

ASANTE AKIM NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT MEDIUM-TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2018-2021)



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CHAPTER ONE

DISTRICT PROFILE AND M&E REPORT

1.0. Background

The 2020 Annual Progress Report (APR) provides assessment of the implementation of policies and strategies outlined in the 2018-2021 (DMTDP) under the Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda (GSGDA), during the year 2020. It is the 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 2020 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 2020. It also documents key policy measures and strategies implemented during that year to bring about the expected changes in these indicators.

1.1. District Profile

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 28th 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° 30' North and 7° 30' North and longitude 0° 15' West and 1° 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.

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 3.5 percent this represents 1.4 percent of Ashanti Region's population. Based on this figure, the current (2020) is projected at 91,631. The District has five communities assuming urban status using a population of 5000 as a basis. They are Agogo, Domeabra, Juansa, Hwidiem and Wioso.

Population Density

Population density is the number of people per square kilometre of land. The District's projected population density for 2019 is 75.9 persons per square kilometer. The high population density may inflict severe strains on the available social amenities and infrastructure if not properly managed and extended.

CHAPTER TWO

INTRODUCTION

2.0 Purpose of Monitoring and Evaluation for Annual Progress Report for 2020

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 2020 as captured in the DMTDP (2018-2021). Again, another objective is to assess whether the programmes, projects and objectives stated are still significant to the stated objectives. The 2020 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.

2.1. 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 2018-2021. 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 2020 for all programmes under each thematic area and other interventions not covered with the Medium Term Plan.

About 69.9% of the programmes were fully implemented, 24% were on-going and about 10.9% were not implemented. Other projects which were not covered in the plan but implemented (9%) was the School Feeding Programme which benefited 22 schools and the Cocoa Road Project which was carried out in the late December 2016 but has been suspended by the government.

2.2. Status of Implementation of the DMTDP

A total of 82 projects and programmes were earmarked for implementation in the Composite Annual Action Plan for 2020. The programmes and projects were implemented based on 2020 Annual Action Plan of District Medium Term Development Plan. The breakdown of the projects are as follows: Completed, On-going interventions and interventions yet to start. The Proportion of the overall medium-term development plan implemented at the end of the year was also indicated on the table.

Table 2.0: Proportion of Annual Action Plans implemented by the end of the Year.

Indicators	2018	2019	2020
Proportion of the annual action plans implemented by the end of the year			
Percentage completed	46%	42%	69.9%
Percentage of ongoing interventions	25%	45%	24%
Percentage of interventions yet to start	29%	13%	10.9%
Proportion of the overall medium-term development plan implemented by the end of the year	19%	36%	52%

SOURCE: DPCU, 2020

2.3. Processes followed in the preparation of the 2020 Annual Progress Report

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 2020 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.

2.4. Processes Involved in Monitoring and Evaluation

The following processes were involved in undertaking the monitoring and evaluation activities, and they 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.

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

2.5. Challenges faced in the preparation of the DMTDP and APR

Key challenges encountered during the implementation of the plan were as follow;

- ✓ Inadequate funding due to non-release and irregular release of the Common Fund which is a major source of funding for the implementation of the plan.
- ✓ Low internally generated funds (IGF) was also a contributory factor for the unsuccessful implementation of most of the programmes/project in the DMTDP.
- ✓ Inadequate logistics to keep track on projects and programmes.
- ✓ Untimely submission of requested information/data by the various department.

CHAPTER THREE

MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

3.0. Introduction

This chapter presents Monitoring and Evaluation Activities, which includes; programmes and projects status for the year 2020 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 2018 – 2021 targets are being met.
- ✓ Identify achievements, constraints and failures so that improvements can be made to the DMTDP 2018 – 2021 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.

3.1. Programmes/Projects Status for the year 2020.

A total of Seventy Four (74) programs and projects were undertaken in the year under review.

Out of the 74 projects and programs, 16 (21.6%) were physical projects. A total of 54 (73%) Projects/programmes have been completed and handed over for usage.

The remaining 20 (27%) projects and programmes are still on-going and far advanced to be completed within the current year all things being equal.

Table 3.1: Update on Expenditure

Expenditure Item	2019	2020	
	Baseline	Target	Actual
Compensation	2,290,137.23	2,859,178.55	2,604,472.54
Goods and Services	3,101,303.00	3,805,714.96	3,094,326.11
Investment /Assets	3,693,47.85		
Grants	-	251,222.00	204,438.47
Social Benefit	-		
Others	2,374,15.60	366,721.00	287,400.65
TOTAL	5,998,203.68	7,282,836.51	6,190,637.77

Source: Finance Department, BDA, 2020

Table 3.2: Update on Expenditure

Sources	2019	2020	
Expenditure Item	Baseline	Target	Actual
IGF	Actual	823,437.10	661,233.21
DACF	624,848.02	3,037,993.25	2,162,221.86
MP's CF	2,664,005.11	344,222.00	326,568.37
PWD's CF	346,465.51	319,011.00	293,011.00
GSFP	-	-	-
DDF	-	742,881.99	659,764.99
LEAP	364,299.61	-	-
GOG()	-	2,741,265.07	2,578,553.78
DONOR	1,493,42.40	183,382.09	164,375.81
GOG (Salaries)	48,799.03	-	-
OTHERS	2,172,971.02	-	-
TOTAL	-	8,192,192.5	6,845,729.02

Source: Finance Department, BDA, 2020

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3.2 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 2020 District targets and 2020 indicator level or level of achievements for the respective thematic areas.

Table 3.4: Performance of core indicators at the district level

	Indicator (categorized by Development Dimension of Agenda for Jobs)	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
	Total output of agricultural production			
1	Staples	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
2.0	Maize	2.9	3.5	3.2
	Rice (Milled)	3.4	4.2	4.1
	Yam	7.7	8.5	8.0
	Plantain	16.9	17.5	17.1
	Cassava	18.3	19.0	18.2
	Cocoyam	7.2	8.0	7.1
	Millet	NA	NA	NA
	Groundnut	3.0	3.5	3.1
	Cowpea	1.9	2.0	1.4
	Sorghum	NA	NA	NA

	Oil palm	NA	NA	NA
	Selected Cash Crop	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Cocoa	6.7	NA	NA
	Shea butter	1.6	NA	NA
	Oil palm	NA	NA	NA
	Cashew nut	1.11	NA	NA
	Cotton	1.2	NA	NA
	Coconut	1.0	NA	NA
	Pineapple	2.0	NA	NA
	Pawpaw	NA	NA	NA
	Mango	NA	NA	NA
	Banana	NA	NA	NA
	Livestock and Poultry (Count)	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Cattle	54,360	57,843	56,440
	Sheep	6,301	71,76	7,010
	Goat	9,143	10,452	10,042
	Pig	1,590	1,898	1,766
	Poultry	38,144	41,353	40,961
	Fisheries	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Tilapia Busumana (Apatere)	65,300	69,457	68,341
2	Percentage of Arable Land under Cultivation	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Staple Crops	67%	65%	69%
	Selected Cash Crops	50%	56%	
3	Number of New Industries Established	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Agriculture	1	2	0
	Industry	0	1	2
	Service	3	5	3

4	Number of new Jobs created	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Agriculture	170	185	122
	Industry	0	25	17
	Service	23	32	25
	NABCO	-	350	309

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

5	Net enrolment rate	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Kindergarten	90	75	78.6
	Primary	95.8	88.3	92
	JHS	46.3	41.2	43.7

6	Gender parity	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Kindergarten	1.03	1.06	1.06
	Primary	1.05	1.02	1.03
	JHS	0.97	0.94	0.95
	SHS	1.11	0.95	1.14

7	Completion rate	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Kindergarten	115	103.1	115.3
	Boys	111.3	109.6	108.4
	Girls	119.1	96.8	122.9
	Primary	91.4	91.1	94.5
	Boys	91.5	91.9	95.1
	Girls	91.3	90.2	93.8
JHS	65.7	60.9	65.8	

