHc100 million each year in a new Innovation Agenda to significantly build and expand support for incubators and accelerators, as well as national network for business innovation and cluster support; and invest an additional GHc50 million each year in the Industrial Research Assistance Program, which will help small- and medium-sized businesses to innovate and become world leaders.



TOURISM

To promote tourism and enhance productivity LPG government will push for legislation to have all holidays fixed on Mondays or Fridays to have long weekends. It will take care of situation where we have to break for work when it falls on a week day. Pushing all holidays to Mondays will seriously increase productivity and wealth creation among Ghanaians. LPG will seriously promote the Kwahu Easter and other similar events in Ghana, to attract huge worldwide patronage every year. Institute a national programme to attract tourists around the world yearly.



AGRICULTURE

The LPG supports a vibrant, innovative and competitive agriculture sector.

Ghana's farmers are the foundation of our food sector. The work that they do to feed Ghana and the world is vital, but government support is needed to help them with challenges ranging from transportation to water management to research and food safety.

We will help Ghana's agriculture sector be more innovative, safer, and stronger. To ensure the agriculture sector remains a significant contributor to both the national economy and local communities, we will commission a White Paper on agriculture. The White Paper will set out a clear, well-defined and transparent strategic approach to promote more investment and jobs growth in the agriculture sector.

We would make agriculture attractive and rewarding to entice the youth into the sector – the backbone of our economy.

The LPG will ensure Ghana's food security by creating a stronger and more competitive agriculture sector.

The LPG government will refocus the Department of

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries on promoting jobs and investment in the agriculture sector.

We will engage with the sector to better understand how to reinvigorate agriculture and build farm and agribusiness profitability.

LPG government will ensure massive investment in the agricultural sector by way of mechanization and construction of irrigation systems.

We will also enhance consultation with the agriculture sector by establishing an industry advisory council that will meet with the Minister at least twice a year.

To attract investment and create good jobs in food processing, we will set-up and invest GHc160 million, over four years, in an Agri-Food Value Added Investment Fund. This will provide technical and marketing assistance to help food processors develop new valueadded products that reflect changing tastes and market opportunities.

Encourage the setting up of new companies by the private sector to process and manufacture farm outputs



by adding value. Over 250 new factories expected to generate 180,000 jobs will be setup nationwide to process products such as tomatoes, oranges, mangoes, fishes, cassava, plantain etc.

To support innovation in the agricultural sector, we will invest an additional GHc100 million, over four years, in agricultural research. To better allocate research funding, we will establish a transparent process that involves food producers.

We will invest an additional GHc80 million, over four years, in the Ghanaian Food and Drugs Inspection Authority for more food safety inspections of domestic and imported foods.

We will continue to defend Ghanaian interests during trade negotiations, including supply management.

Guaranteed Prices to Farmers Nationwide: Establish new food distribution network nationwide to buy and distribute farm produce. This will give guarantee prices and new hope to our dear farmers.

We will also work with other willing partners, to better address water and soil conservation and development issues, including investments in appropriate infrastructure.

LPG will invest additional \$200million in the fisheries and aquaculture development to create 50,000 jobs. This will save Ghana's import bill of US\$430million each year.

LPG will invest \$500million in poultry and rice production to reduce importation and create 100,000 jobs. This will also save Ghana an import bill of US\$1,035million.

LPG will help Ghanaian poultry farmers to build the world largest poultry farm right here in Ghana to produce 550million birds per annum and create additional 100,000 direct jobs.

Additionally, there would be access to high yielding planting materials by farmers and this will be backed by agro-technology.

LPG will equip the agricultural research institutions and training colleges with the needed logistics and equipment to effectively perform.

LPG will within 4 years' increase cocoa production from the current 800,000mts to a sustainable 1,200,000mts in Ghana.

LPG will build the world largest cocoa processing and chocolate manufacturing factory in Ghana to create 250,000 direct jobs.



TRANSFORMING GHANAIAN EDUCATION

Productivity is the most important catalyst for our economy. And the most important catalyst for productivity is education.

Resource booms come and as we discover, they go - but our future depends on investing in our best natural resource: the creativity and skills of the Ghanaian people. LPG's plan to position Ghanaian kids today, to win the jobs of the future globally.

To create jobs of the future, new skills are required such as computer coding. Digital technologies, computer science and coding – the language of computers and technology - should be taught in every primary and every secondary school in Ghana and should be part of the national curriculum. And LPG Government will make this a national priority. We will work with the Ghana Education Service in charge of national curriculum to make this happen.

Coding is the literacy of the 21st Century and under LPG, every young Ghanaian will have the chance to read, write and work with the global language of the digital age.

All of us who have had our children teach us how to download an app, know how quickly children adapt to new technology. But we don't just want Ghanaian kids playing with technology, we want them to have the chance to understand it, to create it, and work with it. We can't do this without great teachers – not now and not and in the future.

LPG will invest GHc2.0billion over 4 years to:



Implement computer programming and coding as a core in the national curriculum.



boost the skills of 100,000 current primary and secondary teachers



we will train 50,000 new teachers who are (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths graduates and will encourage more women to study, teach and work in these fields.

We need to offer the most powerful incentive to Ghanaians thinking about studying science and technology: a good job. A career in science does not only mean a lifetime in a lab coat, it means opening doors in every facet and field of our national commercial life.

One of the main reasons that Ghana has such a high unemployment rate is because there is a fundamental mismatch between the skills demanded by employers and those possessed by much of the potential workforce.

In pursuit of economic freedom, the government must work to give more people the education and skills they need to get a job and to support the kinds of research and development that can make Ghana a winning nation in a globalized knowledge economy.

The LPG National Education Technology Plan 2021 (NETP) calls for revolutionary transformation rather than evolutionary tinkering. It urges our education system at all levels to



Be clear about the outcomes we seek.



Collaborate to redesign structures and processes for effectiveness, efficiency, and flexibility.



Continually monitor and measure our performance.



Hold ourselves accountable for progress and results every step of the way.

The plan recognizes that technology is at the core of virtually every aspect of our daily lives and work, and we must leverage it to provide engaging and powerful learning experiences and content, as well as resources and assessments that measure student achievement in more complete, authentic, and meaningful ways. Technology-based learning and assessment systems will be pivotal in improving student learning and generating data that can be used to continuously improve the education system at all levels. Technology will help us execute collaborative teaching strategies combined with professional learning that better prepare and enhance educators' competencies and expertise over the course of their careers. To shorten our learning curve, we should look to other kinds of enterprises, such as business and entertainment that have used technology to improve outcomes while increasing productivity.



