

**MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**SEKYERE AFRAM PLAINS DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
DROBONSO
ASHANTI REGION**

**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT
MEDIUM TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(DMTDP), 2018 – 2021**

2020

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

BY

**DISTRICT PLANNING COORDINATING
UNIT**

JANUARY, 2021

Table of Contents

Table of Contents.....	2
LIST OF TABLES.....	4
LIST OF ACRONYMS.....	5
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	6
CHAPTER ONE	7
INTRODUCTION.....	7
1.0 BACKGROUND	7
1.1 Summary of Achievements of Implementation of DMTDP	7
1.2 Purpose of the Monitoring and Evaluation for the year 2020.....	8
1.3 PREPARATION PROCESS OF THE 2020 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT	8
1.3.1The Process	8
1.3.2 Project Inspection and Site Visits.....	9
1.3.3 Data Collection and Validation	9
1.3.4 Departmental Reports	9
1.3.5 Challenges Encountered	9
1.3.6 Inadequate logistics and resources.....	9
1.3.7 Different Reporting Formats.....	9
CHAPTER TWO	10
MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES	10
2.0 Introduction	10
2.1 Program/Project status as at the end of 2020	10
-Cont-	12
Cont-.....	13
Cont-.....	14
2.2 Revenue Performance	16
2.3 Update on Disbursement.....	16
2.4 Update on Indicators and Targets.....	17
2.5 Update on Critical Development and Poverty Issues	21
2.5.1 Economic (Skills Training, Employment Generation and Credit)	23
2.5.2 FUMIGATION.....	23
2.5.3 MEDICAL SCREENING	23
2.5.4 NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.....	24
2.5.5 PROGRAMME FOR THE VULNERABLE AND EXCLUDED.....	24
2.5.6 SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES.....	24

2.5.7 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.....	24
2.5.8 CHILD RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION.....	25
2.5.9 CLIMATE CHANGE	25
2.6 AGRICULTURE SECTOR.....	27
2.6.1 Crops Sub-Sector.....	27
2.6.2 Livestock Sub-Sector	28
2.7 PARTICIPATORY MONITORING AND EVALUATION AND OTHER STUDIES	28
2.7.1 Evaluations Conducted, Their Findings and Recommendations.....	28
2.7.2 Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Undertaken and Their Results.....	28
2.7.3 Monitoring Activities.....	28
2.7.3 Recommendations for Improved Monitoring and Evaluation	29
CHAPTER THREE	30
THE FORWARD	30
3.0 Introduction	30
3.1 Key Issues Addressed and Those Yet to be Addressed	30
3.2 Recommendations	30
3.3 Road Infrastructure	31
3.4 Environmental Protection and Climate Change.....	31
3.5 HIV/AIDS.....	31
3.6 Summary of Challenges.....	31
3.7 Recommendations	31
3.8 Conclusion.....	32

LIST OF TABLES

Table 1: Details on the Annual Action Plan Implemented.....	7
Table 2: Proportion of the DMTDP Implemented.....	7
Table 4: Programmes/Projects/Activities Register, 2020	11
Table 4: Update on Revenue Sources.....	16
Table 5: Update on Expenditure	17
Table 6: Performance of Core Indicators at the District Level	18
Table 7: Update on Critical Development and Poverty Issues in 2020	22
Table 8: Training provided by the Business Advisory Centre	23
Table: 9 Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty	24
Table 10: Disability Type and Sex Aggregation.....	25
Table 11: Maintenance of Children.....	25
Table 12: Awareness Creation Programmes.....	25
Table 13: Climate Change sensitization Programmes.....	26
Table 14: Climate Change Data Analysis	26
Table 15: District Average Price of major commodities	27
Table 16: Training for Food Crop Farmers, 2020	27
Table 17: Training for Livestock Farmers, 2020	28

LIST OF ACRONYMS

AAP	Annual Action Plan
AGRA	Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa
APR	Annual Progress Report
BAC	Business Advisory Centre
CBAs	Community Birth Attendants
CBOs	Community Based Organisations
CBSV	Community Based Surveillance Volunteers
CCM	Climate Change Mitigation
DAC	District AIDS Committee
DMTDP	District Medium Term Development Plan
DPCU	District Planning Coordinating Unit
DRMT	District Response Management Team
FBOs	Farmer Based Organisations
GSFP	Ghana School Programme
GSGDA II	Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda II
GSOP	Ghana Social Opportunities Project
IMCI	Integrated Maternity Care Initiative
JHS	Junior High School
LI	Legislative Instrument
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MMDAs	Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies
MSMEs	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
NHIS	National Health Insurance Scheme
NRCFGWD	Natural Resource Conservation Forestry Game and Wildlife Department
PEM	Protein Energy Malnutrition
PPP	Public Private Partnership
SAPDA	Sekyere Afram Plains District Assembly
WAAPP	West African Agricultural Productivity
WATSAN	Water and Sanitation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2020 Annual Progress Report catalogues the achievements and challenges of the District in the implementation of the Annual Action Plan of the District Medium Term Development Plan, 2018-2021, of the Sekyere Afram Plains District Assembly.

The report has been organised into three chapters. The opening chapter outlines mainly the purpose for the preparation of the APR, the activities involved and the stakeholders. The second chapter delves into the M&E activities for the period. It provides the proposed activities and how far they have been achieved within the year. It also provided the revenue performance for the year. The revenue showed a continual meagre internally generated revenue as compared to the Grants. Lands and concessions, Fees and Fines continue to be the revenue items that provide internally generated revenue for the Assembly.

Performance of core district indicators for the District has been provided but there are some information that are not presented because the implementing departments did not submit their input after a several request.

Other critical areas for which information was readily available were presented in the last chapter. Issues of education, Social Protection Programmes, skills development and agriculture. Issues of Road infrastructure, environmental and climate change issues, HIV and AIDS have been duly presented. Some of the challenges of the entire process of reporting and the recommendations have been suggested to conclude the report.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Annual Progress Report (APR) provides an assessment of the implementation of the District Medium Term Development Plan (DMTDP), 2018-2021 of the Sekyere Afram Plains District.

