

**ASANTE AKIM NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT MEDIUM-TERM  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2014-2017)**



**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2017**

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# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.0. Background

The 2017 Annual progress Report (APR) provides assessment of the implementation of policies and strategies outlined in the 2014-2017 (DMTDP) under the Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda (GSGDA), during the year 2017. It is fifth assessment of GSGDA.

The overall goal of the GSGDA is to accelerate the growth of the economy with the view to creating more jobs, generating more incomes, and reducing poverty. Policy measures identified to achieve this overall goal are prioritized in seven thematic areas, namely;

- ❖ Ensuring and sustaining Macroeconomic stability
- ❖ Enhanced competitiveness of Ghana's private sector
- ❖ Accelerated agricultural modernization and sustainable natural resource management;
- ❖ Oil and gas development
- ❖ Infrastructure and human settlements development
- ❖ Human development, productivity and employment; and
- ❖ Transparent and accountable governance

The 2017 APR presents the results of the assessment of the status of indicators and targets adopted for monitoring the progress of key policy and programme interventions undertaken in 2017. It also documents key policy measures and strategies implemented during that year to bring about the expected changes in these indicators.

### 1.1. Purpose of M&E for Annual Progress Report for 2017

Monitoring is the day-to-day follow up of activities to measure progress and ensure that activities are occurring according to plan and are on schedule. Evaluation on the other hand is an assessment of overall achievements and impacts on the implementation of policies, programmes/projects have had on the beneficiaries. Basically, Monitoring and Evaluation helps to track resources/inputs and outputs to ensure that policies and programmes are proceeding according to plan and design.

The core objective of the M&E is to ascertain the level of achievements in the implementation of development policies, programmes, projects, activities and other socio-economic interventions that the District earmarked for the year 2017 as captured in the DMTDP (2014-2017). Again, another objective is to assess whether the programmes, projects and objectives stated are still

significant to the stated objectives. The 2017 monitoring and evaluation exercise is to generate timely reports to the Regional Co-ordinating Councils (RCC) and National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) and other stakeholders through the Regional Planning Coordinating Units (RPCUs). Finally, to present challenges and recommendation to shape future planning and implementation of policies, projects, and programmes.

#### 1.2.Summary of Achievement of the Implementation of DMTDP

The Asante Akim North reviewed their performance as per the implementation of the District Medium Term Development Plan 2014-2017. The review was based on the programmes, sub-programmes and Broad/project activity. The review was undertaken to assess each programme/project with respect to its implementation of all the projects/activities under the programmes as well as achievements of the policy objectives and targets set for 2017 for all programmes under each thematic area and other interventions not covered with the Medium Term Plan.

About 60% of the programmes were fully implemented, 35% were on-going and about 15% were not implemented. Other projects which were not covered in the plan but implemented was the School Feeding Programme which benefits 21 schools and the Cocoa Road Project which was carried out in the late December 2016 but has been suspended by the government.

Table 1.1. Proportion of DMTDP Implemented

Indicators	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proportion of annual actions plans implemented by the end of the year	Thirty Two (32) programmes were implemented	Thirteen projects were implemented, out of which six (6) are completed and seven are on-going	Four projects were undertaken out of which 3 are completed	Five projects were undertaken out of which 3 are completed and 2 are abandoned
Proportion of the overall medium-term development plan implemented by the end of the year	60% of the projects/programmes were fully implemented, 35% on-going and 15% were not implemented	60% of the projects/programmes were fully implemented, 35% on-going and 15% were not implemented	60% of the projects/programmes were fully implemented, 35% on-going and 15% were not implemented	60% of the projects/programmes were fully implemented, 35% on-going and 15% were not implemented

Source: A.A.N.D.A, 2017

### 1.3. Processes followed in the preparation of the 2017 APR.

The District Monitoring Team, and other Heads of Departments undertook several monitoring visits to the programmes and projects sites during the year under review. Reports on these visits as well as quarterly field visits which were embarked upon were collated and analyzed.

The Annual Progress Reports submitted by Decentralized Departments, Agencies and Units of the Assembly were also collated and analyzed. Furthermore, data on what were achieved in terms of planned actions for the year, 2017 were gathered. These data were further analyzed to determine the success and failures and any deviations from the planned targets. The District Planning Coordinating Unit validated all the reports submitted by the various departments before the final report was presented to the appropriate offices.

### 1.4 Processes Involved in Monitoring and Evaluation

The processes involved in undertaking the monitoring and evaluation activities include;

- ❖ Data collection from primary sources such as personal interviews, focal group discussions etc. and secondary sources such as Annual Action Plans, District Medium term Development Plan, Annual Budget and other documents from the Decentralized departments.

- ❖ Site meetings were organized
- ❖ Field visit organized
- ❖ Data collated and analyzed
- ❖ Gaps identified and recommendations made to fill the gaps
- ❖ M&E Report prepared and disseminated

**Challenges face in preparation of DMTDP and APR.**

Key problems encountered during the implementation of the plan were inadequate funding due to non-release and irregular release of the Common Fund and DDF which were major sources of funding for implementation of the plan.

Other problems were low internally generated funds was a contributory factor for the unsuccessful implementation of most of the programmes/project in the DMTDP, Inadequate logistics to keep track on project, Untimely submission of requested information/data by departments.