We also should implement a new approach to research and development (R&D) in education that focuses on scaling innovative best practices in the use of technology in teaching and learning, transferring existing and emerging technology innovations into education, sustaining the R&D for education work and creating a new organization to address major R&D challenges at the intersection of learning sciences, technology, and education.

Making Ghana a preferred higher education destination for students from all over the world. This would not only reduce huge spending abroad by rich Ghanaians, but also enable Ghana to earn significantly from higher education.

The LPG will give education its due place in governance to achieve social, economic, cultural and technical advancement. Education will be the Government's instrument to reduce poverty, promote health, protect the environment and advance gender equality. Government budgetary allocation to education shall be increased.

Particular emphasis shall be laid on value education, inclusive education, education of the deprived groups and all those who need additional support. The examination system will be reviewed for extensive reform.

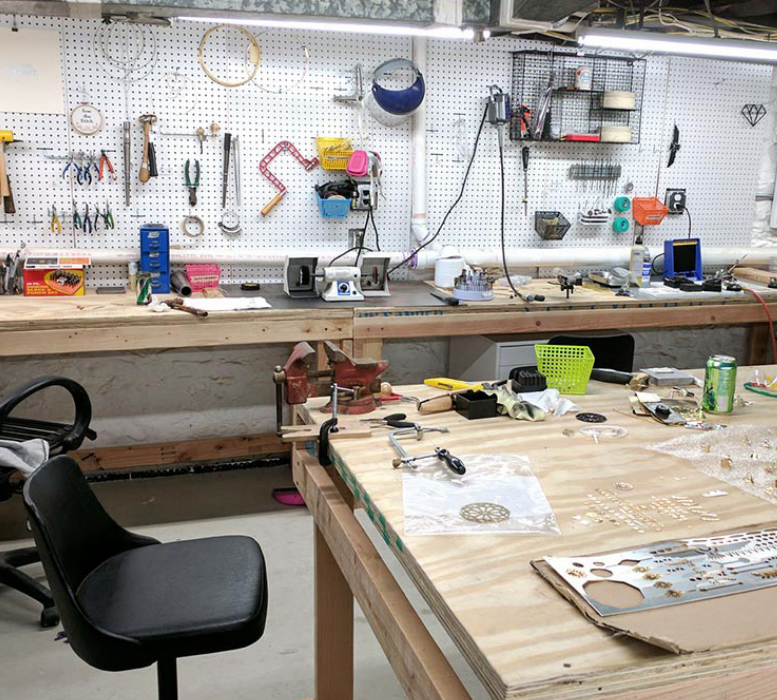
Vocational Education

- Widespread network of providing skill orientation and vocational training shall be established. Provisions for certification of skills acquired traditionally or through private initiatives shall be made.
- Additional structures and facilities shall be created at secondary stage to provide generic vocational skills to every child who is willing to do so.
- A fresh countrywide initiative shall be launched to bring about an attitudinal transformation among parents and communities towards skill development and vocational education.
- Industry shall be persuaded to play a greater role than at present to prepare skilled manpower, which will be of mutual benefit.

Technical Education

- To develop competent Technical manpower catering to the need of various industries and other organizations within Ghana and International.





- To develop and strengthen Technical & Vocational Education at all levels through formal and non-formal mode with need based courses, quality, and curriculum, learning resources and teaching learning process, assessment certification through standardized national and international level agencies.
- To strengthen and upgrade some of existing good Technical Institutions into Centre of excellence.
- To encourage Private Sector participation in establishment of new world class Technical institutions in emerging areas of Engineering/ Technologies and also to strengthen Industry Institutes interaction for enhancing employability of Ghanaian youths.
- To make Technical Institution self-sustainable in future by way of granting them autonomy.

Higher Education

- Institutions of higher learning shall be given full autonomy, coupled with accountability, in real practice.
- LPG will make university education free and accessible to all qualified Ghanaians.
- Access to higher education shall be expanded without any compromise on quality and content. Private initiatives shall be encouraged within the broad educational priority parameters and provisions for focus groups.
- Manpower planning shall be put in place and made active and effective. Higher education prepares top-level manpower for every sector. Hence, its quality and relevance have a multiplier effect.



Liberal Party of Ghana will merge JHS and SHS into a 6 year programme to remove unnecessary school drop outs. We will also employ well motivated teaching staff in every classroom nationwide.

We will make provision of financial assistance to private schools to build high quality school infrastructure. Provide high quality school environments nationwide, and also remove all schools under trees.

We will implement school bus system to enable pupil access education from schools in their catchment areas.



GLOBAL JOBS AND SKILLS TRAINING

We will help Ghanaians get the training they need to find and keep good jobs GLOBALLY.

Due to skills mismatch, demand-supply imbalances, an aging workforce and other factors, Canada and Australia are headed for a major technology talent shortage in the next five years.

Canada and Australia need 182,000 and 100,000 people respectively to fill positions for information systems analysts and consultants, computer and network operators, Web technicians, software engineers and others in by 2025.

LPG government will take advantage of the above situation to collaborate with the Canadian, New Zealand and Australian governments to train at least 150,000 Ghanaian young men and women in ICT related careers to meet their skilled shortages by 2024.

In a changing economy, Ghanaians need more opportunities to improve their skills and upgrade their credentials. We will make it easier for adults to access training programs by increasing investment in skills training.

To help those expected to receive Unemployment Benefit get the training they need to join the workforce, we will invest GHc500 million each year in apprenticeship and start your business programs.

To help those who do not qualify for Unemployment Benefit or are not employed, we will invest GHc100 million in training programs to propel them into job market. Skills and Employment Training Strategy, and provide GHc125 million each year for training facilities, delivered in partnership with labour unions.

We will work with employers and workers to determine an appropriate apprenticeship ratio for all government infrastructure projects.

Our total investment of an additional GHc725 million per year for job and skills training will help Ghanaians get the training they need to find and keep good jobs.





INVESTING NOW

Integrated infrastructure for job-creation. We will invest now in the projects our country needs and the people who can build them. Before we can even think of growing the economy and creating jobs, we need to ensure that the basic infrastructure to support this growth is in place. This means a dependable supply of affordable electricity, a well-maintained road infrastructure and the roll-out of efficient ICT infrastructure across the country.

Right now, our government is failing in all three of these areas. Ghana's Infrastructure Problem is significant and requires \$250.0billion with bold initiatives by 2030 to fix it.