This annual report of the Assembly covers its performance from the first quarter to the last quarter of 2020 in respect of implementation of harmonized programmes and projects in the DMTDP 2018-2021.

1.1 Summary of Achievements of Implementation of DMTDP

During the year under review, the District was able to implement 88.7% of its planned projects/programmes in the Composite Annual Action Plan. Besides, the proportion of the DMTDP implemented in the year under review was 27.5% of the total 200 projects/programmes in the MTDP.

Tables 1 and 2 below present summary of achievements of projects/programmes implemented in the year 2020.

Table 1: Details on the Annual Action Plan Implemented

S/N	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	2020	
		PLAN	EXECUTED
1	Economic Development	6	6
2	Social Development	31	29
3	Environment, Infrastructure and Human Settlement	4	3
4	Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability	21	17
	Total	62	55

Source: DPCU, SAPDA, 2020

Table 2: Proportion of the DMTDP Implemented

Indicators	Baseline 2019	2020	
		Target	Actual
Proportion of annual action plan implemented			
a. Percentage completed	53.5	100.0	53.2
b. Percentage ongoing interventions	28.3	0.0	35.5
c. Percentage of interventions yet to start	18.2	0.0	11.3
d. Percentage of interventions abandoned	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proportion of the overall medium-term development plan implemented	12	31.0	27.5

Source: DPCU, SAPDA, 2020

The year 2020, however saw a sluggish and unpredicted releases of expected funds, especially the DACF and DDF which went a long way to affect the commencement and completion of projects.

Also, the Corona virus pandemic in the country affected implementation of projects and programmes because the Assembly had to used part of the funds received to support the fight against the pandemic.

1.2 Purpose of the Monitoring and Evaluation for the year 2020

The Guidelines for operationalization of the DPCU in line with provisions of the Local Governance Act 2016, Act 936, mandate the Assembly as a planning Authority to prepare and implement Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.

However, the need for embarking on monitoring and evaluation exercises is to track progress of implementations of activities outlined in the Annual Action Plan, and by extension, the District Medium Term Development Plan (2018-2021).

The conduct of monitoring exercises is necessary as it is the main means by which implementation progress of various projects and programmes could be assessed and verified.

It also gives the opportunity for management to know the implementation challenges and thus take informed decisions to address them.

Therefore, the purpose of carrying out monitoring and evaluation is to achieve a number of objectives which include the following:

- To identify achievements, constraints and failures so that improvements can be made to the Composite Annual Action Plan and project designs to achieve better impact.
- To provide information for effective coordination of District's development at the regional and national levels.
- To document progress made and lessons learnt from the implementation of programmes and projects.
- To improve service delivery and influence allocation of resources in the District.
- To demonstrate M&E results to stakeholders as part of accountability and transparency.

1.3 PREPARATION PROCESS OF THE 2020 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

1.3.1 The Process

Participatory monitoring was used to keep track of progress of implementation of projects towards achieving targets on quarterly basis.

The District Planning Coordinating Unit (DPCU) facilitated the preparation of this Annual Progress Report with the involvement of the Decentralised Departments of the Assembly. Monitoring and Evaluation data were compiled from both primary and secondary sources. The secondary data were compiled from the various quarterly Reports of Departments and Agencies

as well as the Area Council. The primary data were also obtained from the quarterly site meetings, public forums, and the quarterly meetings with the various stakeholders involved in the plan implementation and monitoring. The data were collated, analysed and evaluated by the DPCU.

1.3.2 Project Inspection and Site Visits

Monthly and other periodic monitoring of projects was carried out through visits to Programme, project and activity sites by the District Assembly Monitoring Team made up of members of the District Planning Coordinating Unit (DPCU). The visits enabled the DPCU to assess projects for conformation to specifications, value for money and whether the outputs will help achieve the project objective(s).

These visits also provided the opportunity for the monitoring team to hold sites meetings. These meetings improve accountability as the monitoring team apprised all project/programme and communicated to the relevant actors, communities, departments and institutions of key findings and observations after each project inspection.

1.3.3 Data Collection and Validation

The DPCU collected data on ongoing activities, programmes and projects as well as those implemented from January to December, 2020. The data were reviewed at the meeting of the DPCU and management meeting of the Heads of Department of the Assembly, Unit Heads of the Central Administration and other relevant stakeholders. The Monitoring reports prepared were extensively used in the preparation of the APR.

1.3.4 Departmental Reports

Annual and Quarterly Departmental performance reports submitted by Departments and Institutions in the Assembly provided additional secondary information towards the preparation of this report.

1.3.5 Challenges Encountered

In consonance with the previous reports, most of the problems encountered in the previous reports still persist.

1.3.6 Inadequate logistics and resources

The DPCU was at times compelled to postpone planned activities when a vehicle designated for an activity is re-assigned for other duties without notice. On a number of occasions, officers had to use their private cars to undertake official inspection and travels.

Inadequate budget for monitoring and evaluation activities sometimes compelled the DPCU to curtail some planned M&E activities. The problem also resulted in absence of incentives to motivated staff to commit themselves to M&E requirements.

1.3.7 Different Reporting Formats

Different reporting formats makes it difficult for data harmonization and alignment. In addition, departments delay their reports making it difficult to make accurate reporting on the performance of the district.

CHAPTER TWO

MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

2.0 Introduction

This section addresses issues on the status of projects implemented in 2020, updates on revenue sources and expenditure. It also indicates core indicators and critical development and poverty issues including monitoring and evaluation conducted, their findings and conclusions within the planned period.