## 1.5.District Profile

### 1.5.1 Location and Size

Asante Akim North District Assembly is one of the newly created districts in Ghana. It was carved out of the then Asante Akim North Municipal Assembly in 2012. It was established by LI 2057 and inaugurated on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. Agogo is the administrative capital of the District. The District shares boundaries with Sekyere Kumawu and Sekyere Afram Plains in the North, Kwahu East in the East, Asante Akim South and Asante Akim Central in the South and Sekyere East in the West. The district is located in the Eastern part of Ashanti Region and lies between latitude 6<sup>0</sup> 30' North and 7<sup>0</sup> 30' North and longitude 0<sup>0</sup> 15' West and 1<sup>0</sup> 20' West. It covers a total land area of 1,125square. The proximity of the district to Eastern Region provides ready for markets for its agricultural produce.

### 1.5.2. Population

According to the 2010 population and housing census, the total population of Asante Akim North District is 69,186. With an annual growth rate of 3.5percent this represents 1.4 percent of Ashanti Region's population. Based on this figure, the current (2017) is projected at 85,353. The District has five communities assuming urban status using a population of 5000 as a basis. They are Agogo, Domeabra, Juansa, Hwidiem and Wioso.

### 1.5.3.Population Density

Population density is the number of people per square kilometre of land. The District's projected population density for 2017 is 75.9 persons per square kilometer. The high population density may inflict severe strains on the available District's resources and infrastructure if not well managed.

## CHAPTER TWO

### MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

#### 2.0. Introduction

This chapter presents M&E Activities which includes programmes and projects status for the year 2017 and update on disbursements from funding sources as well as update on indicators and targets.

The M&E activities report provides an effective and efficient system for tracking the progress of programmes and projects in the District and to generate timely reports to the NDPC and other stakeholders through the Regional Planning Coordinating Units (RPCU).

The M&E activities report further assist to:

- ❖ Assess whether DMTDP 2014 – 2017 targets are being met
- ❖ Identify achievements, constraints and failures so that improvements can be made to the DMTDP 2014 – 2017 and project designs to achieve better impact
- ❖ Provide information for effective co-ordination of the District at the regional level
- ❖ Provide District Authorities, the government, development partners and the general public with better means for learning from past experiences
- ❖ Improve service delivery and influence allocation of resources in the District and demonstrate results as part of accountability and transparency.
- ❖ Reinforce ownership of the DMTDP and build M&E capacity within the District.

#### 2.1. Programmes/Projects Status for the year 2017

A total thirty-six programs and projects were undertaken in the year under the review. Out of the 35 projects/programs, Thirteen (13) of them representing 37.1 percent were physical projects. Out of the 13 projects, Seven (7) projects representing 53.4 percent have been completed and handed over. The remaining six (6) which represents 29.8 percent are still on-going and far advanced to be completed within the current year all things being equal.

**Table 1.2. PROJECT/PROGRAMME REGISTER**

No .	Project /Programme description	Thematic area of policy framework	Location	Contractor/ Consultant	Contract sum	Source of funding	Date of award	Date started	Expected date of completion	Expenditure to date	Outstanding Balance	Implementation status (%)	Remarks
1	Construction of 6 Bedroom Teachers Quarters	Human development, productivity and employment	Domeabra	DANKUS DEE	185,782.00	DDF	27/1/16	1/2/16	1/8/2016	180,353.00	5,782.00	100	Completed
2	Construction of a 2 Bedroom Teachers Quarters at Agogo Lot 1	Human development, productivity and employment	Agogo	M/S PUNAMA NI	310,162.26	DACF	8/11/16	15/11/16	10/5/17	81,524.00	228,638.00	65	On-going
3	Construction of 2No. Bedroom Semi Detached Teachers Quarters at	Human development, productivity and employment	Agogo	K-Hammer Ventures	310,689.57	DACF	8/11/16	15/11/16	10/5/17	46,603.44	264,086.00	55	On-going

	Agogo Lot2	nt											
4	Construction of CHPs Compound, Nurses Quarters, shed with walkway	Human development, productivity and employment	Bebome	Messrs Banicob const.works	250,578.00	DACF	3/05/16	10/05/16	9/01/17	81,524.33	169,053.67	45	On-going
5	Construction of 3 unit Classroom block	Human development, productivity and employment	Behwe	Adehyeman Star Ventures	188,600.00	DACF				28,290.00	160,310.00	25	On-going
6	Supply of 4No. Motorbikes	Transparent and Accountable Governance	Agogo	Vessrs Bancob Cons. Work	22,480.00	DACF				22,480.00	0.00	100	Completed
7	Supply of Dual Desk for Primary Schools	Human Development, productivity and employment	District Wide	M/S Charles Amoabeng Yeboah Ventures	71,720.00	DACF				71,720.00	0.00	100	Completed
8	Supply and Installation of	Transparency and	Agogo	Legend Brain	24,895	DACF	26/9/17	1/17	10/17	24,895.00	0.00	100	Comple