The productive capacity of Ghana's economy in the future will be driven by both human and physical capital. That is why infrastructure is critical to our future prosperity.

Simply boosting investment in infrastructure expands our economic opportunities. In the same way a company invests in its capital stock to underpin future growth, Ghana needs to invest in the stock of physical capital to underpin future prosperity, boost productivity and improve our competitiveness.

Ghana's infrastructure problem is significant and requires \$250.0billion with bold initiatives by 2030 to fix it.

An LPG government would immediately put steps in place to break up the ECG monopoly, also allowing for

more independent power producers to contribute to our grid. We would also consider building nuclear, though it will take long to complete.

We would prioritise the maintenance of our road network in all regions, and we would embark on the roll-out of appropriate ICT solutions nation-wide. Well-targeted investment in infrastructure - whether by the private or public sector - creates jobs now, and increases our jobs capacity in the future.

By expanding the productive capacity of the economy, it also grows the revenue base for future budget revenue. Investment in transport, energy, communications and water infrastructure is also vital to the productivity growth that is so vital to our future prosperity.

But capital investment in infrastructure by governments is very minimal, not rising. The NPP/NDC Government over 2 decades have presided over a collapse in investment. Akin to a company board that is not investing in plant and equipment needed to expand into new markets, the NDC Government is underinvesting in infrastructure, and therefore underinvesting in our future.

This means increasing the involvement of private sector and government in getting the roads, railways and ports needed to drive economic activity, create jobs and lift economic productivity built. Ghana's infrastructure challenge is an economic challenge that needs national leadership.

Massive infrastructure backlogs have contributed to investor concerns about the attractiveness of Ghana as an investment destination. Poor planning over the last 20 years has left us, with backlog in the energy, road, rail and communications infrastructure needed to support a growing economy.



For too long, infrastructure priorities have been beholden to the political priorities of governments.

The effects on job creation of infrastructure backlogs and non-delivery have been devastating. An LPG government would boost actual expenditure on infrastructure to at least 10% of GDP.

An Independent People Party Government will end this. LPG will take the politics out of infrastructure and put the national interest at the heart of nation-building.

This spending cannot be funded solely through the fiscus. We propose the following approaches to raising the finance to bring infrastructure investment to the desired level:

- State-owned enterprises (SOEs) to sell off existing aging or underutilised assets and then reinvest the proceeds into new infrastructure projects.
- Listing various large infrastructure projects so as to raise equity capital from the financial markets.
- Listing SOEs themselves, whereby a majority of shares could be retained by the state but capital could be raised on the sale of the remainder on global markets.
- Allowing private sector players to build and manage infrastructure assets. This could include allowing more independent power producers (LPGs) in the energy sector or permitting mining houses to build their own rail connections to the ports.

Provision of Affordable Housing Accommodation Nationwide: In partnership with the private sector, provide affordable rental accommodation to homeless and those living in slumps. Single and double rooms with bathrooms and kitchens will be made available nationwide where tenants will be asked to pay a small monthly deposit and rent.

We will complete all the capital projects started by the previous NPP and current NDC governments including the affordable housing. NB: We will not sell the affordable house but instead rent out to Ghanaians. We will invest GHc13.0 billion every year in the power ministry to increase energy generation.

We will invest GHc10.5 billion each year on roads. We will invest GHc12.5 billion each year on affordable housing projects.



RELOCATION OF THE CAPITAL FROM ACCRA

PG will assemble a team of professionals and investors to help build a new 21st century capital city from scratch in between Brong Ahafo and Northern Region.

The purpose of the intended relocation of the country's capital from overcrowded Accra to the middle-belt of Ghana is to spur development ease congestion, promote jobs, unity, security, and prosperity.



ENERGY (ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY)

Our nation must have a robust energy supply because energy drives prosperity and increases opportunity for every Ghanaian. We reject the idea that Ghana cannot overcome its energy challenges – or that high fuel prices are okay, as long as they are phased in gradually. We reject half-measures and believe “No, we can’t” is not a viable energy policy. Together we can build a future around domestic energy sources that are diverse, reliable, and cleaner. We can strengthen our national security, create a pathway to growing prosperity, and preserve our environment. The Ghanaian people will rise to this challenge.

Growing Our Energy Supply

We must aggressively increase our nation’s energy supply, in an environmentally responsible way, and do so through a comprehensive strategy that meets both short and long term needs. No amount of wishing or hoping can suspend the laws of supply and demand. Leading economists agree that any actions that will increase future energy supplies will lead to lower energy prices today. Increasing our production of Ghanaian made energy and reducing our excessive reliance on foreign oil will:



Bring down the high cost of gasoline and diesel fuel.



Create more jobs for Ghanaian workers.

Enhance our national security.

In the long run, Ghanaian production should move to zero-emission sources, and our nation’s fossil fuel resources are the bridge to that emissions-free future.

Growing Ghanaian Energy Production

If we are to have the resources we need to achieve energy independence, we simply must draw more Ghanaian oil from Ghanaian soil. We support accelerated exploration, drilling and development in Ghana, from new oilfields off the nation’s coasts to onshore fields.

To deliver that energy to Ghanaian consumers, we will expand our refining capacity. We will encourage refinery construction and modernization and, with sensitivity to environmental concerns, an expedited permitting process. Any legislation to increase domestic exploration, drilling and production must minimize any protracted legal challenges that could unreasonably delay or even

preclude actual production. We oppose any efforts that would permanently block access to the coastal plain.

Nuclear Power: The Earth’s Clean Future

Nuclear energy is the most reliable zero-carbon-emissions source of energy that we have. Unwarranted fear mongering with no relationship to current technologies and safeguards has prevented us from starting construction of a single nuclear power plant in 58 years. Meanwhile, for decades’ other nations have harnessed nuclear power to provide a major portion of their energy consumption. There is no reason why Ghana cannot catch up and do the same. Confident in the promise offered by science and technology, The LPG will pursue dramatic increases in the use of all forms of safe, affordable, reliable – and clean – nuclear power. As new plants are constructed using the highest safety and operation standards, the nation’s industrial and manufacturing base will be rejuvenated. The labour force will expand, with nearly 15,000 high quality jobs created for every new nuclear plant built – and those workers will lead the nation to an industrial nation.