	SHS	123.2	45.3	46.2
8	Number of operational health facilities	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	CHPS	-	7	7
	Clinics	-	4	4
	Hospitals	1	1	1
9	Proportion of population with valid NHIS card	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	TOTAL	NA	NA	NA
	Male	NA	NA	NA
	Female	NA	NA	NA
	Indigents	NA	NA	NA
	Informal	NA	NA	NA
	Aged	NA	NA	NA
	Under 18years	NA	NA	NA
	Pregnant women	NA	NA	NA
10	Proportion of population with access to basic drinking water sources	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	District	61.5	67.5	63.1
	Urban	66	70	67.2
	Rural	57	65	59
11	Proportion of population with access to improved sanitation services	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	District	65%	70	60.2
	Urban	58	65	59.2
	Rural	73	75	62

12	Number of births and deaths registered	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Birth	NA	NA	NA
	Male	NA	NA	NA
	Female	NA	NA	NA
	Death	NA	NA	NA
	Male	NA	NA	NA
	Female	NA	NA	NA
	Age Group (Deaths)	NA	NA	NA
	Children (Below 18 years)	NA	NA	NA
	Youth (18 – 35 years)	NA	NA	NA
	Adult (above 35 years)	NA	NA	NA
13	Total number of recorded cases of child trafficking and abuse	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Child Trafficking	0	0	0
	Male	-	-	-
	Female	-	-	-
	Child Abuse	0	0	0
	Male	-	-	-
	Female	-	-	-
14		Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Maternal mortality ratio (Institutional)	2.1	-	1.4
15	Malaria case fatality (Institutional)	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Male	-	-	-
	Female	-	-	-

	Children (Below 18 years)	-	-	-
	Youth (18 – 35 years)	-	-	-
	Adult (above 35 years)	-	-	-
ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS				
16	Percentage of road network in good condition	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Total	55	60	55
	Urban	50	60	40
	Feeder	40	55	50
17	Percentage of communities covered by electricity	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	District	68	90	87.5
	Rural	49.5	65	60
	Urban	100	100	100
GOVERNANCE, CORRUPTION AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY				
		Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
18	Percentage of Annual Action Plan implemented	36%	-	27%
19	Reported cases of crime	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Rape	0	0	0
	Armed robbery	0	0	0
	Defilement	2	2	2
	Murder	0	0	0
	Other cases of crime	0	0	0
20	Number of communities affected by disaster	Baseline (2019)	Target (2020)	Actual (2020)
	Bushfire	2	2	2
	Floods	0	0	0

Source: Monitoring & Evaluation Report, 2020

Table 3.5: Update on Critical Development and Poverty Issues In 2020

Critical Development and Poverty Issues	Allocation GH¢	Actual receipt GH¢	No of beneficiaries	
			Targets	Actuals
Ghana School Feeding Programme	-	-	-	14,085
Capitation Grants				
Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme	224052	224052	533	486
One District-One Factory Programme	NA	NA	NA	NA
Planting for Food and Jobs Programme	-	125,991	750	602
Free SHS	-	-	2,186	2,186
One Village-One Dam Programme	NA	NA	NA	NA
One Constituency-One Million Dollars Programme	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: DPCU 2020

3.3 UPDATE ON CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ISSUES

OPERATION COWLEG/ FULANI MENACE

Operation Cowleg is a task force formed by the REGSEC to regulate the activities of Fulani Herdsmen whose cattle were destroying farms in the Afram Plains portion of the Asante Akim North District. The activities of these herdsmen occasionally resulted in conflicts between the farmers and the herdsmen which sometimes claimed human lives.

The Assembly in consultation with REGSEC deplored 25 Military Team to flash out all nomadic herdsmen and their cattle during the first quarter of the year under review, the resulted in flashing out about 95% of the animals. Also, during the month of December the Assembly was informed on the invading of the Fulani herdsmen in the district and 10 military team were deployed to flash them out. The District Police Commander also engaged the cattle owners whose cattle destroyed farms to pay appropriate compensation to the affected farmers.

The DISEC and the District Police Command have strategized and embarked on patrols at the various flashpoints within the District. There have been several stakeholder meetings, DISEC, inter district joint security meeting (Drobonso and Asante Akim North) to find a lasting solution to this situation. Also, the District Police Command was efficiently working to maintain peace and order in the District.

WATER AND SANITATION

The district experienced a drastic water shortage especially during the Dry season in 2016. This brought about the construction of bore holes and maintenance of existing bore holes in the rural areas and the district capital to improve water supply in the district.

The sanitation problem encountered by the Assembly was at the Agogo Russia Market. The Assembly has therefore constructed a toilet facility at the Russia market to help combat the issue. The Assembly is looking forward to deal with issues of evacuation of refuse dump sites within the district to improve sanitation.

SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

The Government of Ghana introduced the School Feeding Programme to provide free meals to basic school pupils, to achieve a Universal Basic Education, by 2016. The strategy is to encourage parents and guardians to send their children to school at the recommended age. This benefited 42 schools with 14,085 pupils within the District as at the year 2020.

LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP)

The Ministry of Gender and Social Protection (MOGCSP) has since 2008 been implementing the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Programme. LEAP is one of the Social Protection Interventions that involves transfer of cash in every two months to extremely poor household members as a way of supporting them in terms of nutrition (maintenance), education and health wise.

Leap (65th and 66th cycle payments report):

- ❖ Total no. of registered household beneficiaries in the district: 790
- ❖ Total no. of beneficiaries credited: 671
- ❖ Total no. of beneficiaries not credited: 119
- ❖ Total amount allocated: 480, 156.11
- ❖ Total amount disbursed: 329, 293.25
- ❖ Total no. Of beneficiaries discontinued: total no. Of cases managed:

The year 2020 saw a tremendous improvement in LEAP Payment to beneficiaries following the collapse of some banks including the G.N Bank in 2019 that left those using the G.N. E-Zwich unable to access their cash. By the close of February, 2020 the Asante Akim Rural Bank had been authorized by Bank of Ghana to re-enroll all such

beneficiaries on to the Asante Akim Rural Bank E-Zwich System. This represents 71% of the total household of 790. Henceforth, all accumulated arrears (cash) were paid to LEAP beneficiaries.

SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

The District through the Department have so far successfully captured One hundred twenty nine (129) Persons with Disability into the District's Disability Album. The 129 registered persons with disability are made up of 49 males and 80 females. 2% of the DACF was allocated to PWDs and the amount disbursed to them was 96,500 (Ninety Six Thousand and Five Hundred) Ghana Cedis.

The disability fund management also approved funds for 129 beneficiaries in areas of Education (13 persons), Health (16 persons), income generating activities (cash disbursement for beneficiaries to boost their respective businesses- 70 persons, Fridges and deep Freezers- 18 persons, concrete blocks moulding machine and it's accessories- 2 persons, shoe making machine- 2 persons and poly knapsack spraying machine, cutlasses, wellington boots and agro-chemicals for -8 persons).

THE CHILD PROTECTION ACTIVITIES

The department organized various child protection activities during the year under review at Efirisere, Ananekrom, Dukusen, Pataban, BaahWiredu, Magyeda, Juansa, Domeabra, Agogo, Adinkrakrom, Asenkyem, Wioso and Akutuase.

COVID-19 educational campaign was seriously embarked to sensitize the public on adherence and safety protocols. The department also provided professional assistance to the Pediatric Unit of Agogo Presbyterian Hospital, particularly, Psycho-socio support to maternal mothers, tracing of patients in difficulties, and child abandonment cases.

Achievement

- Setting up of the District Child Protection Committee.
- Setting up of the community child protection committees in 19 communities within the district.
- Monitoring of all 31 established Community Child Protection Committees.
- Quarterly workshop and monitoring of day care centres in the District.
- Community engagements and case conferences on issues of Child Protection in 10 communities.
- 100% resolution of reported child right abuse cases in the District.