2.1 Program/Project status as at the end of 2020

Table 2.1 below shows the status of projects and programs implemented by the Assembly as at the end of December, 2020. Fifty-two (52) programs and projects were planned for implementation, however, as at the end of the fourth quarter, the District had benefited ten projects from other sources (GET Fund and GNPC) making the total projects/programmes for implementation to sixty-two (62). Out of this total, fifty-five (55) programs and projects representing 88.7% were implemented while 7 representing 11.3% were yet to start. However, forty-four (44) out of the Fifty-five (55) implemented are still ongoing.

Table 4: Programmes/Projects/Activities Register, 2020

Item	Project Description	Thematic Area of Policy Framework	Location	Contractor/ Consultant	Contract Sum/ Budget (GH¢)	Source of Funding	Date of Award (D/M/Y)	Date Started (DD/MM/YY)	Expected Date of Comp. (D/M/Y)	Expenditure to Date (GH¢)	Outstanding Balance (GH¢)	Implementation Status (%)	Remarks
1	Support for Special Rice Project	Economic	District Wide		5,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
2	Planting For Food and Jobs	Economic	District Wide		50,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
3	District Agric Mechanisation	Economic	District Wide		400,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
4	Planting For Export and Rural Development	Economic	District Wide		5,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
5	Support to Business Advisory Centre/LED Activities	Economic	Drobonso		120,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
6	Celebration of National Farmers Day	Economic	District Wide		50,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
7	Support to Sports and Cultural Activities	Social Development	District Wide		10,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available
8	Support to PWDs Activities	Social Development	District Wide		30,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
9	Support to National Youth Authority	Social Development	District Wide		120,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available
10	Procurement of 800 Dual Desks	Social Development	District Wide		120,000.00	DACF -RFG	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not started
11	Support to District Education Fund	Social Development	District Wide		79,876.24	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
12	Construction of No. 3 Unit Classroom Block	Social Development	Selected community		257,000.00	DACF -RFG	-	-	-	-	-	-	On-going
13	Construction of 1 No. 3 Unit Pavilion with Ancillary Facilities	Social Development	Selected community		90,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	On-going

-Cont-

Item	Project Description	Thematic Area of Policy Framework	Location	Contractor/ Consultant	Contract Sum/ Budget (GH¢)	Source of Funding	Date of Award (D/M/Y)	Date Started (DD/MM/YY)	Expected Date of Comp. (D/M/Y)	Expenditure to Date (GH¢)	Outstanding Balance (GH¢)	Imp. Status (%)	Remarks
14	Completion of 1 No. 3 Unit Pavilion with Office	Social Development	Nyameani	Adehyeman Star Ventures	80,000.00	DACF	8/07/18	8/07/19	13/04/19	-	-		Completed
15	Furnishing of Court Building	Governance	Drobonso		40,000.00	DACF-RFG	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not started
16	Construction of 2 No. CHPS Compound	Social Development	Abura, Offe		180,000.54	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not started
17	Support to Health Services	Social Development	District Wide		10,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
18	HIV District Response Initiative	Social Development	District Wide		19,690.60	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
19	Construction and Maintenance of Un-engineered Feeder Roads	Infrastructure and human settlement	District Wide		150,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
20	Maintenance and Procurement of Street Lights	Infrastructure and human settlement	District Wide	M/S Babskom Engineering Services Ltd	38,000.00	DACF	30/09/2020	05/10/2020	15/11/2020	38,000.00	0	100	Completed
21	Support to Disaster Management	Social Development	District Wide		200,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
22	Completion of Police Station	Governance	Abotantire	Pringif Construction Limited	50,000.00	DACF	28/03/18	28/03/18	28/07/18	-	-	100	Completed
23	Street Naming Property Adresss System	Infrastructure and human settlement	District Wide		20,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not started
24	Drilling and Construction of 6 No. Boreholes	Social Development	Selected communities		90,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
25	District Sanitation Management	Social Development	District Wide		30,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed

Cont-

Item	Project Description	Thematic Area of Policy Framework	Location	Contractor/ Consultant	Contract Sum/ Budget (GH¢)	Source of Funding	Date of Award (D/M/Y)	Date Started (DD/MM/YY)	Expected Date of Comp. (D/M/Y)	Expenditure to Date (GH¢)	Outstanding Balance (GH¢)	Imple. Status (%)	Remarks
26	Fumigation and Sanitation Activities	Social Development	District Wide		360,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
27	Supply of Portable Water	Social Development	District Wide		90,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
28	Completion of Police Quarters	Governance	Drobonso	Nocasti Const. Works Ltd	30,000.00	DACF	21/11/16	21/11/17	10/2/17	-	-	90	Finishing
29	Support for Community initiated projects	Governance	District Wide		199,690.60	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available
30	Support for Security	Governance	District Wide		20,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
31	Monitoring of Projects	Governance	District wide		40,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
32	Preparation of Annual Composite Budget and Budget Committee	Governance	Drobonso		40,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
33	Fee Fixing Resolution	Governance	District Wide		40,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
34	Support to Departments of the Assembly	Governance	Drobonso		40,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
35	Organization of District Planning Coordinating Unit Activities	Governance	Drobonso		60,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
36	Capacity Building for Staff	Governance	Drobonso		36,000.00	DACF-RFG	-	17/06/20	20/10/20	30,000.00	6,000.00	100	Completed

Cont-

Item	Project Description	Thematic Area of Policy Framework	Location	Contractor/ Consultant	Contract Sum/ Budget (GH¢)	Source of Funding	Date of Award (D/M/Y)	Date Started (DD/MM/YY)	Exp. Date of Comp. (D/M/Y)	Expenditure to Date (GH¢)	Outstanding Balance (GH¢)	Imple. Status (%)	Remarks
37	Support to Traditional Council	Governance	District Wide		20,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
38	Support to Sub Structure (Area Council)	Governance	Drobonso		79,876.24	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available
39	Organization of Public For a	Governance	District Wide		30,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
40	National Celebrations	Governance	Selected community		40,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
41	Maintenance of Office	Governance	Drobonso		70,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available
42	Completion of DCE Bungalow	Governance	Drobonso	Alsaddique Ent.	53,391.18	DACF	17/08/16	17/08/16	17/08/17	-	-	90	Not started
43	Procurement of Office Equipment/Fittings	Governance	Drobonso		30,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
44	Construction of Semi - Detached Staff Bungalow	Governance	Drobonso		116,990.03	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not started
45	Operations and Maintenance	Infrastructure and human settlement	District Wide		75,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available
46	Staff and Office Accommodation	Governance	Drobonso		79,381.21	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available
47	Gazetting of Bye-Laws	Governance	Accra		20,000.00	DACF	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not started
48	Construction of District Magistrate Bungalow	Governance	Drobonso		400,000.00	SIP	-	-	-	-	-	-	Lintel