	Integrated System Services	Accountable Governance		Ventures	.00								ted
9	Construction of footbridge	Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement	Agogo	Direct Labour	1,000.00	DACF				1,000.00	0.00	100	Completed
10	Construction of 8.3mm by 1m Concrete Slab	Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement	Agogo	Direct Labour	2,500.00	DACF				2,500.00	0.00	100	Completed
11	Filing of approaches of 2No.900mm diameter Pipe culvert	Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement	Juansa-Dome	Direct Labour	45,000.00	DACF	07/17	07/17		45,000.00	0.00	100	Completed
12	Construction of Police Headquarters	Transparency and Accountable Governance	Agogo	Direct Labour	250,000.00	DACF	08/17	8/17		45,000.00	205,000.00	65	On-going
13	Collection and computerization	Enhancing and	District Wide	Ziba Consult	88,628.00	DACF	05/16	6/16	6/6/17	76,339.62	12,288.38	100	Completed

	n of Data	Ensuring Macroecomic Stability											
14	Training and Installation of Accounting Software	Enhancing and Ensuring Macroecomic Stability	Agogo	DKV Consult Gh Ltd	24,300.00	DACF				24,300.00	0.00	100	Completed
15	Erection of 30 no. electricity wooden poles	Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement	Agogo	Direct Labour	1000	DACF				1000.00	0.00	100	Completed
16	Evacuation of refuse dump	Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement	Agogo	Messrs Adehyema n Star Ventures	55,800.00	DACF		5/10/17	15/10/17	55,800.00	0.00	100	Completed
17	Security (Regulate the activities of Fulani Menace)	Accelerated Agricultural Modernization and Natural Resource Management	Agogo			DACF				159,145.00			Ongoing

		nt											
18	My first day at School	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide		4,000.00	DACF				4,000.00		100	Completed
19	Farmers Day Celebration	Accelerated Agricultural Modernization and Natural Resource Management	District wide		47,500.00	DACF				47,500.00			Completed
20	Provide care and support to PLVIS	Human Development Productivity and Employment	District wide		20,000.00	DACF				19,135.00		100%	
21	Provide scholarship to needy but brilliant students	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide			DACF				26,345.00			20 students benefited

		ent											
24.	Promote afforestation programme	Accelerated Agricultural Modernization and Natural Resource Management	District wide	Forestry Department/Mirror Company	15,000.0	DACF				5,000.00		45%	On-going
25	Promote Girl-Child education	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide		5000	DACF				5000.00		100%	Completed
26	Support to Self help projects	Transparency and Accountable Governance	District wide		25,000	DACF				18,392.00			Completed
27.	Support Best Teachers Award	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide		5,000	DACF							Completed

		ent											
28.	Const. of CHPS compound	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Pekyerekye	K-Hammers Ventures	179,004.00	DDF	27/1/16	1/2/16	1/8/16	179,004.00	0.00	100%	Completed and in use
29	Renovation of teachers Quarters	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Juansa,	Destex Enterprise	72,893.00	DACF	13/8/15	17/8/16	250,000	72,893.00	0.00	100%	Project Completed
30	Construction of 3 Bedroom Teachers Quarters	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Hwedie m	Messrs Banicob Con. works	185,024.00	DACF	27/1/16	1/2/16	1/8/16	185,024.00	0.00	100%	Completed
31	Support to rollback malaria	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GHS	5000	DACF				5000.00	0.00	100%	Completed
32	Support to	Human	District	GHS	3000	DACF				3,000.00	0.00	100%	Comple

	Immunization	Development, Productivity and Employment	wide										ted
33	Monitoring and Evaluation	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	DPCU	36,000	DACF				27,000	9,000.	80%	
34	Preparation of Budget	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Agogo	Finance and Administration	15,000	DACF						100%	Completed
35	Preparation of District Medium Term Development Plan	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Agogo	DPCU	35,000	DACF				20,000.00	15,000.00	90%	On-going
36	Supply of office equipment, tyres and	Transparency and Accountable	Agogo	Vopkings Company Ltd	40,750	DACF	07/17	08/17	08/17	40		100%	Completed

batteries	Governance												
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Table 1.3. Update on Funding Source

SOURCES	2014			2015			2016			2017	
	Approved Variance	Actual	Received	Approved Variance	Actual	Received	Approved Variance	Actual	Received	Approved	Actual Received
GOG	1,075,409.04	690,477.35	384,931.69	745,769.04	861,245.97	(115,476.93)	1,042,691.48	868,249.68	1,910,941.16	939,679.00	30,757.02

IGF	347,62 2.48	287,787.28	59,834.66	330,250.0 0	347,848. 44	17,598.4 4	362,59 8.52	454,848. 36	817,446.8 8	238,350. 00	106,204.60
DACF	895,17 3.28	844,438.87	50,734.41	3,414,584 .00	2,577,05 4.41	837,529. 59	691,32 2.00	448,513. 00	1,139,835. 00	4,027,17 5.00	-
DDF	267,63 7.08	257,069.79	10,567.29	506,154.0 0	315,261. 00	190,893. 00	3,663,0 22.00	2,413,93 6.92	6,076,958. 92	690 ,000.00	-
OTHE R											
Ru. Water supp. Pro.	154,00 0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sch. Feeding	323,65 1.04	423,203.61	(99,552.57 )	323,651.0 4	226,158. 67	97492.3 7	323,65 1.00	-	323,651.0 0	-	-
M- SHAP/ HIV	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,782. 00	14,756.8 9	15,025.11	18,390.0 0	1,549.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,063,4 92.92</b>	<b>2,502,977..4 4</b>	<b>406,515.48</b>	<b>5,320,408 .08</b>	<b>4,327,56 8.49</b>	<b>992,839. 59</b>	<b>6,113,0 67.00</b>	<b>4,200,30 4.85</b>	<b>10,283,85 8.07</b>	<b>5,913,59 4.00</b>	<b>138,510.69</b>