SOCIAL WORK WITH FAMILIES

The Department recorded 56 cases throughout the quarter. Out of the total number of cases recorded, 33 were successfully settled, with 23 still pending. Break of consensual relationship led the reasons for most of these

cases are also characterized by complainants and respondents who are into consensual relationships with complaints dominated by females. Also out of the 56 reported cases, 30 were cases on child maintenance, 6 were on Pregnancy maintenance, 9 on child custody, 3 on child neglect/abandonment and 8 on family reconciliation.

Majority of the parents, especially the fathers, involved in cases reported at the office in this quarter were farmers, while most mothers indicated that they were unemployed. Most of the parents involved were separated as a result of unsustain consensual relationships. Most of the cases recorded came from Agogo Township. Majority of the reported cases involved the natives of Agogo while few of the cases were dominated by people from the Northern sector of Country.

DAY CARE CENTRES

The department of social welfare and community development recorded 29 registered centers and 1 unregistered center with 810 males and 785 females within the district. There were 12 trained care givers and 34 untrained caregivers as well.

Out of the 29 registered centers, 26 have record keeping books and 3 also do not have record keeping books which is a clear indication of improvements from the previous year. Also the department was unable to go to the various schools to ascertain if the year under review, the schools still had records keeping books due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

80% Of Approved Gender Based Violence Interventions implemented and reported on by the end of 2020.

- ✓ Empowered 30 market women in the house keeping and home management.
- ✓ Formation of teenage pregnancy clubs in 13 Junior High and Senior High Schools as well as appoint and train Gender Based Violence Officers in these schools.
- ✓ Workshop for master artisans on the need to train our girls who are willing to learn a vocational skills training.

3.4 OTHER PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED BY THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE YEAR

- **SUPPORT TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS**

The Assembly provided Six Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 6000.00) to support thirty (30) PLHIV in the district. The details of the distribution are listed below.

- **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMMES**

The District Assembly has instituted a sponsorship programmes to support Education in the District especially in Girl Child Education. The Assembly provided financial support to some students both 14 males and 7 females

during the year under review. The amount involved is ₵69,662 (Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Two Ghana Cedis).

- **IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME**

The Assembly supported the District Health Management Team with an amount of Four Thousand Cedis for the immunization programme. (i.e. 200 females and 150 males benefitted). The immunization covered hard to reach areas in the Afram Plains portion of Agogo and Ananekrom Sub districts.

- **TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN**

The Assembly recognized that females are marginalized especially when it comes to decision making and development of the District/communities. To involve women in the decision making process, the Assembly in collaboration with the member of parliament for the constituency organized capacity building workshop for women, selected from various parts of the district and a few men to sharpen their skills and empower them to actively participate in local governance and be part in decision making process in their communities and the District as a whole. In all hundred (100) females were invited whilst twenty (20) males participated. This was organized on the 26th February, 2020.

- **SUPPORT TO ORPHANS**

The Assembly assisted twenty (20) orphans by supplying them with school uniforms and some exercise books. Out of the 20 pupils thirteen (13) were females and seven (7) were males.

- **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE UNEMPLOYED YOUTH PER SEX**

The Assembly supported twenty (20) unemployed youth with 5 males and 15 females given ₵500 Ghana Cedis each amounting to ₵10,000 Ghana Cedis, to be trained to acquire employable skills (i.e. hair dressing, dress making and shoe making).

The District in collaboration with the Asante Akyem Rural Bank supported Fifteen (15) SMEs with startup capitals. Eight (8) females were given financial assistance of Three Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH₵ 4000.00) whilst Two Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH₵2000) were given to seven male craftsmen.

3.5 PUBLIC EDUCATION/WORKSHOP ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANIZED IN 2020.

Bushfires Campaign

During the year 2020, the department of community development embarked on community sanitization on bush fire in the Amantenaman area council in the first and second quarter. The following communities were involved

in the programme; Juansa, Domeabra, and Pekyerekyere. The total number of community members involved were 350 out of which 150 were males and 200 females.

Undertake Tree Planting in Schools and Communities

During the year 2020, the District Directorate of Agriculture in conjunction with the Ghana Education Service (GES) undertook tree planting exercises in schools and communities in the district. In all, thirteen (13) schools and 20 communities participated in the exercise. All the Assembly members and the majority of the opinion leaders in the communities were greatly involved in the exercise

Conduct Education on Preservation of Water Bodies

The District Directorate of Agriculture together with the Ghana Water Company Limited and other relevant stakeholders embarked on a campaign to curb water pollution in the year 2020. Thirty-two (32) communities were visited in this exercise. The primary targeted people were the farmers but the training was extended to the general public. The elected Assembly members and the chiefs were some of the focal persons who graced the occasions with their presence. The focal persons of the various communities advised the community members to desist from any unlawful mining and sand wining activities or report to the appropriate bodies of any of such activities they come across. The District Directorate of Agriculture as part of the campaign advised private bodies in charge of sewage collection not to dump the sewage in any water body

Undertake Public Education on Rain/windstorm Disaster

The Director of Agriculture and his outfit together with the Information Service Department of the District Assembly and NADMO in the year 2020 undertook an intensive public education exercise on rain/windstorm Disasters. Fifteen (15) communities were visited in this exercise and some of them are Dome, Juansa, Hweddiem, Ananekrom, Bebome, Akutuase, Pekyerekyere, Menam and 2 among others. The Information Services Department of the district assembly were in charge of educating the communities. They were educated on some of the ways of preparing against the said phenomenon. ***The following were outlined;***

- Houses should not be built in water ways/valleys
- Effective de-silting of choked gutters
- Planting of trees to serve as windbreak
- Avoiding indiscriminate disposal of waste especially along water ways
- A change in attitudes of the people

In all, the communities were asked not to build in water ways because it is a major contributing factor to flooding. The NADMO Director encouraged the communities to ensure that the above measures were effectively put in place in order to stand in a better position against the said phenomenon.

Encourage Farmers to Undertake Agro-Forestry

District Directorate of Agriculture within the year educated and encouraged farmers to undertake agro-forestry. The District Directorate of Agriculture and his team visited the various communities where they met with the farmers and encouraged them to go into agro-forestry. In all, twenty-five (25) communities were visited. The meeting with the farmers were held in places such as schools, churches and the chief palace among others. The farmers were made to know that they can make a lot of money by engaging in agro-forestry.

Public Education on Sand winning

The assembly embarked on public education on sand wining. A total of twenty five communities were visited and a total of 300 participants attended. Some of the communities include Kansanso, Akutuase, Juansa, Domeabra, Mankala, Abrewapong etc.

3.6 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

The department during the year under review promoted the rights of forest communities and farmers and ensured they were compensated for logging that took place on their land within the various communities. The arrival of loggers meant a welcome boost to these household income.

The department as well lifted 1500 seedlings to various planting sites, these seedlings were raised and maintained during this period.

3.7 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health Department carried out the various activities for the year under Review (2020).

Update on DESSAP Activities

The department has developed a 5 year master plan under the Ghana Netherland Wash Programme for the 5 WASH Sectors; 1. Water supply 2. Drainage 3. Solid waste 4. Liquid waste 5. Sanitation and hygiene practices.

Promotion of Markets Hygiene Education

The department organized markets hygiene education on food safety and sanitation for the various market women and food vendors. A total of 15 communities were visited with 300 participants involved.

Education on faeco-oral diseases

The department within the year educated various food vendors/handlers, hotels, restaurants, chop bar operators, public and private toilet operators on the control and prevention of the spread of faeco-oral diseases in 10 communities, some of which include: Abrewapong, Agogo, Juansa, Hwidiem and Wioso.