-Cont-

Item	Project Description	Thematic Area of Policy Framework	Location	Contractor / Consultant	Contract Sum/ Budget (GH¢)	Source of Funding	Date of Award (D/M/Y)	Date Started (DD/MM/YY)	Exp. Date of Comp. (D/M/Y)	Expenditure to Date (GH¢)	Outstanding Balance (GH¢)	Imple. Status (%)	Remarks
49	Construction of 1No. 6unit classroom block for R/C Sch.	Social Development	Drobonso	Embert Mmoa Ltd	450,000.00	GET Fund	24/01/20	24/01/20	03/07/20	-	-	-	Roofed
50	Construction of 6-seater water closet toilet for Presby School	Social Development	Drobonso		168,133.85	GET Fund	24/01/20	24/01/20	03/07/20	-	-	-	Completed
51	Construction of 1No. 3unit classroom block for D/A Primary School	Social Development	Offeh	Ntiasante Gh. Ltd	274,919.00	GET Fund	24/01/20	24/01/20	03/07/20	-	-	-	Completed
52	Construction of 1No. 3unit classroom block for SDA School	Social Development	Drobonso			GNPC	-	-	-	-	-	-	Roofing
53	Construction of 1No. 3unit classroom block	Social development	Anyinofi			GNPC	-	-	-	-	-	-	Roofing
54	Construction of 1No. 3unit classroom block for Methodist School	Social Development	Drobonso			GNPC	-	-	-	-	-	-	Roofing
55	Construction of 1No. 4unit teachers' quarters	Social Development	Drobonso	Ntiasante Gh. Ltd	199,839.00	DACF-RFG	16/04/20	23/04/20	23/12/20	90,000.00	109,839.00	65	Roofed
56	Construction of 1No. market shed	Economic	Anyinofi	Natescon services	74,979.00	MP CF	15/04/20	30/04/20	04/08/20	0.00	74,979.00	68	Finishing
57	Repairs/maintenance of 20No. boreholes	Social Development	District Wide	Natescon services	50,000.00	DACF-RFG (COVID 19)	03/04/20	03/04/20	03/05/20	50,000.00	-	100	Completed
58	Construction of ambulance bay	Social Development	Drobonso		120,000.00	DACF-RFG	-	-	-	-	-	-	Roofed
59	Construction of 1No. 10-Seater Water Closet Toilet	Social Development	Hamidu			DACF-RFG							On-going
60	Construction of 1No. 10-Seater Water Closet Toilet	Social Development	Anyinofi			DACF-RFG							On-going
61	Construction of 1No. 10-Seater Water Closet Toilet	Social Development	Seneso			DACFRFG							On-going
62	Construction of 1No. 10-Seater Water Closet Toilet	Social Development	Fumsua			DACF-RFG							On-going

Source: District Planning Unit, District Works Department & District Finance Department, 2020

2.2 Revenue Performance

A total of GH¢ 3,425,545.68 was the amount received by the Sekyere Afram Plains District Assembly by the end of the year 2020. The range of the revenue sources include Internal Generated Fund (IGF), District Assemblies Common Fund (DACF), Member of Parliament Common Fund (MPCF), and District Development Facility (DDF). A summary of the revenue performance of the District is presented in the Table 4 below. Out of the GH¢ 5,190,205.36 estimated, by the end of 2020 an amount of GH¢ 3,425,545.68 was realized. Therefore, the Assembly's inability to implement some of its programmes and projects could be attributed to the inadequate releases of the DACF and the DACF-RFG.

The IGF have seen improvement in the past three years. In the year 2020, the revenue target was exceeded by 61.4%. However, the increase in IGF is attributed to Royalties which is not a good indicator the Assembly in terms of generating revenue locally. Therefore, in order to generate enough revenue locally, adequate measures have been put in place to educate the public on the need to pay rates. In addition, several actions have been taken by the Assembly to improve upon the revenue collection and management for the year 2021.

Table 4: Update on Revenue Sources

Sources of Revenue	2018 Baseline (GH¢)	2019 Target (GH¢)	2019 Actual (GH¢)	2020 Target (GH¢)	2020 Actual (GH¢)
Internal Generated Fund (IGF)	55,648.00	87,078.26	88,920.00	110,000.00	177,520.00
District Assembly Common Fund (DACF)	1,315,313.75	3,213,200.39	2,144,880.96	3,993,812.14	2,313,064.00
Member of Parliament Common Fund (MPCF)	315,792.34	400,000.00	343,915.68	432,795.73	331,590.27
Disability Common Fund (PWDCF)	227,957.17	160,603.00	107,907.54	100,000.00	133,984.27
MSHAP (HIV/AIDS)	24,111.03	15,000.00	6,403.15	15,000.00	4,066.67
Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP)	-	-	-	-	-
District Assembly Common Fund Responsive Factor Grant (DACF-RFG)	338,687.00	501,413.00	710,153.79	553,447.49	465,320.47
Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2,277,509.29	4,377,295.22	3,402,181.12	5,190,205.36	3,425,545.68

Source: District Finance Department, 2020

2.3 Update on Disbursement

In order to ensure effective implementation of every plan and budget, revenue and expenditure reporting play a key role for successful implementation. This section of the progress report brings on board the revenue and

expenditure for the year under review. This will demonstrate the total revenue generated within the year and how funds were released to finance the expenditure of the 2020 Composite Budget and the 2020 Composite Annual Action Plan

From the Table 5 it can be seen that an amount of GH¢5,275,368.88 out of the total estimated expenditure of GH¢8,183,221.40 was spent. The programmes and projects implemented with the four expenditure items were initiated from the 2020 Composite Annual Action Plan and Composite Budget, which were prepared from the DMTDP 2018-2021.