*Source:*

*Finance*

*Office,*

*2018*

Table 1.4. Update on disbursement

<b>PERSONNEL EMOLUMENT (Wages and Salaries)</b>						
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Requested as Planned(A)</b>	<b>Approved as per ceiling(B)</b>	<b>Released C</b>	<b>A-B</b>	<b>Deviations B-C</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure D</b>
<b>2014</b>	1,075,409.04	1,075,409.04	690,477.35		384,931.69	690,477.35
<b>2015</b>	745,769.04	745,769.04	861,245.97		(115,476.93)	861,245.97
<b>2016</b>	1,042,691.48	1,042,691.48	868,249.68		174,441.80	868,249.68
<b>2017</b>	939,679.00	939,679.00	30,757.02		908,921.98	30,757.02
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE / ASSETS</b>						
<b>2014</b>	267,637.08	267,637.08	257,069.79		10,567.29	257,069.79
<b>2015</b>	506,154.00	506,154.00	315,261.00		190,893.00	315,261.00
<b>2016</b>	3,663,022.00	3,663,022.00	2,413,936.92		1,249,085.08	2,413,936.92
<b>2017</b>	690,000.00	690,000.00	-		690,000.00	-
<b>GOODS AND SERVICES</b>						
<b>2014</b>	<b>1,720,446.80</b>	<b>1,720,446.80</b>	1,812,500.09		(92,053.29)	1,812,500.09
<b>2015</b>	<b>4,574,639.04</b>	<b>4,574,639.04</b>	3,466,322.52		1,108,316.52	3,466,322.52
<b>2016</b>	<b>5,070,375.52</b>	<b>5,070,375.52</b>	5,070,375.52		-	5,070,375.52
<b>2017</b>	<b>4,973,915.00</b>	<b>4,973,915.00</b>	138,510.69		4,835,404.31	138,510.69

*Source: Finance Office, 2018*

## 2.2. Core District Indicators

Indicators are quantitative and qualitative factors or variables that provide a simple and reliable basis for assessing achievement, change or performance. They are units of information measured over time that can help show changes in a specific condition. A given goal or objective can have multiple indicators. These indicators have been presented in table 1.5 showing the District Core Indicators, the district baseline of 2013 figures, the 2017 District targets and 2017 indicator level or level of achievements for the respective thematic areas. Some of the baseline figures for the indicators could not be obtained because there are no reliable data on them. Efforts would however be made to collect them in the ensuing years

Table 1.5: Update on District Core Indicators and Targets

	Indicator (Categorised by GSGDA II Thematic Areas)	Baseline (2013)	Target 2017	Actual 2017	Target 2016	Actual 2016	Target 2015	Actual 2015	Target 2014	Actual 2014
	<b>PRIVATE SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS</b>									
1.	Change in yield of selected crops, livestock and fish (%)	2.5	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.2
	Maize		4.1	3.6	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.4	4.1	2.6
	Rice (milled)	19	18.5	16.6	18.8	16.6	18.5	20	18.5	13.7
	Cassava		8.8	6.8	8.8	6.8	8.8	8.9	8.8	5.2
	Yam	8.5	17.2	15.2	17.2	15.7	17.2	14.9	17.2	14.9
	Plantain		120	92	120	82	120	85	120	76
	Onion		2.0	1.4	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.6	2.0	1.2
	Cowpea	7.2	7.5	6.9	7.5	6.9	7.5	7.4	7.5	6.3
	Cocoyam									
2.	Proportion/length of roads maintained/Rehabilitated									
	- Trunk Roads (in km)									
	- Urban Roads (in km)		2km		18km		5km			
	- Feeder Roads (in km)									
3.	% change in number of households with access to electricity		85	56	56	85	54	85	85	54
4.	Hectares of degraded forest, mining, dry and wet lands									

	<b>Indicator (Categorised by GSGDA II Thematic Areas)</b>	<b>Baseline (2013)</b>	<b>Target 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Target 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Target 2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Target 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>
	rehabilitated/restored:	7,000	7,000	50,000	7,000	4,000		3,500		3,000
	a. Forest									
	b. Mining									
	c. Dry and wetland									
5.	Change in tourist arrivals (%)									
6.	Teledensity/Penetration rate:									
	<b>HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b>									
7.	HIV/AIDS prevalence rate (% of adult population, 15-49 yrs. HIV positive)									
8.	Maternal Mortality ratio (Number of deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth per 100,000 live births)		0.5	1.5	0.5	1.8	0.5	1.6	0.5	1.7
9.	Under-five mortality rate (Number of deaths occurring between birth and exact age five per 1000 live births)		0	0.7	0	0.8	0	0.6	0	0.8
10.	Malaria case fatality in children under five years per 10,000 population		0.5	1.5	0	0.8	0.5	1.6	0.5	1.7
11.	Percent of population with sustainable access to safe water sources <sup>1</sup>		85	65	85	60	85	54	95	53
12.	Proportion of population with access to improved sanitation (flush toilets, KVIP, Household latrine)		95	56	95	53	95	53	95	55