Promotion and Education on Household toilets

The department embarked on a 4-day sensitization programme during the fourth quarter in Agogo, Juansa, Domeabra and Pkyerekyere on the promotion of toilet facilities in each house, to help control and prevent the spread of faeco-oral diseases and curb open defecation in the district.

Education on diarrhea diseases

During the third quarter, the department organized a reach out programme and educated food vendors, handlers, hotels, restaurants and chop bars operators in Bebuso, Amantenaman, Wioso, Agogo, etc. on ways of controlling and preventing the spread of diarrhea diseases in the district during the year under review. A total number of 350 people participated.

Sensitize Communities on Environmental Cleanliness

Premises (house-house), slaughter house, cemetery, hospital, church, block factory, market, industries/factories, drinking bar, bakeries, restaurant, hotel/guest house inspections were undertaken to sensitize households on environmental cleanliness and hygiene. A total number of inspections was carried out.

The Environmental health department during the year collaborated with Zoomlion workers and the various community members and organized a clean-up exercise in market areas, lorry parks, slaughter house, cold stores, streets, drains, churches, public urinals and toilets. This activity has helped in keeping the district clean and tidy.

Health Education Activities

The department carried out health education activities at Agogo, Bebuso, Menam, Amantena, Ananekrom, Juansa, Domeabra, Adinkrakrom, Pkyerekyere and as well organized training for food vendors / butchers at the three area councils within the District during the third quarter of the year under review.

Covid 19 Activities

The department upon realizing the emergence of the deadly COVID 19 pandemic in the country saw the need to undertake various activities to help combat and contain the spread within the district.

- ❖ Disinfection of all market Centers across the District by the Environmental Health Unit.
- ❖ Creation of additional markets to ease the pressure and ensure social distancing of traders.
- ❖ Disinfection of Public offices.
- ❖ Supervised the disinfection of all churches in the District.
- ❖ Sanitary burial of a COVID 19 corpse at Juansa.
- ❖ Placement of Veronica Buckets provided by NGOs, the District Assembly, Individuals and other benevolent entities at vantage points for washing hands in respect with hygiene protocols outlined by the President.

- ❖ One on one health education to Drinking spot, chop bars operators , table top vendors, market women, hawkers etc. on the need to practice social distancing, regular washing of hands, wearing od face mask.
- ❖ Burial of 2 paupers that were conveyed along the Magyeda road and Obuasi to the Agogo Cemetery respectively.

Programmes/Project running within Asante Akyem North District Assembly.

- ✓ Communication and Advocacy Strategy towards attaining Universal Salt Iodization in Ghana.
- ✓ Community led total sanitation.
- ✓ Pest control.

- ❖ The Environmental health department collaborated with Assembly members, Unit Committee members, Landlord associations, Chiefs and other stakeholders and mobilized communities towards Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene promotion and education during the year.
- ❖ Households have increased the number of household latrine construction through Community Led Total Sanitation. They have been able to clear open spaces despite logistic and financial constraints and as well as undertaken health education in 12 communities in the district within the year under review.

3.8 PHYSICAL PLANNING

Development Applications

A total of Fifty (50) building applications were received, recommended and approved by the spatial planning sub-committee. Applicants were notified on the outcome of their application through phone calls.

Street Naming

All streets in Agogo, Hwidiem and Juansa has been tracked and Local names already been used have been assigned.

Planning Schemes. The Hwediem Planning Scheme preparation is in progress.

Public Education

The Department during the period under review educated various key stakeholders like the chiefs, in physical planning related issues. A meeting was then held at the Hwidiem Palace to discuss the best way to continue the layout preparation.

3.9 AGRICULTURE

Summary of Monitoring findings and Actions Taken by the Agriculture department for the period under review.

Table 3.6: Activity Monitoring

No	Name of Programme	Objective	Community	Findings & Recommendation
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1	Fall Army worm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To find out Fall Army worm level of infestation in the district. ➤ Reduce FAW infestation 	Akutuase Obuasi Hwidiem Wioso Woraponso Amantena	The percentage of infestation was very minimal as the chemical provided by the government was very effective, farmer were also advice to buy recommended chemical to top up.
2	Monitoring of MAG demonstration field activities	To ensure that MAG's work plans are being followed and AEAs are following the crop production protocols recommended by MAG to the district.	Bebuso, Afrisre, Freetown, Akutuase, Wioso, Woraponso, Amantena, Hwidiem, Juansa, Nenienakrah, Gyabalikrah, Kumawu, Bontire, Kowireso, Agogo	Crop production protocols were being followed and demonstration plots were established in collaboration with farmers. However, due to prolonged drought, some of the demo-fields were not doing well as expected – e.g. Rice demonstration at Wioso. That notwithstanding, other demonstrations such as rice field at Juansa and two conservation demonstrations at Neniemahkrah and Gyabahkrah were doing well. Generally, farmers were happy with the technologies employed and it is recommended that more of such demonstration plots should be established within all the communities within the district

3	Planting for Food and Jobs	To ascertain if retail shops in the district and selling seeds and fertilizers at the approved government price. To ascertain if the long drought is affecting farmers supported under the program.	Agogo, Ananekrom, Obuase, Domeabra, Bebome, Afrisre Woraponso Akutuase Menam Woraponso Wioso Amantena Hwidiem	Retail shops were selling inputs at the approved price. Maize and rice fields were seriously affected by the long drought spell. Vegetable farmers were also affected. Farmers were advised to purchase irrigation equipment to use in such periods.
4	Conservation Agriculture	To find out if farmers were practising the conservation Agriculture they were being trained on.	Akutuase Hwidiem Adumadam	Few of the farmers had put the training into practice as they had started implementing on the individual field
5.	Nursery bed Sterilization	Production of diseases free seedlings.	Anenekrom	Reduction in nursery diseases
6.	Rice blast and Yellow mottled diseases	To control blast and mottled in rice		Application of fungicides and liquid fertilizer and insecticides.
7.	Fusarian wilt in cocoa	To control fuserian wilt	Pekyerekye	
8.	Potassium Deficiency	To balance potassium intake in the soil	Otikrom	Application of multi-K
9.	Bacterial wilt in Tomato	To control wilting in tomato	Pekyerekye	Topson was recommended
10.	Tomato and watermelon production	Prevention of calcium deficiency	Wreso	Severe calcium deficiency.

Other relevant information:

- ✓ The chemicals supplied to the district are of high quality and are able to effectively control the FAW.
- ✓ Establishment of farmers group and organization of field days has built strong relations among farmers and also increased their interest in group work.
- ✓ Right away from the initial point, most farmers used the demonstration plot as a study grounds to carry out their field activities such as planting, land preparation, fertilizer application etc.
- ✓ SCAN Farms established 9 maize varietal trials on 9 acres field and the yield was 125 bags (50kg/bag).

- ✓ Expected yield of some demonstration fields especially cowpea was not achieved due to the drought. Row planting was successful.
- ✓ Taken into consideration, the above farming technologies being practicing by farmers, the adaptation is quite appreciable.

The Agriculture department undertook these activities and they include;

- ✓ Home and farm visits by AEA’s, 9,665 farmers were visited by AEA’s with 6,019 males and 3,576 females. 13 technologies were demonstrated to farmers.
- ✓ Organise District planning session among stakeholders in the agriculture sector.
- ✓ Conduct baseline survey on maize, tomatoes, watermelon, plantain, rice, pepper and onion.
- ✓ Monthly review meetings on all projects.
- ✓ Educate general public on zoonotic diseases and diseases surveillance.
- ✓ DDA, DAOs and AEAs Sensitize farmers on planting for Food and Jobs, Fall Army worm and covid-19.
- ✓ Raising of 65,000 cashew seedlings for farmers under PERD (Planting for Export and Rural Development).
- ✓ Distribute 10,000 coconut seedlings for farmers under PERD (Planting for Export and Rural Development).
- ✓ Established 4 rice demonstration plots (Juansa, Woraponso, Nyanoase and Bebuso).
- ✓ Established 8 maize demonstration sites (Woraponso, Domeabra, Kowireso, Obuakyi, Magyeda, and Department of Agric. Compound).
- ✓ Established mini demonstration site on Taro multiplication at Juansa.
- ✓ Established 2 vegetable demonstration sites at Pataban and Presbyterian University College.
- ✓ Organized 12 field days on demonstration plots established.
- ✓ Maintenance of established No-till conservation Agriculture demonstration plots on plantain (Juansa, Adumadam, and Asenkyem).