Table 5: Update on Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	2018 Baseline (GH¢)	2019 Target (GH¢)	2019 Actual (GH¢)	2020 Target (GH¢)	2020 Actual (GH¢)
Compensation	1,039,006.50	897,685.95	1,161,531.17	1,003,136.86	1,591,738.98
Goods and Service	1,418,752.18	2,547,366.55	2,020,896.00	3,802,833.16	2,612,108.94
Investment	-	-	-	-	-
Assets	1,042,609.91	1,922,528.46	788,255.03	3,377,251.38	1,071,520.96
TOTAL	3,500,368.59	5,367,580.96	3,970,682.20	8,183,221.40	5,275,368.88

Source: District Finance Department, 2020

2.4 Update on Indicators and Targets

The Table 6 shows the performance indicators and targets for the implementation of 2020 Annual Action Plan and Composite Budget. In general, the achievements are affected by the delays and inadequate release of the major funding sources (DACF and DDF) and the outbreak of corona virus in the country.

NOTE:

N/A – means not applicable

n/a – means not available

Table 6: Performance of Core Indicators at the District Level

No.	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	2019 Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual	2021 Target
A	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
	<i>GOAL: Build a prosperous Society</i>				
1	Total output of Agricultural production (in metric tons)				
	Staple Crops:				
	a. Maize	20,612	26,861	25,267	27,231
	b. Rice (Milled)	215	628	458	628
	c. Cassava	11,796	12,042	10,864	12,500
	d. Yam	23,190	25,230	27,576	29,867
	e. Plantain	3,370	4,900	5,140	6,340
	Cash Crops:				
	a. Cocoa	33.6	40.0	33.4	40.0
	b. Oil Palm	54,354	56,000	54,976	57,000
	Livestock:				
	a. Cattle	13,800	14,500	13,956	14,500
	b. Poultry	43,000	50,000	43,132	50,000
	c. Goats	11,250	13,000	11,500	13,000
	d. Sheep	11,150	13,000	11,387	13,000
	e. Pig	3,400	4,000	3,517	4,000
	f. Fisheries	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	Percentage of arable land under cultivation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	a. Land area (hectares) for Staple crops	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	b. Land area (hectares) for Cash Crops	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	Number of new industries established	1	2	4	5
	-Agriculture related:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	Number of new jobs created	77	100	n/a	100
	-Agriculture related:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

-Cont-

No	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	2019 Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual	2021 Target
B	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT				
	<i>GOAL: create opportunities for all Ghanaians</i>				
5	Net Enrolment Ratio				
	a. Kindergarten	45.8%	50.0%	49.4%	60.0%
	b. Primary	62.5%	65.0%	64.3%	70.0%
	c. JHS	26.5%	29.5%	30.6%	40.0%
6	Gender Parity				
	a. Kindergarten	100.6%	100.0%	100.5%	100.0%
	b. Primary	49.2%	60.5%	55.3%	80.0%
	c. JHS	41.0%	45.0%	50.4%	60.0%
	d. SHS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	Completion rate				
	a. Kindergarten	100.6%	100.0%	100.3%	100.0%

No	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	2019 Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual	2021 Target
	b. Primary	49.2%	60.5%	58.2%	70.0%
	c. JHS	49.0%	61.4%	62.2%	75.0%
	i. Males	32.0%	40.5%	49.7%	60.0%
	ii. Females	17.00%	25.90%	30.4%	50.0%
	d. SHS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	i. Males	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ii. Females	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8.	Number of Operational Health Facilities (able to deliver basic health care)				
	a. CHPS Compounds	5	7	5	7
	b. Clinics	2	0	0	0
	c. Hospitals	0	0	0	0
9	Proportion of population with valid NHIS card in %				
	a. Total NHIS card users (by Sex)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	i. Male	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	ii. Female	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	b. Indigents	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	c. Informal	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	d. Aged	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	e. Under 18 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10	Proportion of population with access to basic drinking water sources (Boreholes, standpipes, protected dug wells etc in %.)				
	a. District	36%	45%	38%	50%
	b. Urban	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	c. Rural	36%	45%	38%	50%

-Cont-

No	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	2019 Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual	2021 Target
B	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT				
	<i>GOAL: create opportunities for all Ghanaians</i>				
11	Proportion of the population with access to improved sanitation services (Eg. Ventilated improved pit latrine, flush toilets to sewer systems, composting toilets in %).				
	a. District	38%	45%	40%	45%
	b. Urban	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	c. Rural	38%	45%	40%	45%

No	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	2019 Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual	2021 Target
-	Number of birth and death registered (birth and death registered at facilities)				
	a. Birth (sex)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	i. Male	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	ii. Female	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	b. Death (Sex)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	i. Male	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	ii. Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	c. Death by age Group:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Children –(below 18 years)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Youth –(18-35)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Adults - ≥36	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
13	Total number of recorded cases of Child trafficking and abuse	-	-	-	-
	a. Child trafficking (sex)	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
	i. Males	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
	ii. Females	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
	b. Child abuse (sex)	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
	i. Males	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
	ii. Females	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
14	Maternal mortality ratio (Maternal deaths recorded per 100,000 live births in the district)	n/a	0.000	n/a	n/a
15	Malarial case fatality (total malaria deaths/ total malaria admissions in all health facilities ×100) : sex	n/a	0.0	n/a	n/a
	i. Male	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	d. Female	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	a. Age Group				
	Children (<18 years)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Youth (between 18-35)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Adult (≥36)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

