

## Databank Retirement planning checklist

How ready are you for your retirement? Fill in your answers in the table below and then complete the calculation below to get your answer.

1. How old are you now?	<b>1</b>	
2. What age do you want to retire?	<b>2</b>	
3. How many years do you expect to be in retirement (assuming you live until age 85)?	<b>3</b>	
<b>Ongoing costs</b>		
4. Do you expect to be paying school fees for any of your children during retirement? If yes, a. how much do you expect to pay (monthly estimate) b. for how many years into your retirement		
5. Do you expect to be taking care of your parents (financially) during your retirement? If yes, a. how much do you expect to pay (monthly estimate) b. for how many years into your retirement		
6. How much money do you need on a monthly basis (in today's cedis) to retire comfortably?	<b>6</b>	
<b>Current savings/investments</b>		
7. How much money do you currently have invested towards your retirement?	<b>7</b>	
8. Are your retirement savings kept separately from other funds that you would rely on in case of an emergency, or to pay school fees? Or, is it the same pool of money you're using to meet the various needs?		
<b>Additional income sources</b>		
9. What other sources of income will you have during retirement?		
10. How much are you expecting these sources to contribute on a monthly basis?		
11. For how many years of your retirement do you expect to have these additional sources of income?		

**To calculate how much money you will need when you are ready to retire, please fill in the blanks below:**

**Step 1:** ( **2** ) \_\_\_\_\_ - ( **1** ) \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (number of years to retirement)

**Step 2:** ( **6** )<sup>\*</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ x ( **3** ) \_\_\_\_\_ x 12 = \_\_\_\_\_ - ( **7** ) \_\_\_\_\_

= \_\_\_\_\_ (amount of money needed to fund your retirement)

**Step 3:** (Step 2) \_\_\_\_\_ / (Step 1) \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ / 12

= \_\_\_\_\_ (amount of money you need to save on a monthly basis to achieve your retirement goal)

*\*Note: Please consider your answers for questions 4 and 5. \*\*Please note that the result is not impacted by inflation and return.*

### The difference between saving and investing for your retirement

Your rate of return can make a big difference in how much you need to set aside monthly to achieve your goal. Let's assume, for example, that you need GHC 1,000,000 to fund your retirement and you've got 20 years to do it. Do you know that you would need to invest over GHC 2,400 per month if you're getting a return of 5% a year (the average return on saving accounts) versus GHC 316 per month if you're getting 20% a year. That's a major difference. Don't just save. Invest toward your retirement. Call Databank at 0302 610610 to find out how we can help you achieve the retirement you deserve!