Career Development Training

A total number of Twenty-five (25) farmers, comprising of four (4) females and twenty-one (21) males were selected to be trained on taking farming as a business and also encouraged them to form farmers ‘based organizations (FBOs).

Table 3.7: External factors impacting on agriculture production

External Factor	Type of crop(s)	Area (Ha)	Communities	No. of Farmers Affected		
				Male	Female	Total
Pest and diseases	Maize/onion, tomatoes, rice.	500.4	All operational areas	1068	874	1942
Bush Fire	Plantain	333.8	Abrewapong, Oseikrom	417	188	605

			Afirisere Dukusen			
Drought	All crops	8736	All operational area	3352	1582	4934
Covid-19	All crops		All communities	1569	375	1944
Poor road network also affects agricultural performance in most of the communities.	All crops		10 communities	705	513	1218
Price variation	Tomatoes	120	Pataban	350	150	500
Flooding	Rice	315	Akutuase	71	26	97
Activities of Fulani herdsmen (Incidence of stray animals especially cattle) affected crop production	Plantain Cashew	18	Afisere Magyeda Ananekrom	59	13	72
Heavy wind affected crops like, plantain, watermelon, and vegetables	Plantain Vegetables	120	All operational Areas	74	65	139
Fall Army Worm Infestation	Maize	3,415	5 Operational Areas			
Birds	Rice	19	6	31	1	32

- ❖ Poor road network within Pataban and its environs affects transportation of farm produce from these areas.
- ❖ Some rice valleys in the zone got flooded and delayed transplanting of rice seedlings.
- ❖ FAW infestation was high but timely intervention reduced the impact.
- ❖ There were high incidence of pest and disease because of the prolonged drought.
- ❖ Some farmers experience fruit borers' infestation that affected their production.
- ❖ Due to covid-19, farmers were finding difficulties to have access to seeds, labour and markets.
- ❖ Dry spell within the period had a long negative effect on production.

Pest and Disease situation

The department recorded 2010.4 (Ha) as the total farmland affected by fall army worm within the district during the year under review, with a total area of 1954.8 (Ha) land being sprayed. This condition affected 2,430 farmers with 1582 males and 848 females.

Quantity of Chemicals Distributed under FAW

The Agriculture department received 541 chemicals, benefiting 2,292 farmers.

Number of animal vaccinated reduced due to high cost of vaccines and farmer apathy.

Vaccination and Prophylactic Treatment of Animals

The department as well vaccinated 122,444 animals within the district against various diseases.

Distribution of seedlings to farmers

The department received 57,775 certified seeds and distributed 58,200, benefiting 2,344 farmers with 2390 Male and 580 Female.

Access to Improved Agriculture Technology and Extension Services

The total number of farmers participated in demonstrations was 554 with 33 improved technology demonstrated to farmers. A total number of 8,074 farmers were beneficiaries of Technologies Demonstrated.

Increased Farmer Income

A total number of 538 farmers adopted improved livestock technologies. The total domestic livestock population during the year under review was 74,853.

Climate Change

The Agriculture department embarked on an awareness and sensitization programme on environmental management within the district on effects of plastic waste on the environment, water protection, benefits of tree crops and soil management. A total number of 13 trainings was organized with 400 participants, benefiting 226 males and 95 females.

Distribution of Cockerels

500 Cockerels was distributed to farmers as Rearing for Food and Jobs in the District.

Covid-19 Support from WFP for Vulnerable Farmers

Due to the long persistence drought from the month of July to October and effect of Covid 19, about 70%-80% farmers lost their produce and there came in support from World Food Programme cash assistance to improve food security for COVID affected farmers which was recorded in the month of July.

GASIP Project

Asante Akim North District is one of the beneficiary District taking part in the Ghana Agricultural Sector Investment Program (GASIP). The overall goal of GASIP is to contribute to sustainable poverty reduction in rural Ghana through the pursuit of specific Program Development Objective of "agribusinesses – including

smallholders – increase their profitability and resilience to climate change’’. The program seeks to address the challenges of smallholder farmers and resource-poor rural households, in particular women, youth (15-24 years) and young adults (25-34 years).

Eight (8) modules have been assign to the district to train Farmer Based Organization (FBO) to strengthens them and also able to meet market demands for their produces in terms of quality, volume, time and price.

Currently, 249 farmers have been trained on five (7) modules in seven (7) communities. Training is ongoing and two (3) demonstration fields have been established for two (3) communities ((Niennakura and Gyabakura). Farmers were known the benefit of conservation agriculture and the main principles of conservation agriculture.

Technology demonstrated

The department demonstrated the following technologies to the farmer’s right from the establishment of the demonstration plot to the field day organized. The demonstration was established on a zero tillage land i.e. conservation Agriculture (CA). Crop rotation, strip cropping, cover crops and intercropping was also technologies demonstrated to farmers.

Moreover, lining and pegging (row planting was also demonstrated). Aside the above technologies demonstrated, farmers were also taken through safety use of agro-chemical and other insecticides.

The current results at the Demonstration plots encouraged most farmers to adopt the following technologies.

- Practicing zero tillage (CA) to reduce production cost.
- Adopting high breed variety of maize to increase production yield.
- Practicing row planting to ensure high yields.
- Practicing safe use of Agro-chemicals to maintain good health and also to prevent pollution of water bodies.

The 36th National Farmers Day Celebration.

The 2020 edition of the National Farmers’ Day Celebration had the theme ‘ENSURING AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNDER COVID-19 – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES’. In the Asante Akim North District, the District Farmers Day Celebration committee set up a team of five (5) officers as field inspection team. The inspection started on the 15th October, 2020 and ended finally on 23rd October, 2020.

The Agriculture Directorate planned rewarding 40 farmers but as a results of resource constraints, the planning committee suggested 38 farmers and the best district farmer went to Hon. Enoch Osarfo Asiedu at Nhyiaeso.

4.0 EDUCATION

The various Key Activities was Identified for Performance during the Year under Review and they are as follow:

HRMD:

- ✓ District Director and her entourage monitoring (basic and second cycle schools).
- ✓ Reposting of teachers (intra, inter districts and inter regions).
- ✓ Tracking of overstaffing at all levels of education.
- ✓ Promotion of staff (teaching and non-teaching).
- ✓ Capacity-building training programmes for District Education Office staff.
- ✓ Workshop for all Basic School heads and their assistants.
- ✓ Tracking of vacancies (first and second cycle schools) in the district.
- ✓ Training of teachers on Differentiated Learning (DL).
- ✓ 63rd Independence Anniversary celebration.
- ✓ Registration of 2020 Basic Education Certificate Examination candidates
- ✓ Examination seminar for Junior High School teachers
- ✓ District mock examination
- ✓ School Selection Workshop for heads of basic
- ✓ End of term examination
- ✓ Implementation of government directives on COVID-19 pandemic
- ✓ COVID -19 workshops for teachers.