Solar, Wind, Geothermal, Hydropower

Alternate power sources must enter the mainstream. The technology behind solar energy has improved significantly in recent years, and the commercial development of wind power promises major benefits both in costs and in environmental protection. The LPG support these and other alternative energy sources, including geothermal and hydropower, and anticipate technological developments that will increase their economic viability. We therefore advocate a long-term energy tax credit equally applicable to all renewable power sources. The LPG support measures to modernize the nation’s electricity grid to provide Ghanaian consumers and businesses with more affordable, reliable power. We will work to unleash innovation so entrepreneurs can develop technologies for a more advanced and robust Ghana transmission system that meets our growing energy demands.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is plentiful in Ghana, but we can extract more and do a better job of distributing it nationwide to cook our food and serve as a growing option as a transportation fuel. Both independently and in cooperation with alternative fuels, natural gas will be an essential part of any long-term energy solution. We must ensure it gets to consumers safely and quickly. Over the next decade, we will invest over US\$20 billion in energy infrastructure.



RENEW FREIGHT RAIL FLEET IN GHANA

An LPG Government will invest \$27.5 billion to boost freight rail from Takoradi and Tema Ports to Northern Parts of Ghana. In government, the LPG will initiate a process of renewing the country's entire freight rail fleet to expand capacity and enhance the efficiency, reliability and competitiveness of transporting goods around the country and to our trading partners abroad. This will take the form of a region-by-region shift (beginning in areas facing immediate capacity constraints) to new generation high-capacity rolling stock, and will be augmented by station upgrades and improved facilities to enhance the interface between rail and road-based services. As this is a long-term process, improved maintenance of existing rolling stock will be integrated into the renewal process.

Ghana's economic prosperity is tied to our ability to minimise bottlenecks in the logistics chain and both Takoradi and Tema Ports are vital to that. LPG understands this and will invest in the infrastructure needed to create jobs and boost operations at these important trade hubs.

As a main gateway for container freight, unclogging Tema Port is a priority project for the future of Ghana industries, and central to boosting employment in the industry.

The full Tema Port Rail Freight Upgrade Program aims to take 300,000 trucks off the road each year by shifting containers to rail.

Duplicating the Rail will free up the movement of goods for exporters and importers, reduce logistics costs and boost capacity, productivity and jobs across industries that rely on container movements through the Port.

Ghana's freight task is growing. The more freight that travels by rail, the less congested the roads including the Motor way, will be.

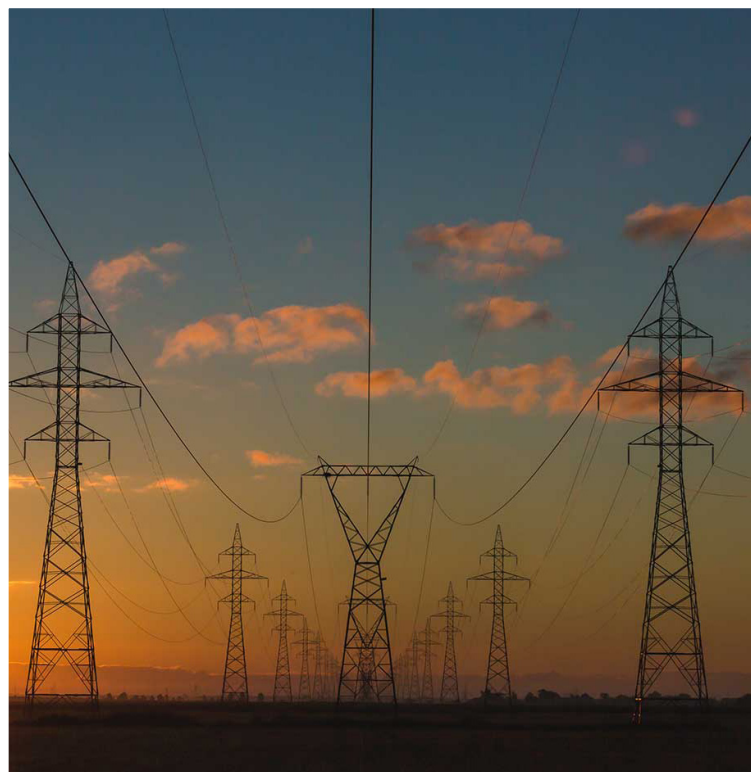
LPG's investment will help to take a higher percentage of containers on rail into and out of the Ports.

Investing in the freight rail is good for local jobs, it is good for the economy and it is good for Ghana.

LPG understands that an investment in infrastructure is an investment in local jobs.

Develop an intra-Ghana business corridor.

The LPG will use infrastructure investment to improve commercial connectivity between regions by upgrading the North-South freight corridor, and complete the Boankra inland port. This will stimulate commercial activity within Ghana and enhance our trade profile.



PUBLIC TRANSIT

We will invest in public transit to shorten commute times, cut air pollution, strengthen our communities, and grow our economy.

We will get our communities moving, by giving our municipalities the long-term, predictable funding they need to make transit plans a reality.

Efficient Public Transport Services Nationwide: In conjunction with the private sector we will provide an effective and efficient bus services like the London Transport services where each route will have buses running every 15 minutes. This will require 1,200 new buses and provide over 40,000 new jobs.

LPG Government to invest in High Speed Rail

An LPG Government will establish a High Speed Rail Authority to work through a process for gathering international expressions of interest over the construction of a High Speed Rail linking Kumasi as a hub to all major towns in Ghana.

LPG's push to advance this visionary project would revolutionise inter-region travel and turbo charge regional development. An LPG Government will allocate GHc24 million to establish the Authority, to promote the idea.

An LPG Government will create the Authority and, once it is established, work through a process for gathering any expressions of interest. High Speed Rail is a proven technology. Around the world millions of people travel using it every day.

Almost every example of well deployed High Speed Rail involves a partnership between government and the private sector. Companies based in Japan, China, Korea and Europe have experience in constructing and operating successful High Speed Rail projects and we should use that expertise.

