



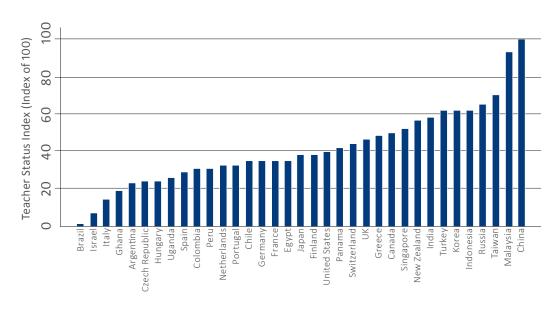
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GHANA COMES FOURTH FROM BOTTOM IN 35 COUNTRY TEACHER STATUS RANKING, NEW GLOBAL SURVEY REVEALS

KEY FINDINGS - GHANA:

- Shana ranks 32nd out of 35 countries in the Global Teacher Status Index 2018 – the fourth lowest of any country surveyed after Brazil, Israel and Italy. By contrast, China was the highest ranked country.
- Shanaians have among the least respect for teachers of any country surveyed. When asked to rank 14 professions in order of respect (including headteachers, primary and secondary teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, and librarians), Ghana ranked primary school teachers lower than any other country polled, headteachers the third lowest after Brazil and Hungary and secondary teachers the third lowest after Brazil and Israel.
- > Despite Ghanaian teachers having among the lowest status of all the countries surveyed, half (50%) of those surveyed would definitely or

The Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Status Index 2018 (GTSI 2018)



35 survey countries indexed on a relative scale 1-100



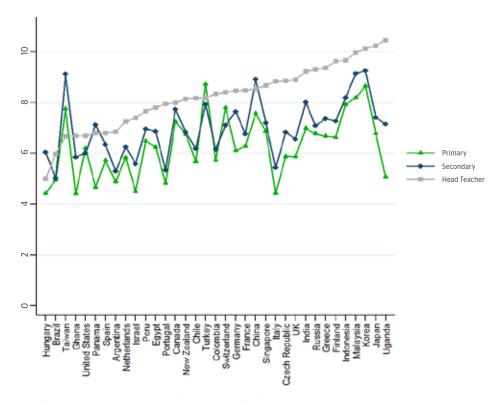


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- probably encourage their children to become teachers the third highest of all the countries surveyed after China (50%) and India (54%).
- > Despite Ghana's low position in the teacher status index, Ghanaians rate their education system very highly at 7.03 out of 10, the fifth highest of all countries surveyed after Finland (8), Switzerland (7.2), Singapore (7.1) and India (7.1).
- > Almost three-quarters (70%) of Ghanaians believe pupils respect their teachers, the fourth highest of all countries surveyed, with only India (77%), Uganda (79%) and China (81%) higher.
- Respondents in Ghana thought that nursing was the occupation most similar to teaching (13% chose this option), while Librarian was the second most popular choice, just behind on 12%. This makes Ghana one of only four countries, alongside Japan, Portugal and New Zealand where the highest proportion of respondents chose nursing as the most similar profession to teachers. By comparison 10 countries close Librarian, 18 chose social worker and three chose doctor China, Russia and Malaysia.
- > Ghanaians teachers are paid much less than the public think. Ghanaians estimated teachers' wages at around \$10,000 (adjusted for purchasing power parity), however the actual

Figure 3.2: Headteacher, Secondary Teacher and Primary Teacher Occupational Respect Rankings by Teachers across Countries.

Rating (out of 14 professions, 1= lowest status ranking, 14=highest status ranking



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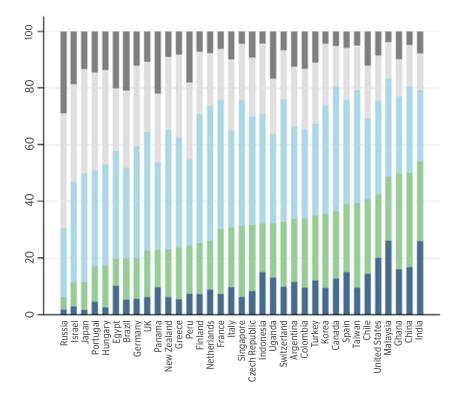
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starting secondary school salary is much lower at around \$7,200. The public believe a fair wage for teachers would be close to \$12,000.

- Over half (51%) of Ghanaians support performance related pay for teachers.
- Schanaians underestimated the number of hours teachers work, putting the figure at 37.9 hours per week, against the 43.1 hours per week reported by teachers.

Would You Encourage Your Child to Become a Teacher by Country (2018).

- Definitely not encourage
- Probably not encourage
- Maybe encourage
- Probably encourage
- Definitely encourage







RESPONDENTS IN GHANA THOUGHT THAT NURSING WAS THE OCCUPATION MOST SIMILAR TO TEACHING Public Perceptions of How Good their Own Education System is Across Countries Related to PISA 2015 Score.