	<b>Indicator (Categorised by GSGDA II Thematic Areas)</b>	<b>Baseline (2013)</b>	<b>Target 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Target 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Target 2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Target 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>
	<b>a.</b> Gross Enrolment Rate (Indicates the number of pupils/students at a given level of schooling- regardless of age- as proportion of the number children in the relevant age group) - Primary - JSS - SSS									
	<b>b.</b> Net Admission Rate in Primary Schools (Indicates Primary One enrolment of pupils aged 6 years)									
		91.8		88.6		88.2		78.4		81.4
13.	Gender Parity Index (Ratio between girls' and boys' enrolment rates, the balance of parity is 1.00)	0.92		1		0.99		0.99		0.95
14.	Proportion of unemployed youth benefiting from skills/apprenticeship and entrepreneurial training		15	0	15	0	15	6	15	0
	<b>GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY</b>									
15.	Total amount of internally generated revenue	NA			454,84 8.36	817,44 6.88	17,598 .44)	17,598. 44)	287,78 7.28	59,834 .66
16.	Amount of Development Partner and NGO funds contribution to DMTDP implementation									
17.	% of DA expenditure within the DMTDP budget (How much of DA's expenditure was not in the annual budget?)									
18.	Number of reported cases of abuse (children, women		0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

	<b>Indicator (Categorised by GSGDA II Thematic Areas)</b>	<b>Baseline (2013)</b>	<b>Target 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Target 2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Target 2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015</b>	<b>Target 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>
	and men)K									
19.	Police citizen ratio									

### 2.3. Critical Development and Poverty Issues

Table 1.6: Critical Development and Poverty Issues

Critical Development and Poverty Issues	Allocation GH¢	Actual receipt GH¢	No of beneficiaries	
			Targets	Actuals
Ghana School Feeding Programme	-	-	5,402	4,858
Capitation Grants				
Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme	224052	224052	533	486
One District-One Factory Programme	-	-	-	-
Planting for Food and Jobs Programme	-	125,991	745	593
Free SHS			2,186	2,186
One Village-One Dam Programme	-	-	-	-
One Constituency-One Million Dollars Programme	-	-	-	-

*Source: DPCU, 2018*

## 2.4. Progress Report of Non – Physical Projects

### 2.6.1. Agriculture

#### 2.6.1.1. Agricultural Extension **Capacity**

**Human Resource:** - The Department is woefully resourced in terms of human resource. The department has total strength of 17 staff, 9 AEA's, 6 management staff and two (2) supporting staff such as Accountant and Typist/Secretary. We also have Seven (7) Youth Employment Agencies who are also AEA's supporting Planting for Food and Jobs activities in the department making the general staff to be 23.

**Extension Coverage:** - The District roughly has 180 farming communities; 35 communities were covered by Agricultural Extension Agents during the year. Some of the extension messages disseminated were on: Group cohesion dynamics, row transplanting of rice, postharvest management of rice, timely weed management, fertilizer application, safe use of agrochemicals and farm maintenance

#### **Technologies Disseminated**

The following technologies were disseminated during the period under review.

- ❖ Water harvesting techniques using bunds and weir in rice fields.
- ❖ Post-harvest management of cereals and legumes using PICS bags
- ❖ Plantain suckers pairing
- ❖ Weed management and pest/diseases control
- ❖ Introduction of climate smart crop (drought and heat tolerance crop varieties)
- ❖ Nursery management
- ❖ Hot water seed treatment
- ❖ No – till (conservation Agriculture)
- ❖ Fertilizer application
- ❖ Planting in rows
- ❖ Threshing of rice using Bambam box and tarpaulin
- ❖ Correct and safe use of agro-chemicals
- ❖ Seed production
- ❖ Crop rotation
- ❖ Paddling and levelling in rice fields.
- ❖ Identification and control of Fall Army Worm

### Major Activities Carried Out By Farmers

Major activities carried out by farmers were; planting of major and minor season maize, transplanting of tomato, pepper and egg plants, construction/mending of maize storage barns, weed management, pest/disease management, harvesting of major season maize, vegetables, tomatoes, pepper, onions, land preparation, transplanting of rice seedlings, harvesting of groundnut, spraying against insect pest and planting of oil palm.

Table 1.7. Planting for food and Jobs

No.	INPUT	QTY. RECEIVED	QTY. IN ISSUED	QTY. IN STOCK	REMARKS
1	OPV Maize	147	136.4	10.6 (bags)	7 bags out of the 10.6 bags of OPV seeds in stock are heavily infested with weevil
2	Hybrid maize	50	22	28 (bags)	Half bag of the hybrid seeds were given to farmers who had poor germination percentage for refilling
3	Rice	200	71.8	37.2 (bags)	6.4 bags out of the 110 seeds utilized by the district was given out to farmers who had 10% seed germination (initial seed supplied to them) as replacement and 4 bags were also broken which got infested with weevils.
4	Tomato	211	210	1	
5	Pepper	97	95	2	
6	Onion	296	216	216 sachets	
7	NPK	4350	2676	1674	66 bags were broken and had to be rebagged which we obtained 32 bags
8	Urea	1800	1413	387	8 bags broken and rebagged to obtained 5.8 bags
9	Ammonia	338	5	332	

**NB.** Two hundred and twenty-six (226) of NPK and Thirty-six bags of UREA fertilizers were sold to onion, tomato and water melon farmers who had already planted the fields before the PFJ inputs came as discussed at the district PFJ committee meeting.