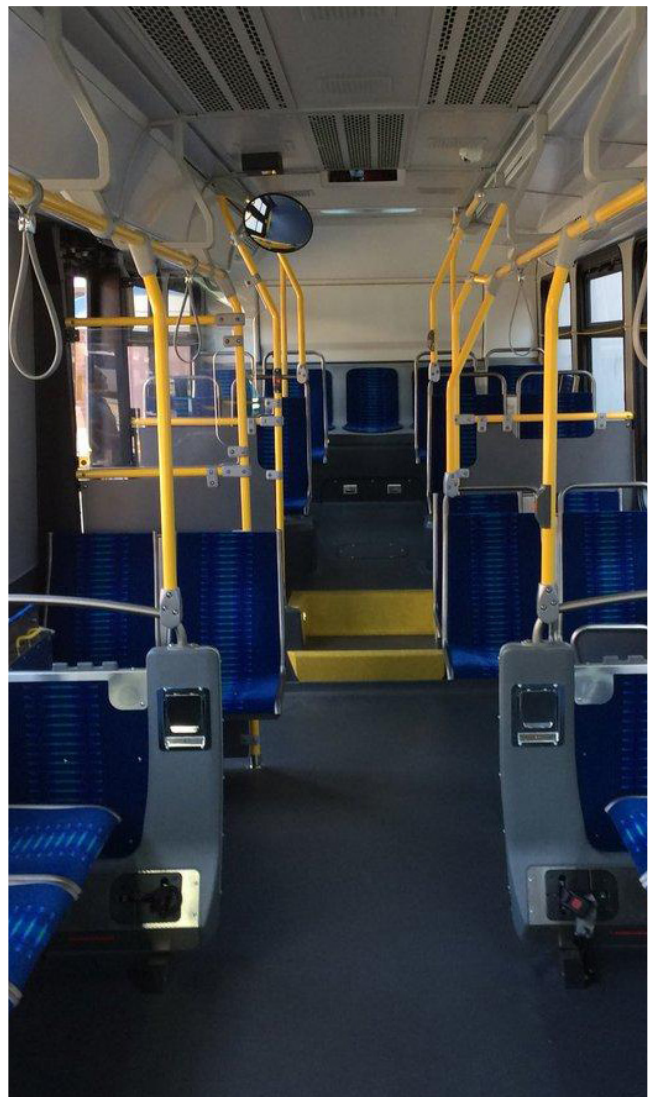
High Speed Rail would allow for travel between capital cities in as little as one hour.

It would also drive economic development of regional communities.

High Speed Rail stacks up. We just need a government with the vision to get the ball rolling.

LPG government will invest in good roads nationwide.

Government will also make sure every road nationwide will be tarred or asphalted. Zero percent tolerance for dusty and potholes roads. Over the next decade, we will quadruple investment in public transit, investing almost GHc20 billion in transit infrastructure.





OUR COMMUNITIES

We will strengthen our communities by investing in the things that make them good places to live. Investing in our communities is not just about creating good jobs and economic growth. It is also about building communities that we are proud to call home. With historic new investments in social infrastructure, we will achieve both.

We will improve quality of life for millions of Ghanaians by prioritizing investment in affordable housing, quality school environment, state of the art health facilities, early learning and child care, and cultural and recreational infrastructure.

Responsible governments do not walk away from challenges, or pretend they do not exist. We will protect our communities from the challenges of climate change and grow our economy by making significant new investments in green infrastructure.

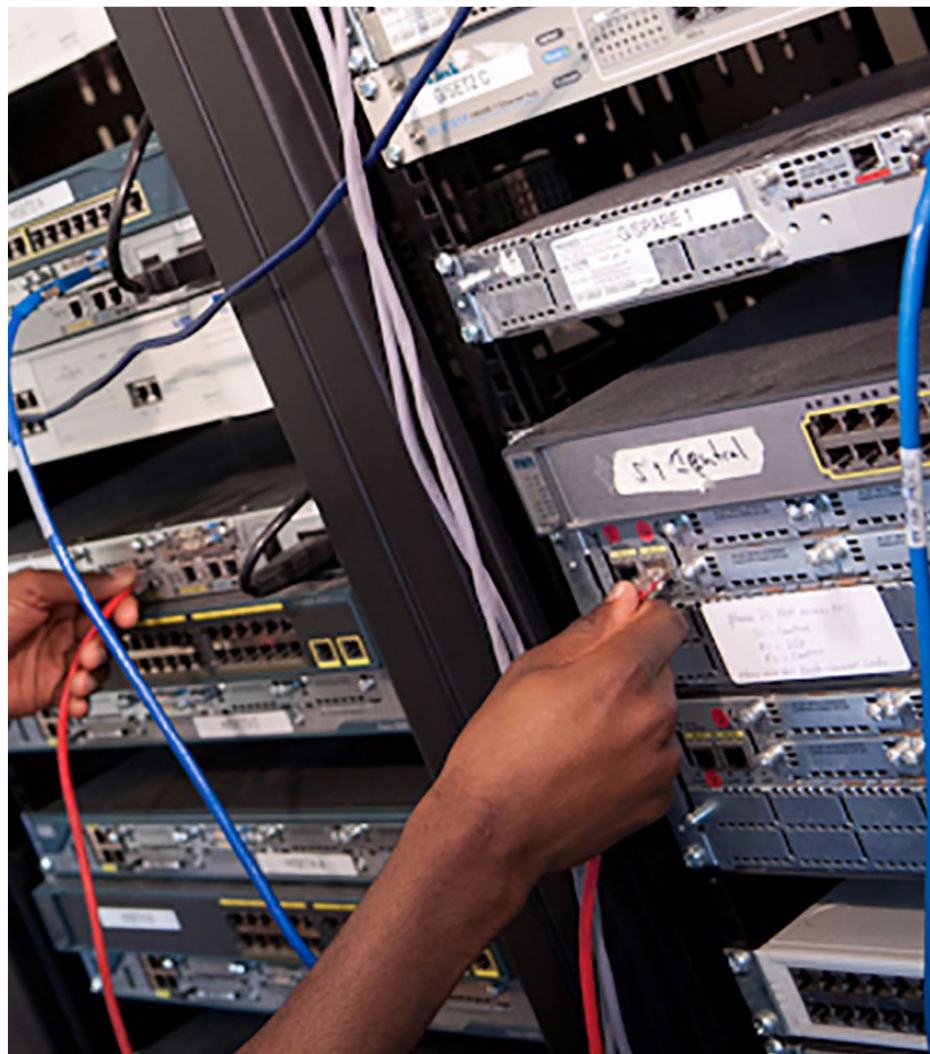
This includes investments in local water and wastewater facilities; clean energy; climate resilient infrastructure, including flood mitigation systems; and infrastructure to protect against changing weather.





DEPLOYING BROADBAND NATIONWIDE:

Liberal Party of Ghana will work tirelessly to close the “digital divide,” expanding access to high-speed broadband Internet. We recognize that broadband is an important tool to our national infrastructure by expanding access to information and education while serving as a central resource for small businesses and entrepreneurs to generate economic growth.





SPORTS DEVELOPMENT:

Infrastructure for sports, arts, cultural activities and social service, and support for youth organizations engaged in these activities, will be stepped up at all levels from the national to local. In particular, Ghanaian sports, which have suffered marginalization, deserve special encouragement.