-Cont-

No.	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	2019 Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual	2021 Target
C	ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT				
	<i>GOAL: safeguard the Natural Environment and Ensure a Resilient, Built Environment</i>				

16	Percentage of road network in good condition (<i>The total km of classified road network in good condition expressed as percentage of total road network</i>)				
	a. Total	20%	30%	25%	30%
	b. Urban	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	c. Feeder	20%	30%	25%	30%
17	Percentage of communities covered by electricity (expressed as number of communities connected to the national grid/total number of communities in the district×100)				
	a. District	10%	20%	12%	20%
	b. Urban	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	c. Rural	10%	20%	12%	20%

-Cont-

No.	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION	2019 Baseline	2020 Target	2020 Actual	2021 Target
D	GOVERNANCE, CORRUPTION AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY				
	<i>GOAL: Maintain a Stable, United and Safe Society</i>				
18	Percentage of Annual Action Plan implemented	81.8%	100%	88.7%	100%
19	Reported cases of crime:	23	10	n/a	n/a
	a. Rape	-	0	n/a	n/a
	b. Armed Robbery	4	0	0	0
	c. Defilement	2	0	0	0
	d. Murder	1	0	0	0
20	Number of communities affected by Disaster	20	0	n/a	n/a
	Frequency of disasters recorded:				
	a. Bushfire	17	10	n/a	n/a
	b. Floods	8	0	n/a	n/a
	c. Wind/Rainstorm	4	0	n/a	n/a

Source: SAPDA DPCU, 2020

2.5 Update on Critical Development and Poverty Issues

Table provides the update of the critical development and poverty issues being implemented in the District. These include Ghana School Feeding Programme, Capitation Grants, National Health Insurance Scheme, Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Programme, National Youth Employment Program, One District-One Factory Programme, One Village-One Dam Programme, One Constituency-One Million Dollars Programme, Planting for Food and Jobs Programme, Free SHS Programme, National Entrepreneurship and Innovation Plan (NEIP) and Implementation of Infrastructural for Poverty Eradication Programme (IPEP).

Table 7: Update on Critical Development and Poverty Issues in 2020

Critical Development and Poverty Issues	Allocation GH¢	Actual Receipt GH¢	No. of Beneficiaries			Remarks	
			Targets	Actuals			
				Male	Female		Total
Ghana School Feeding Programme	-	-	-	-	-	Data not submitted by implementing department	
Capitation Grants	-	-	-	-	-	Data not submitted by implementing department	
National Health Insurance Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	No office in the district	
Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Programme	-	-	-	-	-	Data not submitted by implementing department	
National Youth Employment Programme	-	-	-	22	52	74	
One District-One Factory Programme						Proposals are being considered	
One Village-One Dam Programme	-	-	-	-	-	No funds were released in the year 2020	
One Constituency-One Million Dollars Programme	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available	
Planting for Food and Jobs Programme	-	-	-	-	-	Data not submitted by implementing department	
Free SHS Programme	-	-	-	-	-	Not started in the district	
National Entrepreneurship and Innovation Plan (NEIP)	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available	
Implementation of Infrastructural for Poverty Eradication Programme (IPEP)	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available	
Disability Common Fund	-	-	-	-	-	Data not submitted by implementing department	
HIV & AIDS Common Fund	-	-	-	-	-	Information not available	
Nation Builders' Corps (NABCO)	-	-	-	136	59	195	

Source: SAPDA DPCU, 2020

2.5.1 Economic (Skills Training, Employment Generation and Credit)

The Assembly engages in the provision of skills training and the generation of employment through its Business Advisory Centre (BAC). During the period under review, the centre undertook the following:

Table 8: Training provided by the Business Advisory Centre

S/No.	Training	Location	Number of participants		
			Male	Female	Total
1	Study Tour	Unijay Fashions Kumasi	2	28	30
2	Tech. Improv. Training in Cassava Processing	Fumsua	6	10	16
3	Internship for Bakers	Kumawu	0	2	2
4	Formation of Association	Nyame Bekyere	11	4	15
5	Formation of Association	Jijiri	12	2	14
6	Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Training	Drobonso	13	22	35
7	Life Skills and Management Training	James Town	0	90	90
8	Business Counselling	Within the District	20	30	50
Total			64	188	252

Source: Business Advisory Centre, 2020

A total of 252 individuals were engaged in a number of trainings by the centre. All the trainees were males. A look at the table indicates a variation in the train perhaps based on the gender perception associated with some trades.

2.5.2 FUMIGATION

Zoomlion Ghana in collaboration with SAPDA/EHSU fumigated Drobonso, the District Capital on December. Seven (7) Sites were fumigated which include; Public Toilets, Refuse Containers Sites, Refuse Dump, Market Centers, Schools, Police Station and Final Disposal Site.

General fumigation exercise was also carried out in public places across the District as Covid-19 mitigation measures.

2.5.3 MEDICAL SCREENING

During the year under review, 112 food venders were screened and issued certificates to operate, forming only 48.6% of the targeted population. Out of the 112 venders screened, 7 cases of Hepatitis were identified

and denied certificate to operate as food vendors. Affected vendors were then issued referral letters and advised to visit the nearest health facility for treatment.

2.5.4 NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

The National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) in the district is highly challenged just like most institutions in the District. The NHIS has no office in the District. As a result, residents who want to join the scheme have to travel to the nearby Districts. Those in the Northern part of the District do so in Districts like Atebubu-Amanten, Sene East and Sene West. In the southern part is the Asante Akim North and Kwahu Afram Plains North. The Eastern part also do the registration in the Sekyere East District. However, residents have to cover not less than 50km in all these cases just to get registered on the scheme. As a result of these challenges, it is very difficult to get accurate data on the number of people in the district who are registered with the scheme.