Table 1.8. Performance of Planting for Food & Jobs (PFJ)

MM DA	Crops	Variety	Area cropped (Ha)	Average yield (MT/Ha )	Estimated production (MT)	No of Farmers				
						Male	Femal e	Yout h	Aged	PLW Ds
	Maize	OPV	682			255	19			
		Hybrid	38.5			7	0			
	Rice (Paddy)	Agra	156			90	6			
	Millet									
	Tomatoe s	Peptomech	210			140	13			
	Pepper	Cayenne Long Red	96			56	3			
	Onion	Red Creole	5			4	0			
	<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>552</b>	<b>41</b>			

Department of Agriculture, 2018

Table 1.9. Summary of Activities Implemented

Program	Activity	Target	Number of Participants / Beneficiaries	Outcome	Source of
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Objective		group						PLWDs		Funds
			Male	Female	Youth	Aged				
<b>Food Security and Emergency Preparedness</b>	Generate and pay revenue into Vet Services Directorate fund account.		0	0	0	0	0		Funds generated have been paid into Vet. Services Directorate Fund Account.	
	Intensify educational campaigns on the correct use of agro-chemicals	Farmers	34	8					Farmers implement safety measures at the time of agro-chemical application and also wholesome produce obtained for the market.	MAG
	Introduce and demonstrate climate smart crops varieties to farmers.	Farmers	37	25					One of maize ,cowpea and rice established to train farmers within the district.	MAG
	Organize district planning session among stakeholders in the agricultural sector.	Stakeholders	22	8					Action plan for the district drawn to address the challenges.	MAG

	Organize plant clinic activities	Farmers	58	40				Reduction of pest and diseases by 30%.	MAG
	Train lactating mothers on preparation of weanimix to improve growth in children under 5 years.	Lactating mothers	1	55				Growth of children improved.	MAG
	Active diseases surveillance in both domestic, wild animals and birds		31	21				500 cattle and 1,200 of small ruminants vaccinated against CBPP	MAG
	JICA Rice demonstration in 5 communities.	Farmers	33	7				40% of rice yields increased.	
	Identification and management of the Fall Army worm.	Maize farmer	204	54				Fall Army Worm has been identified by farmers and can now spray into the tunnel, early in the morning and	GOG

								late evening.	
	Sensitization on the control of citrus angular leaf and black spot.	Citrus farmers	4	1				Farmers now sprays combination of both systemic and contact fungicides. Gathering of falling fruits and disposal s.	GOG
	Education for farmers on Planting for Food and Jobs.	Farmers	586	43				629 benefited for the PFJ during major and minor season.	GOG
	Train poultry farmers in biosecurity	Poultry farmers	16	2				18 poultry farmers trained.	MAG
	Hold Staff meetings to review project activities.	Staff	23	4				Staffs were constantly updated with currents agricultural development	
	Conduct 4 weekly and 3 monthly market surveys	Market women/ men	3	14				Data on food staples made available to beneficiary clients	MAG
	Train women on nutrition and diet improvement	Women	5	42				Growth of children improved	MAG
	Train		8	6				Housing of livestock	MAG

	livestock farmers on improved housing							improved	
	Train farmers on supplementary feeding of small ruminants		10	7				Growth of small ruminant improved.	MAG
<b>Improved growth in incomes</b>	Build the capacity of nursery operators on good nursery management practices	Nursery operators	36	5				Healthy cocoa seedlings produced in the district and production increased.	MAG
	Create awareness on rabies existence and organize immunization programs.		950	550				115 dogs (pets) vaccinated against Rabies.	MAG
	Introduce and demonstrate cashew crop as alternative livelihood to farmers in the	Farmers	59	54				4 acres of cashew plantation established within the district.	MAG

	communities.								
	Collaborate with Econest to train and support farmers to acquire knowledge in Grasscutter, snails and Bees as alternative livelihood	Farmers	39	21				Knowledge of Grasscutter, snails and Bee farmers enhanced.	MAG
	Train AEAs on formation of FBO.	AEAs	19	4				Two (2) FBOs formed in 2 operational area's.	MAG
	Demonstration to pig farmers on good breeding stock and husbandry practice.	Pig farmers /Non pig farmers	60	3				Most farmers now implementing good husbandry practice.	MAG
	Train farmers to promote inland fish farming	Fish Farmers/ Non fish farmers	31	1				Farmers eager to construct fish pond to support their other Agricultural activities.	MAG
	Train staff	Staff and farmers	41	11					JICA

	and farmers on rice production								
<b>Sustainable management of land and Environment</b>	Surveillance and identification of sites/communities to establish vegetable villages by supervisors	Vegetable farmers	0	6				Most of the sites identified in the district.	MAG
	Collaborate with Dr. Boa and RADU to train and establish no-till (Conservation agriculture) demonstration farm	Farmers	10	6				One demonstration plot established by the district on conservation agriculture on plantain.	MAG
	Liase with farmers at pekyerekye operational area to establish	Farmers	75	25				Farmers preparing towards the dry season to construct mini dams to support their vegetable and rice farms.	MAG

	<p>small scale irrigation schemes along the ANNUM RIVER and also establish vegetable village at the area to boost farmers capacity to produce high valued vegetables to meet the standard on the domestic and international markets.</p>								
	<p>Organize training on post-harvest management on grains and legumes</p>	Farmers	46	22				<p>Yields of farmers improved.</p>	MAG
	<p>Training on the utilization of plantain, cassava and</p>	Bakers	5	39				<p>Bakers were happy and willing to use plantain, cocoyam and cassava flour</p>	MAG

	cocoyam flour to prepare pastries							on a proportion for bread and other pastries.	
	Train staff and farmers on container management.	Staff and farmers	58	6					Crop life/FAO
<b>Science and Technology applied in food and agriculture development.</b>	Introduction and demonstration of Air tight cereal bags to staff to train farmers.	Farmers	20	7				Airtight bags introduced to farmers and their grains are now free from weevils and any other pest.	MAG
	Introduce 2 new cassava processing machines to gari processors in Juansa and Ananekrom.	Gari processors	5	32				Two (2) new cassava processor machines distributed to two communities and processing groups preparing to purchase in large quantity.	MAG
<b>Improve institutional coordination</b>	Organize two (2) stakeholders meetings on cattle ranching among cattle herdsman,	Fulani herdsman	38	1				Cattle owners agreed to start ranching in 2017 and 2018.	