The LPG's vision is to see that Ghana emerges as a major Sports Power in the world over the next ten years. We will work for the realization of this vision. We will start-up sports academy in every district of the country. Invest more in developing other disciplines such as, hockey, basketball, tennis, rugby, cricket, athletics, baseball etc. This will create more jobs and wealth.

We will invest an additional GHc1.600million each year in sports to create and maintain 46,000 plus jobs in the sector.

A First-Class Stadium Each For 11 Regions

An LPG Government will provide \$1,300 million to build 11 new first class stadiums in Bono, Ahafo, Bono East, Savanna, North East, Western North, Oti, Upper East, Volta, Upper West and Eastern Regions in partnership with the private sector.

Construction of the projects are expected to support over 50,000 jobs in the regions and make a significant boost to the local economies.

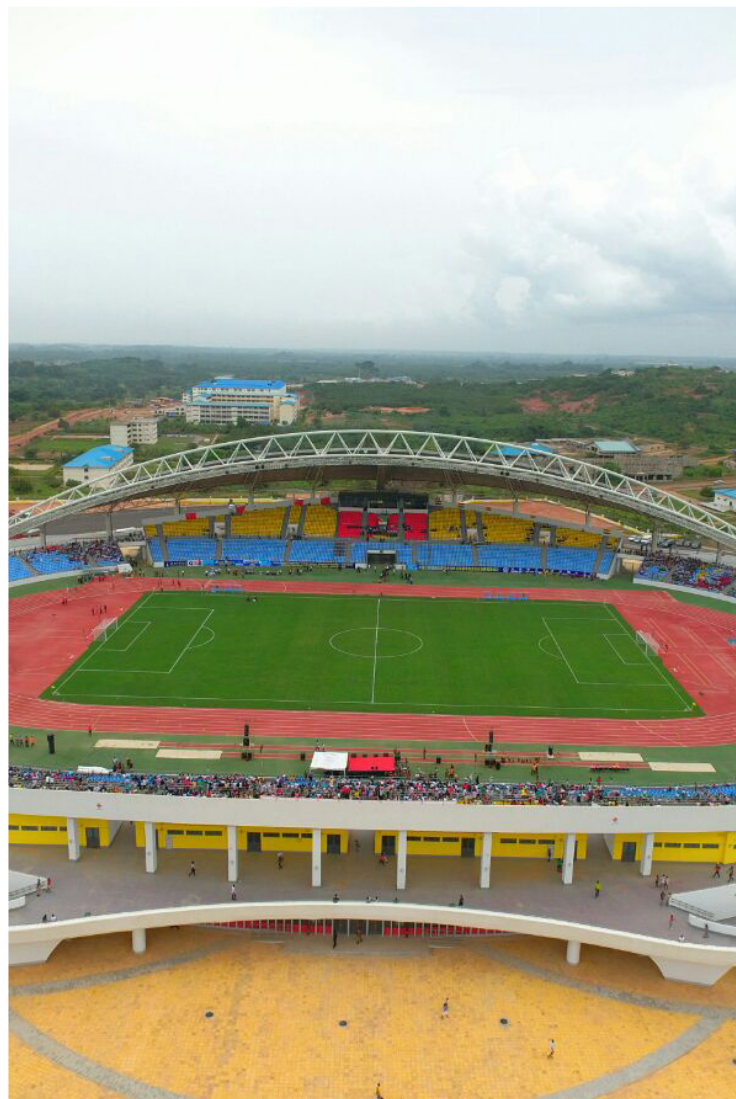
For too long, football fans have been watching their football league and other sport at substandard facilities compared to football stadiums in Accra and Kumasi. LPG will change this. Bono, Ahafo, Bono East, Savanna, North East, Western North, Oti, Upper East, Volta, Upper West and Eastern Regions need first class sports stadiums so that they can compete on the national stage.

Modern community infrastructure is critical to local economics, particularly in regional capitals, helping to drive economic growth and local jobs.

LPG expects stadium construction to commence by early 2022 with the ground complete by 2024.

This project will be an important boost the local community, and LPG will work to encourage as much of the work is sourced locally as possible.

Only an LPG Government will deliver the kind of stadiums that Bono, Ahafo, Bono East, Savanna, North East, Western North, Oti, Upper East, Volta, Upper West and Eastern Regions deserves.



CREATIVE ARTS INDUSTRIES

Ghana's cultural and creative industries are a vibrant part of our national identity and our economy, providing employment to more than hundred thousand Ghanaians.

Unfortunately, these industries have been under attack during the NPP and NDC administrations, hit by funding cuts that have made it harder for Ghanaian artists to share Ghanaian stories, here in Ghana and around the world.

We will invest in our cultural and creative industries to help support and grow these nation building efforts.

Targeted investments will include:

- doubling investment in the Ghana Arts Council each year;
- increasing funding for National Film and Television Institute, with a new investment totalling GHc250 million each year; and
- provide financial assistance to cultural development groups, and film and music producers and trainers.

As part of our commitment to create 40,000 youth jobs each year, we will provide GHc200million each year to fund the Creative Arts Industries to help prepare the next generation of Ghanaians working in the heritage sector. Ghana has more than ten thousand talented young men and women like Sarkodie, Reggie and Bollie of Xfactor fame, Becca etc. who requires government support to develop their God given talents.

We will also make significant new investments in cultural infrastructure as part of our investment in social infrastructure.

Over the next decade, we will invest almost GHc20.0 billion more in Ghana's social infrastructure.



GOOD GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Good Governance Reforms: The LPG is committed to making the role of the government more focused and effective by initiating a set of reforms for Good Governance with the same priority as economic reforms. Specifically, we will make the government's interaction with citizens more people friendly and service-oriented. We will make the government's principal role in the economy that of a facilitator and creator of the necessary environment for the creative energies of the people to find full expression. We will reduce discretionary powers vested with public authorities, and base the exercise of such powers on objective criteria. We will ensure exemplary punishment for infringement.

The LPG is committed to removing all non-financial barriers to economic growth such as delays in clearances and decision making; obsolete laws, unnecessary procedures, and habitual litigation; lack of adequate empowerment of officers at appropriate levels; and lack of a level-playing field in the functioning environment of executives in the public sector vis-à-vis their private sector counterparts.

Re-orienting the Priorities of Government: The LPG believes that the thrust of the LPG government in future should be on the core areas of national security, internal security, macroeconomic management, and creation and upgrading of infrastructure. It should also expand the scope and improve the quality of services and amenities in the social sector, particularly targeted at the poor and disadvantaged communities. The government's traditional function of administration and upholding the rule of law and justice will have to be further strengthened.