Supervision & Monitoring

- ✓ Monitoring of teaching and learning in all first and second cycle schools.
- ✓ Fumigation exercise to be carried out in all schools.
- ✓ Preparation for the September 2020 Basic Education Certificate Examinations (BECE).
- ✓ Sensitization workshop on schools selection under the Computerized School Selection and Placement System (CSSPS) to be carried out in all circuits.
- ✓ Under-15 soccer festival for basic schools.
- ✓ In-service training on Continuous Professional Development (CPD) at circuit Level will be organized.
- ✓ Ghana Accountability for learning Out Projects (GALOP) workshop for selected schools.
- ✓ Organization of the School Performance Appraisal Meeting (SPAM) at the school, circuit and district levels.

Key Activities Performed During the Year under Review

The district office of education carried out various activities during the year 2020 and they include:

HRMD

- ✓ The District Director and her entourage, as part of their routine monitoring, visited all the basic schools (public and private) and the three (3) senior high schools in the district
- ✓ Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff at the Directorate was put into four (4) groups with each of them being led by a Frontline Officer to report to duty from Tuesday to Friday. However all groups reported for duty on Monday for devotion and announcements. Only the District Director and the P.R.O reported for duty throughout the week.

- ✓ One thousand, three hundred and five (1,305) candidates from fifty two (52) schools sat for the 2020 BECE at six (6) centres in the district.
- ✓ One thousand, nine hundred and fifty-seven (1,957) candidates sat for the 2020 WASSCE in the District.
- ✓ Aptitude Test for promotion to the rank of ADE II was successfully organized for 290 shortlisted teachers at the Agogo Presbyterian College of Education. Eighty-nine (89) applicants wrote as irregular candidates. Their irregularity stems from the fact that they completed school in 2013 but they were upgraded in 2014 instead of being back-dated to 2013.

Supervision and Monitoring

- Monitoring of re-opening activities was carried out in all basic schools by officers of the Directorate
- A workshop on Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for TEACHERS IN K.G 1 to P6 on the standards-based curriculum was held in all the eight (8) circuits in the district
- School Improvement Support Officers (SISO) monitored teaching and learning in all school
- Inter-schools and inter-circuit sporting activities was successfully organized.
- Schools, Community and District based School Performance Appraisal Meetings (SPAM) was successfully organized in district.
- Fumigation exercise was carried out in all schools (SHS and JHS) a week before reopening by Zoomlion staff.

Audit Unit

- ♣ Audit of capitation grants to all schools in the district was carried out.
- ♣ Audit of grants at the directorate was carried out.
- ♣ Verification and audit of stationery at store was carried out on quarterly-basis.

Workshop on capacity building

- ❖ The education directorate organized CPD workshop for all K.G & primary teachers to share best practices among teachers at circuit bases.
- ❖ A GALOP workshop was organized to train 308 teachers for 44 selected schools to introduce teachers to the concept of differentiated learning (DL).
- ❖ Workshop on COVID-19 safety protocols was organized for 161 teachers in the district.

Preparation of Annual Financial Statement

The finance department at the end of the year prepared and submitted their Annual Financial Statement on 31st December, 2020. The department was able to prepare and submit all financial statements (trial balance) of the district on timely basis.

4.1. HEALTH

The District Health directorate during the year under review sensitized the public on malaria control and HIV AIDS in the various communities.

Health education on malaria and HIV Aids were given on the FM stations as well 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. Staffs were given in-service training in customer care at the health directorate.

Education on Covid 19 pandemic on the various safety protocols was carried out to the public via FM stations and other Information centers.

The directorate also carried out Covid 19 test and did contact tracing as well to help contain and combat the Pandemic within the District.

Various PPE were shared among the Staff to fight against the Covid 19 pandemic and were as well being advised to adhere to the Covid 19 safety protocols.

Table 3.8: Health Cases

HEALTH CASES		
INDICATORS	2019	2020
Percentage ANC Coverage	79.6	82.6
Percentage supervised delivery	88.1	86.4
Infant Mortality Rate	2.5	2.6
Immunization coverage (TD2)	147.2	133.3
Maternal Mortality rate	2.1	1.4
Malaria fatality case in children under 5 years	0.85	0.91
HIV/AIDS Prevalence rate	2.4	2.2

4.2 Tourism Potential Site in the District.

The Development Planning sub-committee visited all the potential tourism sites in the district. Among them include Hwidiem waterfall, Onyemso-Ogu waterfalls, Wioso Waterfalls, Terbeso curves at Wioso, Bentem at Menam and Dentebuomo at Agogo. A proposal was submitted to the General Assembly meeting for consideration. Roads leading to Hwidiem waterfalls and Onyemso-Ogu were reshaped to enhance accessibility.

4.3 EVALUATION AND PARTICIPATORY M&E.

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.

Table 3.9: Update on Evaluations Conducted

Name of the Evaluation	Policy/programme/project involved	Consultant or resource person involved	Methodology used	Findings	Recommendations
Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation.	Promotion of partnerships between the District Assembly and the identified stakeholders in PM&E methods.	DPCU	Focus Group Discussions, Evaluation and Awareness creation	Issues with delays in the release of DACF and directives from the Central Government with regards to disbursement of funds	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, as well as capacity building of DPCU members in M&E activities and project management.

Table 4.0: Update on PM&E Conducted

Name of the PM&E Tool	Policy /programme/project involved	Consultant or resource person involved	Methodology used	Findings	Recommendations
Community Score Card	Construction of Health Insurance Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ World Vision Int'l. ❖ Edmark Foundation ❖ DPCU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Interface meeting b. Use of Score Cards. c. Steering Committee meeting. 	Community involvement and participation has increased.	The social accountability should be replicated on other projects.
Community Score Card	Construction of District Health Directorate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ World Vision Int'l. ❖ Edmark Foundation ❖ DPCU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Interface meeting e. Use of Score Cards. f. Steering Committee meeting. 	Community involvement and participation has increased.	The social accountability should be replicated on other projects.
Community Score Card	Construction of District Health Directorate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ World Vision Int'l. ❖ Edmark Foundation ❖ DPCU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Interface meeting h. Use of Score Cards. i. Steering Committee meeting. 	Community involvement and participation has increased.	The social accountability should be replicated on other projects.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE WAY FORWARD

4.0. Introduction

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.

4.1 Key Issues Addressed and Those Yet To Be Addressed.

The Social welfare and community development department was not able to accomplish most of their planned Programs due to COVID-19, making it rather difficult to undertake most of the community mobilization and sensitization.

Inadequate funds and logistics for running the Department continue to saddle the Department. Late releases and inadequate funds make execution of our work very difficult.

The Physical Planning Department was faced with issues/challenges like; Inadequate professionals, Inability of staff to use LUPMIS, Land Litigation and ownership problems (Different chiefs/parties claiming ownership of a particular land).

The Environmental health department is faced with numerous challenges and these include:

Office accommodation - the entire Environmental Health Staff of the Asante Akim North District Assembly share an office with the department of Births and Deaths.

- ❖ Inadequate office accommodation and furniture for staff.
- ❖ Lack of uniform for staff for identification on the field.
- ❖ Lack of motorbikes for the three (3) Zonal Councils.
- ❖ Most undeveloped lands and uncompleted structures are engulfed with weeds due to the inability to locate their owners.
- ❖ Continues reports from residences on stray animals.

The Agriculture department encountered various challenges during the year under review and they include:

Lack of logistics such as Wellington boots, field bags and rain coats, affects the day to day extension activities.

- High Agric Extension Agent to farmer ratio.
- High cost of Agro Inputs at the markets.
- Delay of MAG funds.
- Inadequate T&T for staff.
- Poor Road Network.
- Insufficient storage structures.
- Delay maintenance allowance for staff motorbikes.
- Lack irrigation facilities to help farmers in crop production.
- Unstable prices of staple foods at the market.
- No standardization for produce.
- High Extension-Farmer ratio.
- Gaps in value addition structures.
- High cost of FAW drugs.

The Education directorate experienced these challenges/constraints during the year under review and they are as follow:

- ♣ Delay in the release of capitation grants for schools and GOG grants for Directorate's operation is making pre-financing very difficult.
- ♣ Inadequate text books for the implementation of the new curriculum.
- ♣ Inadequate logistic (Computers and Accessories, stationeries) at the directorate.
- ♣ Inadequate teaching staff at the rural areas.