2.5.5 PROGRAMME FOR THE VULNERABLE AND EXCLUDED

15 cases on child right comprising of 6 males and 9 females’ promotion and protection were received during the year. Also 68 cases comprising of 18 males and 50 females were also received on family welfare, child maintenance and juvenile delinquencies. Two (2) LEAP payments were made in February and April 2020. 56 beneficiaries representing 30 males and 26 females benefited. 65 Persons with Disability (PWDs) comprising of 15 males and 50 females’ applications for support were received and supported in various forms including cash. Some of the child protection activities implemented include the following;

1. Investigated 15 cases of spousal/child abused and neglect in 2020 at Drobonso.
2. 68 cases of child maintenance and family reconciliation were received and resolved by the end of the 2020
3. 84 children were counselled and provided support in four communities namely Anyinofi, Fumsua, Dawia and Seneso.

2.5.6 SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMMES

Table: 9 Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty

No. of LEAP Beneficiaries	Sex Aggregation			Grant Received by Beneficiaries 2018	No. of Households	No. of Communities Benefited
	Adult male	Adult female	Children			
206	56	68	82	87,784.00	206	29

2.5.7 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Department during the year under review undertook a head count for all disabilities in the district. The table below shows the disability types and sex aggregation in the district.

Table 10: Disability Type and Sex Aggregation

Type of disability	Male	Female	Total
Deaf	19	14	31
Physically challenged	81	67	122
Blind	15	13	23
Mentally Challenged	1	-	1
Total	116	94	210

2.5.8 CHILD RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION

To facilitate the provision of adequate protection and security for children by their parents and guardians, the department helps to unravel the impasse between parents through mediation in the cases: A total of 64 cases were registered by the department during the year under review. The registered cases were in the areas of Child Maintenance, Child Welfare, Child custody and denial of paternity. During the year under review, spousal abuse and marital infidelity was also registered.

Table 11: Maintenance of Children

	MALE CHILD	FEMALE CHILD	TOTAL
CASE BROUGHT FORWARD	8	5	13
NEW CASES	13	11	24
SUCCESSFUL CASES	15	12	27
WITHDRAWN CASES	0	0	0
CASE BROUGHT TO FAMILY TRIBUNAL	0	0	0
TOTAL			64

2.5.9 CLIMATE CHANGE**Table 12: Awareness Creation Programmes**

No	Date	Venue	Activity
1	10/01/2020	Anyinofi, Seneso, Saabrewa and Saabum	Sensitization on the effects of bush fire on crops and livestock
2	22/01/2020	Dagomba, Drobonso, James Town.	Sensitization on effects of sand winning and the promotion of tree planting along the Afram river

Number of climate change sensitization programmes undertaken in 2018 was 3 covering 3 Administrative zones

Table 13: Climate Change sensitization Programmes

No	Date	Venue	Activity
1	10/01/2020	Anyinofi, Seneso, Saabrewa and Saabum	Sensitization on the effects of bush fire on crops and livestock
2	09/04/2020	Dagomba, Drobonso and Jamestown.	Sensitization on effects of sand winning and the promotion of tree planting along the Afram river
3	20/08/2020	Mamprusi, Wenamda, and Community 18.	Sensitization on the effects of indiscriminate felling of trees for charcoal burning and farmers to adopt practices that prevents bush burning
4	18/12/2020	Drobonso, Dagomba, Mamprusi and communities close to Drobonso Forest Reserve.	Sensitization on the effects of illegal chainsaw operation

The Assembly's MTDP contains climate change data analysis which was conducted in 2020 showing list of risks, issues and areas and analysis applied in the planning.

Table 14: Climate Change Data Analysis

Risks	Issues	Areas	Analysis Applied
Reduced soil fertility and rainfall	Charcoal burning and lumbering	Adukrom	Sustainability test
Destruction of vegetative cover	Bush burning	Drobonso, Dagomba	Sustainability test
Affects aquatic life in nearby rivers	Inappropriate use of chemicals for farming	Along Afram river, Abdulai, Boffourkura	Sustainability test

2.6 AGRICULTURE SECTOR

2.6.1 Crops Sub-Sector

Prices of major food crops did not change much from the average prices in 2020. The highest change was seen in the average prices of Maize, 100%. This was followed by Local Rice, 0.80% and Cassava with 0.75%. However, the district recorded a decrease in the average prices for Tomatoes, and plantain as indicated in the Table 17 below.

Table 15: District Average Price of major commodities

District Average Price (GH¢)			
COMMODITY	2019	2020	Percentage Difference
Maize (100Kg)	100	200	100.0
Local Rice (100 kg)	200	280	0.80
Cowpea (109 kg)	150	200	0.50
Groundnut (82 kg)	190	250	0.60
Yam (250 kg)	200	250	0.50
Cocoyam (91 kg)	-	-	-
Cassava (91 kg)	75	150	0.75
Plantain (9-11kg)	13	15	0.02
Tomatoes (52kg)	200	165	0.35
Millet (93 kg)	-	-	-
Sorghum (109 kg)	-	-	-
Smoked Herrings (100 singles)	-	-	-

Source: MOFA

Farmers and Farmer Based Organisations went through some training in the year.

Table 16: Training for Food Crop Farmers, 2020

TOPIC	BENEFICIARIES		TOTAL
	MALE	FEMALE	
Training on time and correct method of fertilizer application	157	48	205
Training on good record keeping	64	31	95
Sensitization on food safety and personal hygiene	78	22	100
Sensitization on bush burning	68	41	109
Training on the use of PICs bags for storage of maize to improve shelf life	93	36	129
Training on integrated pest management	132	31	163
Training on timely harvesting	195	62	257
Training of pest disease recognition, control and prevent	139	31	170

Training on post-harvest handling of produce	138	52	190
Sensitization on child labour	34	107	141
TOTAL	1,098	461	1,559

2.6.2 Livestock Sub-Sector

In the livestock sub-sector, some trainings were undertaken which benefitted

Table 17: Training for Livestock Farmers, 2020

TOPIC	AREA OF TRAINING	BENEFICIARY		
		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Improving animal housing	Provision of slated floor to animals	48	21	69
Zoo hygiene	Importance of practicing proper sanitation in livestock housing	42	48	90
Animal nutrition	Feed supplementation	52	31	83
Pests and diseases recognition and control in animals	Symptoms of diseases in animals and identification of healthy and unhealthy animals	39	20	59
TOTAL		236	150	386

2.7 PARTICIPATORY MONITORING AND EVALUATION AND OTHER STUDIES

2.7.1 Evaluations Conducted, Their Findings and Recommendations

Evaluation plays a vital role in the life of every project implementation as the feedback always determines the success or failure of the project. However, the Assembly did not organized evaluation on any of the projects implemented.