In the economic sphere, the government should progressively withdraw from involvement in nonpriority sectors. It should create more avenues for entrepreneurship in a wellregulated competitive framework. In general, it should reduce its role in manufacturing and services business, where the private sector can serve the people better except where it is required for strategic reasons, to prevent private sector monopolies, run important utilities, or in exceptional circumstances.

At the same time, there is a need to enhance systemic capabilities for better policy formulation in the social

sector, better designing of schemes and programmes, and, above all, better monitoring of their implementation. Towards this end, there is a need to maximize community participation and involve voluntary organizations, professional experts at all levels. In short, efficiency, accountability, responsiveness, pro-poor attitude, and treating the people as one's masters will be the hallmark of administrative reforms in the years to come.

Judicial Reforms: The LPG is firmly committed to the independence of the judiciary. At the same time, we acknowledge that judicial bottlenecks have become a major source of harassment for ordinary citizens. They are also acting as an obstacle to our economy growing faster. Therefore, we shall speed up judicial and legal reforms on an urgent basis. Our specific commitments are:

Considerable enhancement in allocations to improve the physical and operational infrastructure of our courts.

Increasing the number of courts and appointment of more judges at all levels.

Reform of the criminal justice system to make dispensation of justice simpler, quicker and more effective.

Extension of Fast-Track Courts to all layers of the judiciary.

Expansion of alternative dispute redressal mechanisms through Tribunals.

Setting up a National Judicial Commission for appointment of judges and ensuring judicial ethics.

Improving Fiscal Health of Local Governments: The LPG will initiate several policy and administrative measures to stop unproductive expenditure and enhance the resource mobilisation powers of states institutions of local government. The LPG will strive to build political consensus, which is critical for achieving this objective.





The LPG Government will initiate the process of liberating Ghana from an overdose of controls. It will abolish many state monopolies, simplified procedures, cut red tape in many places and ease controls. The LPG is committed to a simplified and low tax regime. Lower taxes encourage entrepreneurship, less tax evasion, a dynamic work culture and enable people to save more and spend more on themselves, their families and their communities. At the same time, efforts will be intensified to further expand the population of tax payers to reflect the growing preponderance of services in our economy, ensure better compliance, and plug significant leakage of tax revenue at various levels.

War on Corruption: The LPG believes that corruption is the greatest hurdle in Ghana's developmental march. It has weakened the moral fabric of our society and polity. The NPP & NDC parties have created a system of governance and administration where power is frequently misused for personal gain. Ordinary citizens often have difficulty getting their work done in government offices, without paying bribes. The LPG believes that the menace of corruption has to be fought at all levels. This requires both systemic reforms especially electoral and administrative reforms -- and heightened public action. No single political party can win the fight against corruption on its own. However, the LPG is committed to playing a leading role in its eradication.





PUBLIC SECTOR REFORMS

Liberal Party of Ghana will establish an Administrative Reforms Commission to prepare a detailed blueprint for revamping the public administration system completely so as to make it more performance-oriented and accountable. While basic governance is the priority, e-governance will also be promoted on a massive scale to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness in the public sector, particularly like land records, tax administration, etc. All government agencies, especially those that deal with citizens on a day-to-day basis will be retrained to offer better customer service to citizens. LPG government expects all civil servants to operate in a responsive and accountable manner.



YOUR VOICE

We will involve Ghanaians in policy-making. Technology makes it easier for citizens and government to share ideas and information.

We will explore new ways to use technology to crowdsource policy ideas from citizens.





GHANA REVENUE AUTHORITY

The Ghana Revenue Authority exists to serve Ghanaians. We will overhaul its service model so that people who interact with the GRA feel like valued clients, not just taxpayers. Ghana will for the first time have an effective tax administration system to block all revenue leakages to double revenue collection.

A client-focused Ghana Revenue Authority will:



Proactively contact Ghanaians who are entitled to, but are not receiving, tax benefits



Offer to complete returns for some clients, particularly lower-income Ghanaians and those on fixed incomes whose financial situation is unchanged year-to-year.



Support more Ghanaians who wish to file taxes using no paper forms.



Deliver correspondence that is straightforward and easy to read.

We will allow charities to do their work on behalf of Ghanaians free from political harassment, and will modernize the rules governing the charitable and not-for-profit sectors.

This will include clarifying the rules governing “religious activity,” with an understanding that charities make an

important contribution to socio-economic development and public policy. A new legislative framework to strengthen the sector will emerge from this process.

We will also invest an additional GHc800 million, over four years, to help the Ghana Revenue Authority to crack down on tax evaders.

To promote an effective and efficient tax administration we will allocate compulsory Ghana Card serve as de-facto ID number TIN and SSNIT Numbers linked to residential addresses to all Ghanaian residents including day old babies for all public transactions.

Tax Statements

We will also introduce tax statements into the tax administration to reduce leakages:

1. (P60) End of Year Certificate will be issued to taxpayers at the end of a tax year. It will serve as a proof that tax has been paid.
2. (P45) End of Employment Certificate will be given to an employee at the end of a period of employment, providing details of their tax code, gross pay, and the tax paid for that year, to be passed to a subsequent employer or benefit agency.
3. (P21) A PAYE Balancing Statement (P21) is a statement of your total income from all sources for a particular year and gives a breakdown of your tax credits and income tax paid during the tax year.

These initiatives will improve our tax revenue collections by additional GHc10,200million.

We will introduce compulsory filing of 31st October annual tax returns each year for all those above 18 years’ residents and making income in Ghana.

THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CARD AS DE-FACTO ID:

The LPG will allocate GHc500million to launch an innovative programme to establish a countrywide system of multipurpose social security number card so as to ensure national security, enhance welfare delivery, accurate tax collection, access to credit, and voter registration. Voter identity cards, passports, driver license cards are to be backed by a verifiable data base. LPG proposes to make it mandatory for every Ghanaian and foreign legal national residing in Ghana to have a Social Security Number card. The program will be completed in six months.

The Social Security number card will serve as a multi-purpose identification system, with the ability to contain enough memory and processing capabilities to run multiple applications. The LPG government will ensure efficient welfare delivery and tax collection. The card will also be linked to bank accounts, credit rating of individuals, and residential addresses. All welfare payments, including child benefits, unemployment benefits, Students Loans and Micro-Credit will be channelled through the Social security number.