- ♣ Inadequate girls' dormitories at Agogo State College and Owerriman SHS.
- ♣ Inadequate boys' dormitories at Agogo Collins SHS.

4.3. 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 and programmes.
- ✓ The irregular deductions from the DACF as a result of unplanned purchases on behalf of the DAs should be stopped.
- ✓ The social welfare and community department urged the Assembly to support them for effective and efficient operation.
- ✓ The physical planning department recommends recruitment of additional staff to help augment the backlog, training of personnel in order to upgrade their skills to meet current challenges and be much more efficient in achieving targets, embarking of wider coverage education of all relevant Stakeholders and the need for prudent demarcation of boundaries and lands for families by Agogo Traditional Council and the Survey & Mapping Division of the Lands Commission.

The Agriculture department recommends for:

- ♣ Government should provide all needed logistics for effective and efficient delivery of extension services to farmers.
- ♣ Government should employ more Extension agents to reduce the high AEA to farmer ratio experienced in the Extension Sector.
- ♣ Government subsidy should be extended to cover more seeds.
- ♣ Funds for activities should be released on time to enhance the implementation of activities planned for each quarter.
- ♣ There should be increase of fuel allowance for staff for effective monitoring.
- ♣ Construction of roads.
- ♣ The government should build storage facilities for the district.
- ♣ Needs for maintenance every month.
- ♣ Establishing irrigation facilities should be considered.
- ♣ There should be a body to control the pricing system.
- ♣ Needs government subsidy or more should be supplied to the farmers.

The Education directorate recommends for:

- ❖ Prompt Release of capitation grant to the School.
- ❖ Supply of more text books to the schools.
- ❖ Provision of accommodation in deprived communities.
- ❖ Provision of logistic (Computers and Accessories, stationeries) to the directorate.

The physical planning department proposed these activities for the next quarter and they are as follow:

- ✓ Hold six Technical Sub- Committee meeting and six (6) Spatial Planning Committee meeting.
- ✓ To enter all development applications into the permitting data base.
- ✓ To continue effective planning education with the active involvement of the Traditional Authorities, Land Owners and the District Assembly.
- ✓ Continue preparation of Hwidiem Planning Scheme.
- ✓ Complete National Digital Address System for Agogo, Hwidiem and Juansa.
- ✓ Revise Juansa local plan sector 1.
- ✓ Prepare Domeabra local plan sector 3.

The environmental health department has a plan for 2021 and they include:

- ❖ To control and reduce faeco-oral diseases outbreaks
- ❖ To intensify health and Hygiene Promotion (Construction of toilet facilities)
- ❖ To intensify Promotion of Universal Salt Iodization and enforcement of the Bye –Law.
- ❖ To intensify Health and Hygiene Promotion and Education (Food Handlers screening) in the Municipality.

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	Reshaping of 10 km feeder roads	Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement	Selected community	GoG	30000	DACF	03/20	04/20	04/20	07/20		70	Ongoing
2	of a 2 Bedroom Teachers Quarters at Agogo Lot 1	Human development, productivity and employment	Agogo	M/S PUNAMA NI	310,162.26	DACF	8/11/20	15/11/20	10/5/20	81,524.00	228,638.00	65	Ongoing
3	Construction of 2No. Bedroom Semi Detached Teachers Quarters at Agogo Lot2	Human development, productivity and employment	Agogo	K-Hammer Ventures	310,689.57	DACF	8/11/20	15/11/20	10/5/20	46,603.44	264,086.00	55	Ongoing

4	Construction of CHPs Compound, Nurses Quarters, shed with walkway	Human development, productivity and employment	Bebome	Messrs Banicob const. works	250,578.00	DACF	3/05/20	10/05/20	9/01/21	81,524.33	169,053.67	45	Ongoing
5	Construction of 3 unit Classroom block	Human development, productivity and employment	Behwe	Adehyeman Star Ventures	188,600.00	DACF	01/20		30/11/20	28,290.00	160,310.00	25	Completed
6	Supply and delivery of 350 No. of dual desk and 21 teachers tables and chairs	Human Development, productivity and employment	Selected schools	M/S Charles Amoabeng Yeboah Ventures	100,000.00	DACF	August 2020		October	10.00	0.00	100	Completed
7	Review of Medium -Term Development Plan	Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement	Agogo	Direct Labour	25,000.00	DACF	June 2020	June 2020	06/ 2020	25,000.00	0.00	100	Completed
8	Maintenance of street light	District wide	District Wide	Vessrs Bancob	75,000	DACF	08/20	08/20	12/2020	68,000.00	0.00	90	Ongoing
9	Educating the population Environmental sanitation	Environment	District wide	DE	7000	IGF	01/20		12/20	7000		100	Completed

10	Security (Regulate the activities of Fulani Menace)	Accelerated Agricultural Modernization and Natural Resource Management	Agogo	DA	350,000	DACF	12/20	12/20	03/21	159,145.00		On-going	Ongoing
11	My first day at School	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide		4,000.00	DACF				4,000.00		100	Completed
12	Farmers Day Celebration	Accelerated Agricultural Modernization and Natural Resource Management	District Wide	MOFA	47,500.00	DACF	12/20		12/20	47,500.00		100	Completed
13	Organize community sensitization on malaria prevention		District wide	Management	8,000.00		1/20		12/20	6,000		100	Completed

14	Provide care and support to PLVIS	Human Development Productivity and Employment	District wide		20,000.00	DACF				19,135.00		100%	Completed
15	Provide scholarship to needy but brilliant students	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide			DACF				26,345.00			20 students benefited
16	Promote afforestation programme	Accelerated Agricultural Modernization and Natural Resource	District wide	Forestry Department/ Mirror Company	15,0000	DACF				5,000.00		45%	Ongoing
	Maintenance of sanitary sites	Environment, infrastructure, and Human settlement	District wide	Environmental, health department	9,000	IGF	5/20	6/20	10/20	8500		100	Completed
17	Promote Girl-Child education	Human Development, Productivity and	District wide	World Visin	5000	DACF	03/20		05/20a	5000.00		100%	Completed

		Employment											
18	Support to Self-help projects	Transparency and Accountable Governance	District wide	Direct Labour	25,000	DACF	01/20	01/20	12/20	18,392.00		100	Completed
19	Support Best Teachers Award	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	DA	5,000	DACF		05/2020	05/2020	5000		100	Completed
20	Dislodging	Environment, infrastructure and human settlement	District wide	Environmental	4,000.00	DACF	3/20	4/20	9/20	3,900		100	Completed
21	Construction of district health insurance office Land acquisition and document for warehouse	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Agogo	Destex Enterprise	154,831.00	DDF	19/8/19	30/8/19	18/01/20	154,831.00	0.00	100%	Project Completed
22	Maintenance of existing boreholes	Human Development, Productivity	District wide	WORLD VISION	25,000.00	DONOR	04/20		07/20	25,000.00		100CP	Completed

		y and Employment											
23	Support to rollback malaria	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GHS	5000	DACF	01/20		12/20	5000.00	0.00	100%	Completed
24	Support to Immunization	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GHS	3000	DACF				3,000.00	0.00	100%	Completed
25	Monitoring and Evaluation Preparation of Layout for Hwidiem Township.	Human Development, Productivity Environment, infrastructure and human settlement	District wide Hwidiem	DPCU Town and country planning	36,000 60,000	DACF PPD	1/20 01/20		12/20	27,000 8,000	9,000.	80% 20	Ongoing Ongoing
26	Preparation of Budget and Annual Action Plan	Governance, and public accountability	Agogo	DPCU	20,000	DACF	08/20		09/20			100%	Completed