	District Assembly, Opinion leaders, Chiefs, Department of Agric, Cattle farmers								
	Undertake monitoring visits by DDA, DAOs and DVO on MAG activities in the district.	Farmers	325	175				Reliable data obtained, documented and disseminated to appropriate quarters.	MAG
	Undertake home and farm visits by AEA's.	Farmers	3,800	2,200				350 farming communities, covered by Extension services with improved farming technologies on rice, maize, cassava and livestock production.	MAG
	Training of Agric. Extension workers on data collection and	DAOs and AEAs	19	4				Extension workers can now write good report and take accurate data.	MAG

	reporting.								
	Monitoring of Planting for Food and Jobs beneficiaries.		4	1				Yields of maize ,tomato, rice, onion and pepper increased.	GOG
	Organise District Farmers Day Celebration		280	170				23 outstanding farmers were awarded and one Agric. worker.	DACF

Source: Agriculture Department, 2018

#### 2.6.2. Gender Mainstreaming Programmes Implemented

Fifty-five (75) farmers were engaged in discussions in 2017 on the roles of both men and women in the production, harvesting and marketing of their vegetables, plantain, cassava and rice. The importance and capacity of each sex as well as the comparative advantages in the agriculture sector were touched. In all, 45 males and 30 female farmers were reached at some selected communities. Discussion was also held on inter-cropping of other crops with cowpea and vegetables, and their inclusion in diet for improved nutrition. Ideas were also shared on the need to plan the farm enterprises with one's spouse. The staffs of the Agriculture Department were advised to keep record on female farmers' participation in farming activities.

#### 2.6.3. Physical Projects Monitored

The DPCU in collaboration with other Units and Departments constantly monitored all on-going and completed projects of the Assembly and reported on the progress of work to Management.

#### 2.6.4. Compilation/Submission of quarterly reports of all departments

The DPCU collated and integrated the quarterly reports of all decentralized departments of the Assembly and submitted the four quarterly progress reports to Regional Co-ordinating Council (RCC).

#### 2.6.5. Social Welfare and Community development

##### ***Child Rights Promotion and Protection***

The Department recorded Seven five (75) cases throughout the year. Out of the total number recorded cases recorded four two (42) were successfully settled, twenty six (26) are still pending,

two (2) have been referred to the court, three (3) cases withdrawn home whereas *two (2) have been struck out because both parties failed to appear for resolution.*

Most of the cases recorded came from Agogo Township especially, Bontodiase, New Town, Zongo and Obuasi. Two cases came from Ananekrom, while one reported case came from Juansa.

### ***Promote Child Protection***

The department during the review period visited schools and churches and sensitized them on the need to promote child protection. The purpose was to ensure that schools and communities draw and implement child protection activities and to assist communities in drawing and implementing action plans towards child protection. Children were educated on the identification of safe and unsafe areas and persons they can trust

### ***Day Care Centres***

The Department successfully conducted all monitoring exercises this year. The total number of children increased during the last quarter which was attributed to new entrants. The number of care-givers decreased due to admission into tertiary institutions. Major problem identified this year include; poor record keeping, poor sanitation and lack of adequate skills for care-givers. The Department successfully conducted one training session for care-givers this year.

### ***Community Care***

A total amount of GHC 12, 873.64 was accessed by the Asante Akim North District Assembly representing arrears of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 2014 Disability fund. This was accessed during the latter part of December 2016. The coffers of the District's disability fund currently stand at GHC 5, 176.71 out of which sitting allowances, ICT project for PWDs and other unforeseen eventualities are catered for. 22 out of the 27 approved pending applications as of the previous sitting (September 2016) were settled during the year with the release of the Disability fund. The 22 beneficiaries represent 12 males and 10 females. It also includes 3' visually impaired, 13 physically challenged, 5 deaf and dumb and 1 mentally retarded person.

The District through the Department successfully co-operated with the Team from the National Common Fund Secretariat and the National Council for Persons with Disability during the national registration of Persons with Disability (PWDs). In all the team verified and approved data on 758 PWDs in the District. Prior to the verification exercise, the Department through it's officers toured the entire District and registered all PWDs in their respective localities. Adequate preparations were

put in place to host the verification and approval exercise. The Department has since also registered 40 PWDs (25 males and 15 females) yet to be forwarded to the Team for the necessary action. The Common fund Secretariat released an amount of GH¢ 5, 000.00 to the Department through the District Assembly for the entire exercise.

### ***LEAP***

The Asante Akim North District is benefiting from the LEAP Programme, where cash transfer are made to extremely poor household beneficiaries.

There are 486 registered household members benefiting from the programme. In addition, all LEAP beneficiaries also enjoy free NHIS.