The card will make it possible for individuals to save and borrow money. It will also make it easier for farmers to access bank credit; also establish accurate land titles data. The Social security number card will also strengthen national security by ensuring accurate citizen and non-citizen identity, thus tracking illegal immigration. All financial transactions, purchase of property and access to public services will be possible only on the basis of the Social Security Number Card which will be made forgery and hacking resistant.





GHANA STATISTICAL SERVICES

We will make Ghana Statistical Services fully independent. Data collected by Ghana Statistical Services helps the private sector, government, not-for-profit groups, and researchers make better decisions. We will make Ghana Statistical Services fully independent. We will work with Ghana Statistical Services and other stakeholders to provide a broader range of information, including detailed labour market information, child development data, and statistics about our population.

We will make decisions using the best data available and will invest only in programs proven to offer good value. Responsible governments rely on sound data to make their decisions. We will release to the public key information that informs the decisions we make.

We will devote a fixed percentage of program funds to experimenting with new approaches to existing problems. We will measure our results and encourage innovation to continuously improve the services government provides to Ghanaians.

We will use accurate data to make good decisions. We will stop funding initiatives that are no longer effective and invest program funds in those that are of good value.



GHANA POST

We will start a door-to-door mail delivery in Ghana and undertake a new review of Ghana Post to make sure that it provides high-quality service at a reasonable price to Ghanaians, no matter where they live. We will invest GHc500million to resurrect the postal services to start door to door delivery services to create additional 28,000 jobs and also open up the economy to become a credit economy.





e-GOVERNMENT AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Positioning Ghana as a global hub for ICT Centre. We will deliver easy online access to government services. Information and communication technologies (ICT) are transforming the way we work and driving change in many industries. Governments everywhere understand their decisions can assist or impede businesses and families adjust to an increasingly digital economy and society.

If elected, the LPG will support investment in ICT skills, use technology more effectively in the public sector and encourage innovation and research. We plan to reduce regulation; these policies will lift productivity and economic competitiveness.

We will provide leadership on the digital economy, make more effective use of ICT in departments and agencies and ensure more convenient Government services are accessible anytime anywhere with policies to:

- accelerate the digital economy by working with the private sector to coordinate enabling infrastructure such as online identity, digital mail and payment systems;
- accelerate Government efforts to engage online, make agencies transparent and provide expanded access to useful public sector data;
- reduce the cost of government ICT by eliminating

duplication and fragmentation. Government will lead by example in using ICT to reduce costs, lift productivity and develop better services. Light user agencies with insufficient IT scale will move to shared or cloud solutions. Heavy user agencies with complex needs will retain autonomy but improve accountability;

- create a better model for achieving whole-of-government ICT goals that acknowledges the decentralised Ghanaian Public Service and differences in scale and capabilities across agencies; and

Accessing government services online should be easier. We will make the process easier and faster through individualized, secure accounts for Ghanaians who want to access their benefits and review key documents.

We will also create a single online point-of-contact for all government services.

As we expand online services, we will also expand in-person service.

Finally, we will establish a Privacy Commissioner as we develop these new initiatives, to ensure that Ghanaians' data is kept safe and secure.

We will also invest an additional GHc200 million, over four years, to promote e-Government and the digital economy in Ghana.

QUALITY OF SERVICE

We will establish new performance standards for government services. Busy Ghanaians deserve better service from their government. We will establish new performance standards, including streamlining applications and reducing wait times.

Performance will be independently assessed and publicly reported. We will start with the following services: passport acquisitions, building permits, drivers licence, land titles etc.

We will make sure new entrants to the government payroll are processed and paid within one month of employment.



STRENGTHENING GHANA'S LINKS WITH THE GHANAIAN DIASPORA:

The LPG believes that the growing achievements of the vast Ghanaian diaspora are a matter of pride and a source of strength for Ghana. Similarly, Ghana's growing strength and its rising global stature are also a matter of pride and a source of strength for the Ghanaian diaspora. Together we constitute the Great Ghanaian Family. LPG Government will broaden and deepen the emotional, social and economic links of diasporas with their cultural motherland. These links will have to be comprehensively strengthened in the years to come.

LPG government will ABOLISH the law that prevent Ghanaians with dual citizenship to qualify and contest as MP's in Ghana.

The Article 94 Section 2A of the constitution, is retrogressive and retard Ghana's economic development it must be abolished with immediate effect if we are serious to become economic super power on the continent.

If Barrack Obama could be president of United States of America for 8 years, then we should take a second look of our constitution and make amends as soon as possible to encourage our brothers and sisters in the diaspora to come on board and help develop our nation, now we need every Ghanaian more than ever.

If rt. Hon Lord Paul Yaw Boateng could become a successful MP in British parliament, held 2 Ministerial positions, became a cabinet Chief Secretary to the Treasury and UK High Commissioner to South Africa, we should rethink and incorporate best brains in the public sector to see the needed transformation.

If Ghanaian footballers with dual citizenship can play for our national teams, then likewise other professionals with intellectual ingenuity should be allowed to go into our public services. We need every Ghanaian to develop and transform Ghana. LPG Government will repeal Article 94 Section 2A of the constitution to allow Ghanaians with dual citizenship to be eligible to contest as MP's, hold ministerial positions and work in the public service.



CONCLUSION

Ghana will only succeed in bringing about economic freedom if we focus all of our efforts on enabling employers to create employment.

In other words, “jobs” must be our watchword, for jobs are a passport to economic freedom. This document outlines five key ideas on jobs. Put into practice, they will remove barriers to job creation and labour market entry.

They are not complicated ideas. They require us to:



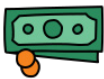
Invest in integrated energy, transport and ICT infrastructure for job creation.



Give more people the education and skills they need to get a job.



Radically prioritizing investment in agriculture to support job creation.



Provide direct incentives for job creation.



Create a nation of entrepreneurs by making it easier for Ghanaians to start and grow their own small businesses.

An efficient government with the necessary political will can bring about significant change by adopting this 5-point “jobs” plan for economic freedom.

This is the plan that the LPG aims to implement when it forms part of the national government in 2021.

It is the plan that will beat the country’s target of achieving \$1,700 per capital income to \$15,000 before 2024 and help us to realise our Vision for Ghana in 2024: a Ghana whose economy is growing at 12,5%; a Ghana that is a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship; a Ghana where millions of jobs are being created, filled by young Ghanaians equipped with the necessary skills; and a Ghana in which citizens feel more empowered and positive than ever before, because they are seizing the opportunities presented by a growing economy, a world-class education system and a capable state.





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