

Closing Remarks for Hon Mona Helen Quartey
Reverse Mission on Social Protection to the World Bank
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to reiterate what I said in my opening statement that this reverse mission is as nouvelle as it is innovative.

Having listened to over thirteen different country examples and also with our experiences as a country, I have made some observations that I want to share with you;

- That we have made significant progress as a country with regards to our effort at poverty reduction through social protection programmes
- That we still have a long way to go and a lot more to learn
- That we need to urgently introduce efficient measures both in our social protection spending in particular and social spending in general especially with regards to resource allocation and cost of delivering these programmes
- That we need to institutionalize social protection by building both analytical and institutional capacity in MOF and other critical research institutions
- That we need to establish a robust Monitoring & Evaluation Systems to help us demonstrate results and strengthen the case for social protection and gain wider acceptance and support for Ghana.
- Finally that Social Protection is an investment, investment in people so they become more productive and live improved and better lives thus contributing to GDP.

I want to conclude by expressing my own appreciation and that of the Ministry for a unique opportunity to deepen my knowledge and understanding of Social protection.

Thank you very much once again for the opportunity.