Nonetheless, it is expected that terminal evaluation will be carried out on some selected projects after they have been used for a reasonable period.

2.7.2 Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Undertaken and Their Results

Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation (PM&E) refers to the practice where all key stakeholders are directly involved in the M&E design and implementation processes. However, just like the evaluation, the Assembly did not organized any Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation in the year 2020.

2.7.3 Monitoring Activities

Three quarterly Monitoring exercises were undertaken at the end of March, June and September which culminated in the production of Progress Reports that were submitted to the National Development Planning Commission and the Regional Coordinating Council.

The Monitoring exercises were faced with some impediments. These include

- Most of the roads were inaccessible
- Low monitoring and evaluation capacity skills
- Inadequate logistics and resources to effectively carry out the M&E exercise
- Ineffective reporting systems and information management
- Uncompleted integration and dual allegiance of some departments of the Assembly
- Ineffective DA sub-district structures

2.7.3 Recommendations for Improved Monitoring and Evaluation

The implementation of the under listed activities is expected to greatly improved the capacity for an enhanced monitoring and evaluation with the Assembly.

- Deepen the capacity for monitoring and evaluation at all levels of the Assembly
- Provide enough funds for M&E activities
- Computer training in data collection and analysis

CHAPTER THREE

THE FORWARD

3.0 Introduction

This section summarizes the 2020 Annual Progress Report by exhibiting the key issues addressed and those yet to be addressed as well as the recommendations for successful implementation of subsequent Composite Annual Action Plans (CAAP). It also discusses other development issues of concern in the district.

3.1 Key Issues Addressed and Those Yet to be Addressed

There is more to be done in terms of project monitoring and evaluation to ensure effectiveness of projects implementation. The situation is very worrying as no vehicle had been assigned purposely for the District Planning Co-ordination Unit which is responsible to undertake monitoring. Logistics were hardly available which resulted in forfeiting conduct of evaluation of projects to ascertain their impacts on the beneficiaries and the district as a whole.

Besides, difficulty in coordinating effectively at the District level had resulted in a situation where basic data is very difficult to obtain. This makes it even more difficult in order to keep track of projects implementation in the District.

Though there is a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, the implementation of the DMTDP is most often confronted by the following constraints which must be resolved immediately:

- Low monitoring and evaluation skills and human resource capacity in the District.
- Low appreciation of the importance of Monitoring and Evaluation.
- Inadequate logistic and resources to monitor and evaluate the DMTDP.
- Ineffective reporting systems and information management.
- Incomplete integration and dual allegiance of some Departments of the Assembly.
- Ineffective DA sub-structures (i.e. Area Councils and Unit Committees).
- Inadequate and scattered data for the revenue items to guide projections and revenue generation in the district were also of much concern. However, efforts are being made to gather some data for revenue generation, especially the property rate.
- Untimely releases of the DACF also had a great effect on projects implementation periods.
- Lack of political commitment to prosecute tax defaulters to serve as a deterrent resulted in inadequate revenue mobilization.

3.2 Recommendations

The way forward to address the challenges faced in the Monitoring and Evaluation activities include the following:

- Ensure efficient and effective functioning of the sub-district structures
- Timely and adequate releases of the DACF
- Evaluate properties for property rate collection in all major communities in the District.

- Ensure strict enforcement of District Assembly’s directives, regulations and enactments in physical development and other spheres of administration
- Develop and deploy an effective financial management system.
- Improve Budget compliance/execution and reporting.
- Supervision of Revenue Collection/mobilization must be strengthened.
- The DPCU should be resourced and well equipped with the necessary training and logistics to function effectively.

3.3 Road Infrastructure

The general road infrastructure is very poor in the district – un-engineered roads, bad road surface, poor linkage of communities and many others. However, in the year under review saw improvements in the state of roads in the District.

The Drobonso-Issahkura-Dawia-Mempekasa road was commenced for construction and bitumen surfacing. However, it was still ongoing as at the end of the year.

The feeder road between Anyinofi and Sene-Agya was rehabilitated in the period to make it easier to cart people, goods and services.

3.4 Environmental Protection and Climate Change

Bush fires continue to pose great hazard to the ecosystem in the district. Despite the regular education of citizens, the act is still persistent. The assembly resolved to actively implement effectively its bye-laws relating to bushfires in conjunction with the Ghana police service.

3.5 HIV/AIDS

The HIV/AIDS desk under the District AIDS Committee (DAC) and District Response Management Team (DRMT) undertook various activities aim to sensitising and promoting ways of reducing the risk of infection. Prevalence rate in the District is very low.

3.6 Summary of Challenges

- Poor road and transportation network
- Inadequate information and communication technology infrastructure
- Inadequate agro-based small scale industries
- Underdeveloped tourism
- Poor environmental management practices
- Low revenue mobilisation
- Inadequate access to quality education infrastructure
- Poor settlements linkages

3.7 Recommendations

- Increased investment in road infrastructure and the creation of enabling atmosphere for effective transportation

- Provision of information and communication technology infrastructure in major settlements and effective telecommunication networks
- Promote the tourism potential of the District
- Continue the provision of modern school infrastructure
- Ensure the provision of adequate extension services to farmers

3.8 Conclusion

It is the hope of the Assembly that these recommended strategies would be pursued in order to step up the general efforts of promoting growth in the local economy and also facilitate development in the various sectors, to improve the living conditions of the people in the District.