Generally, LEAP payment and other monitoring activities went on successfully during the under review. Starting from the 46<sup>th</sup> payment cycle in January, all the others went on smoothly. The 51<sup>st</sup> payment cycle was conducted between 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Officials from the G.N Bank reported at Nyinamponase Central to make payment.

TOTAL NO. OF REGISTERED HOUSEHOLD BENEFICIARIES IN THE DISTRICT: **486**

TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES CREDITED: **486**

TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES NOT CREDITED: **0**

TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED: **224052**

TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED: **224052**

TOTAL NO. OF BENEFICIARIES DISCONTINUED: *Nil*

TOTAL NO. OF CASES MANAGED: *One*

### ***Child Labour Education***

Series of education campaign were embarked upon at Magyeda, Adinkrakrom, Pataban and Ananekrom. This was a collaborative effort between GES, NCCE, and The non-formal education department with support from world vision Ghana. This was because children are sometime used in farming activities, hawking etc. Instead of being parents and community leaders were advised to assign light work to the children. They were also told to stop giving young girls in marriage.

## **Gender Issues**

The department in collaboration with the Business Advisory Centre provided skill training for women and the vulnerable in society in basic soap making. This initiative focused on reducing the level of economic dependency and to equip the less privileged in society with some employable skills. A total of 58 people benefited from the training (8 males and 50 females).

### 2.6.5. Environmental Health

#### ***Promote Household Toilet Facilities***

Regularly education on the need to construct household latrine were carried out on radio stations in the district. Also the assembly is currently participating in the National Sanitation Challenge program aim aims at assisting fifty (50) households to construct latrines. Also, Health and hygiene promotion programmes has been carried out in schools, communities and churches by World Vision International

#### ***Fumigation/Spraying***

Spraying of drains, sanitary sites, public toilets and markets were undertaken quarterly.

Beneficiary communities include Agogo, Hwediem, and Juansa

## **Physical Planning**

#### ***Sensitization and Education of the general public***

The Department continuously sensitized the general public on planning, permit acquisition and gender mainstreaming in spatial planning during the review period, even though the proposed radio discussion could not be organized, there were various engagements with individual members of the general public.

#### ***Engage and consult Traditional Authorities and Land Owners***

During the review period, the Department Continuously engaged and consulted Traditional Authorities and Land Owners to ensure the preparation of Local Plans (Layouts) before they lease out Lands to prospective developers.

### 2.6.6. Forestry Department

#### ***Establishment of Nurseries***

The Department during the review period lifted seedlings to various planting sites. 3000 seedlings of various tree species were lifted from the nursery to be planted. 3000 Cassia and 1000 Ofram seedlings were raised and maintained during this period.

## **Education**

### ***My First Day at School***

The department in collaboration with the DA organized my first day at school and items distributed to the selected schools.

### ***STME***

Six schools were visited where mathematics and science teachers met and discussed how to teach the basic electronic in basic schools Promote Cultural heritage in Basic Schools

In the quest to instill in pupils the value of our cultural heritage, the department collaborated with the Centre for National Culture to form cultural groups at the various circuits. A district cultural troupe was also formed

### ***Ghana School Feeding Programme***

To achieve a universal Basic Education, the Government of Ghana introduced the School Feeding Programme to provide free meals to basic school pupils. The strategy is to encourage parents and guardians to send their children to at the recommended age. 4, 858 (2,211 boys and 2,647 girls) pupils benefit from the programme.

## **Health**

### ***Sensitize the public on malaria control and HIV AIDS***

Health education on malaria and HIV Aids were given on the FM stations within the district. Education was also given at OPD, Child welfare clinics, Antenatal clinics postnatal clinics throughout the district. 4000 treated bed nets were distributed free of charge to pregnant women and children at 18month

### ***Combat under five mortality/develop staff in customer care***

Staffs were given in-service training in customer care.

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **EVALUATIONS CONDUCTED, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **3.0 Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation**

Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation (P.M & E) is one of the most valuable tools used to capture perceptions and assess whether the planned development interventions introduced have met the beneficiaries' expectations, notably the poor and vulnerable in the society. For an effective Participatory M & E, the DPCU educated and also raised awareness among the beneficiaries by involving them in the selection of achievable indicators to monitor the intervention implemented in the respective communities. The major activity the DPCU undertook under participatory M & E was the promotion of partnerships between the District Assembly and identified stakeholders in participatory Monitoring and Evaluation methods. For social analysis and participatory impact assessment, the DPCU adopted Focus Group Discussions (F.G.Ds) as the main Participatory M & E tool and methodology.

#### **3.1. The Way Forward**

The District Assembly is making effort to generate more internally generated fund to support its activities. Again, members of the DPCU are sensitized to appreciate the work of DPCU.

Notwithstanding, there are other issues to be addressed. These include: delays in the release of DACF and directives from the Central Government with regards to disbursement of funds as well as Capacity building of DPCU members in M & E activities and project management.

#### **3.2 Recommendation**

The following recommendations are however made to ensure full implementation of development policies, programmes and projects in the DMTDP;

- The District Administration has to take advantage of capacity building component of the DDF to build the capacity of DPCU members in areas such as M&E and project management skills.
- The Assembly must ensure timely completion of projects
- The irregular deductions from the DACF as a result of unplanned purchases on behalf of the DAs should be stopped
- Steps should be taken to provide a separate and functional NHIA District Office in the Asante Akim North District to allow for quality and accessible service and further provision of credible data that correspond to the existing situation in the District for development planning purposes