

# 3-day meal plan curated for Weight Loss

As a nutrition euthuastist and an advocate for staying fit with the right combination of our everyday ghanaian meals without necessarily breaking the bank, this meal plan will serve as a guide to help you get some ideas as well. We have included but not limited to: Fruggies Granola, juices, salads, smoothies, wraps, and Ghanaian staples like rice, beans, banku, and others.

The plan is structured in three tiers

- 1. Basic,
- 2. Intermediate,
- 3. Advanced, all engineered to accommodate different levels of commitment, and nutritional precision. Each tier includes: breakfast, lunch, supper and healthy snacks with portion control for body goals, ensuring balanced nutrition aligned with their goals. Ghanaian flavors and ingredients are woven in for cultural relevance.

#### **General Guidelines**

- 1. Weight Loss Client (WL): Focus on calorie deficit (approx. 1,500–1,800 kcal/day), high fiber, lean proteins, and low refined carbs. Portions are smaller, with emphasis on nutrient density.
- 2. Healthy Weight Gain Client (WG): Focus on calorie surplus (approx. 2,500–3,000 kcal/day), high protein, healthy fats, and complex carbs. Portions are larger to support muscle growth.



- Fruggies Granola: Used as a nutrient-packed ingredient for breakfast and snacks, rich in oats, nuts, and dried fruits.
- Portion Control for Ghanaian Meals: Measured using standard cups, spoons, or hand-sized references to simplify adherence.
- Hydration: Both clients should drink 2–3 liters of water daily, supplemented with juices/smoothies and coconut water

#### **Basic Meal Plan**

Overview: Simple recipes, minimal prep, and familiar ingredients for beginners. Focus on accessibility and portion awareness.

## Breakfast (350 kcal):

Daily Calorie Target: 1,600 kcal

- Fruggies Granola Yogurt Bowl
- ¼ cup (30g) Fruggies Granola
- ½ cup (125g) low-fat Greek yogurt
- ½ cup sliced pineapple or any prefered fruit options
- Drink: 1 cup (500ml) freshly pressed juices (no sugar). Or coconut water

# Snack 1 (100 kcal)

- Veggie Sticks 1 small carrot + ½ cucumber, sliced or
- 1 tbsp groundnut paste on 1 apple sliced or 2 fingers local banana or 1 foreign banana.

## Lunch option 1 (475 kcal):

- Regular meal rice, banku, other.
  - 1 cup (250ml) vegetable stew or any prefered sauce
  - ½ cup cooked banku (size of a small fist, 100g)



#### Or

## Lunch option 2 (475 kcal)

- 1 cup cooked rice with vegetable stew or prefered sauce as aforementioned.
- 2 boiled egg

#### Or

#### Lunch option 3 (162 kcal):

- Side: Small portion salad (lettuce, cucumber, bell pepper, onion, carrots.) with a sprinkle of salt and pepper and a tin of tuna.

## **Snack 2 (100 kcal):**

- Fruggies Granola Handful
- 2 tbsp (15g) Fruggies Granola

# Supper (500 kcal):

Full protein Wrap

- 1 medium whole-wheat wrap (8-inch)
- 100g or 1 cup of proteins (chicken, eggs and tuna)
- 1 cup shredded lettuce, bell pepper, onion, carrots etc.
- 1 tbsp salad dressing or mayo.

#### **Drink:**

1 cup (500ml) watermelon & beetroot juice (no sugar).

## **Intermediate Meal Plan**

Overview: Incorporates meal prep and balanced activity schedule.

### **Intermediate Tier**

Daily Calorie Target: 1,393 kcal

## Breakfast (400 kcal):

Fruggies Granola Smoothie Bowl

- ½ cup blended mango + spinach + ½ cup (125g) low-fat yogurt smoothie base
  Topped with the following.
- ¼ cup (30g) Fruggies Granola
- 1 tbsp chia seeds.



## Snack 1 (99 kcal):

Drink: 1 medium cucumber,1 medium lemon(juiced), 1 cup chunk pineapple.

## Lunch (476 kcal):

Waakye with Veggie Stew

- 1 cup (195g which is 216 kcal) waakye (rice and beans mix)
- 1 cup (250ml) light vegetable stew (tomatoes, minimal oil)
- 100g grilled chicken breast

## Snack 2 (68 kcal):

Fruggies Granola Energy Bite

- 1 tbsp (10g) Fruggies Granola mixed with 1 tsp honey, rolled into 2 small balls frozen for an hour.

## Supper (350 kcal):

Boiled potates with chicken vegetable sauce

- 0.5 cup boiled potates
- 1 cup (250ml) vegetable stew or any prefered sauce
- 100g chicken chunks.

**Drink:** 1 cup (250ml) green tea unsweetened.



#### Advanced Meal Plan

Overview: Practicing one-meal a day with intermittent fasting. The goal is condition the body to feed or reserves.

#### **Advanced Tier**

Daily Calorie Target: 974 kcal

### **Breakfast (2 kcal):**

- 1 cup (250 ml) green tea sweetened with zero calorie sweetener (stevia) no milk.

#### OR

- 1 cup (250 ml) coffee sweetened with zero calorie sweetener (stevia) no milk.

# Lunch (111 kcal):

- 2 coconuts with the jelly (coconut food)

#### Supper (149 kcal):

Fruggies Granola green smoothie:

- 1/4 cup (30g) Fruggies Granola
- 1 cup (150ml) almond milk
- ½ cup blended kale or spinach or dandelion or moringa
- 1 cup pineapple chunk.

# Main meal (710 kcal)

- 1 cup cooked quinoa stir-fry
- 1 cup chopped onions, carrots, bell pepper.
- 3 eggs
- 100g chicken breast