27	Procurement of office equipment and stationary items.	Transparency and Accountable Governance	Agogo	Vopkings Company Ltd	75,000	DACF	01/20	01/20	12/20	75,000		100%	Completed
28	Public sensitization of planning permit	Environment, infrastructure and human settlement	District Wide	PPD	2,000.00	IGF	03/20	03/20	04/20	2,000		100	completed
29	Support education on illegal mining Support education on sand winners	Environment, infrastructure and human settlement	District wide	NADMO/N CCE	3000	IGF	03/20	03/20	04/20	2500			Completed
30	Anti-Bush fire Campaigns	Environment, infrastructure and	District wide	NCCE/MO FA	2500	IGF	02/20	02/20	04/20	2500			Completed

		human settlement											
31	Media sensitization on disaster prevention and mitigation	Environment, infrastructure, and human settlement	District wide	NADMO	30,000	DACF	4/20	4/20	10/20	8,000		100	Completed
32	Supply of smart seeds to farmer	Accelerated Agricultural Modernization and Natural Resource	District wide	MOFA	15000	MAG	05/20	05/20	07/20	15000		100	Completed
33	Celebration of International Day for Disaster risk reduction(IDDR)	Environment, infrastructure, and human settlement	District wide	NADMO	2000	IGF	03/20	03/20	03/20	2000		100	Completed
34	Fumigation/SPI	Environmental, infrastructure and human settlement	District wide	Environmental, health Department	300,000	DDF	02/20	03/20	11/20	250,000		100	Completed
35	Provide Vocational	Human Development,	District wide	BAC	21000	DACF	03/20	03/20	10/20	16000	5000	75	Ongoing

	training for 70 girls	Productivity and Employment											
36	Training the youth in IT	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	BAC	12,000	DACF	02/20	02/20	05/20	1050	1500	70	Ongoing
37	Training for women in Bee-keeping and Pomade making	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	MOFA/BAC	5000	MAG	06/20	06/20	07/20	5000	0.00	100	Completed
38	Facilitate the provision of financial assistance to 80 SMEs	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	BAC	4500	DACF	05/20	05/20	07/20	3700	800	87	Ongoing
39	Training farmers on how to add value to their farm product	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	MOFA/BAC	7500	MAG	08/20	08/20	10/20	6000	1500	75	Ongoing

40	Train 50 farmers on how to promote inland fish farming by march	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Agogo	BAC/MOF A	3000	MAG	07/20	07/20	07/20	3000	0.00	100	Completed
41	Educate 50 market women on the need to grade, packaging and standardize their commodities	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Agogo	BAC/MOF A	5000	MAG	06/20	06/20	07/20	5000	0.00	100	Completed
42	Train and distribute rabbit, mushroom and grass-cutter to 30 women including people living with disability(PLWD) as alternate source of income	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Selected communities	BAC	21000	DACF	02/20	02/20	06/20	16000	5000	65	Ongoing
43	Construction of new market with pavilion, toilet and urinal facility	Environment, infrastructure, and	Agogo	Ofemkyeba Construction	469,456.60	DDF	16/04/20	24/04/20	23/08/20	423,617		90	Ongoing

		human settlement											
44	Capacity building for FBOs on grass cutter, Snails, and Bee-keeping as alternative livelihood system by December	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	BAC/MOF A	2000	MAG	05/20	05/20	05/20	2000	0.00	100	Completed
45	District Education Fund	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GES	35000	DACF	01/20	01/20	12/20	35000	0.00	100	Ongoing
46	Support for STME	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GES	5000	DACF	03/20	03/20	03/20	5000	0.00	100	Completed
47	Support Sports and Culture Activities	Human Development, Productivity and	District wide	GES	3000	DACF	03/20	03/20	04/20	3000	0.00	100	Completed

		Employment											
48	Establishing community child protection committee in 5 communities	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	SWCD	8000	DACF	07/20	07/20	07/20	8000	0.00	100	Completed
49	Support to PWDs to acquire employment skills and formal education	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	SWCD	35000	DACF	03/20	03/20	07/20	22000	13000	70	Ongoing
50	Support to 60 orphans	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	SWCD	12000	DACF	01/20	02/20	0/20	12000	0.00	100	Completed
51	Sensitization and screening on HIV/AIDS/STIs	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GHS	7000	DACF	05/20	05/20	06/20	7000	0.00	100	Completed

52	Construction of 1 No. 6 unit classroom	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Menam	Kaoba Company	438,707.00	DDF	19/08/19	30/08/19	29/05/20	437,273.45		100	Completed
53	Formation of teenage pregnancy clubs in 10 junior high and senior schools		District wide	SWCD	5000	DACF	04/20	04/20	04/20	5000	0.00	100	Completed
54	Support for the security services	Governance	District wide	DA	35000	DACF	01/20	01/20	02/20	27000	8000	85	Ongoing
55	Payment of rent accommodation	Governance	Agogo	DA	24000	DACF	03/20	0/20	10/20	24000	0.00	100	Completed
56	Independence day celebration		District assembly										
57	Support for district Response initiative HIV/AIDs	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GHS	6000	DACF	05/20	05/20	06/20	6000	0.00	100	Completed

58	Organize examination seminar for schools	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GES	3000	IGF	04/20	04/20	04/20	4000	0.00	100	Completed
59	Support for mock examination	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	District wide	GES	7000	DACF	05/20	05/20	06/20	7000	0.00	100	Completed
60	Construction of District Health directorate	Human Development, Productivity and Employment	Agogo	Adehyeman Ventures	297861	DDP	17/04/19	30/04/19	29/10/19	294926.00		100	Completed
61	Capacity building for DPCU members	Governance	District wide	Zimacom	35000	DDF	08/20	07/20	07/20	35000	0.00	100	Completed
62	Assembly members sitting Allowance	Governance	District wide	IGF	54,000	IGF	1/20	31/20	31/20	46,000		100	Completed

63	DPCU Activities	Governance	District wide	DPCU	5,500	DACF	1/20		31/20	60,000		100	Completed
64	Preparation of Fee Fixing Resolution/stakeholders meeting	Public accountability	District wide	DPCU	1,500	DACF	3/20		04/20	15,000		100	Completed
65	Operation and maintenance	Human development, productivity and employment	District wide	DPCU	50,000	DACF	06/20	06/20	07/20	50,000		100	Completed
66	Establish and strengthening of sub-structures	Human development, productivity, and employment	District wide	DPCU	26,000	DACF	04/20	5/20	11/20	12000	24000	55	Ongoing
67	Preparation, publication and Gazette of By-laws	Governance, Public Accountability	District wide	DPCU	10000	DACF	04/20	04/20	06/20	10000	0.00	100	Completed
68	Preparation of composite budget and Annual Action Plan	Governance, Public Accountability	District wide	DPCU	25000	DACF	06/20	06/20	08/20	25000	0.00	100	Completed

69	Budget committee meetings	Governance, Public Accountability	District wide	DPCU	10,000	IGF	1/20	11/20	12/20	9,200		100	Completed
70	Organize people Fora	Governance, Public Accountability	District wide	ISD/NCCE	15,000.00	DACF	10/20	10/20	10/20	15000	0.00	100	Completed
71	Preparation of Annual Procurement Plan	Governance, Public Accountability	Agogo	DA	8000	DACF	08/20	08/20	09/20	8000	0.00	100	Completed
72	Update of Procurement Plan	Governance, Public Accountability	Agogo	DA	5000	DACF	06/20	06/20	07/20	5000	0.00	100	Completed
73	Preparation and submission of Financial reports	Governance, Public Accountability	Agogo	Finance Department	8000	DACF	01/20	01/20	12/20	8000	0.00	100	Completed
74	Capacity training for assembly members and staffs	Governance, Public Accountability	Agogo	DPCU	15000	DDF	07/20	07/20	07/20	15000	0.00	100	Completed

