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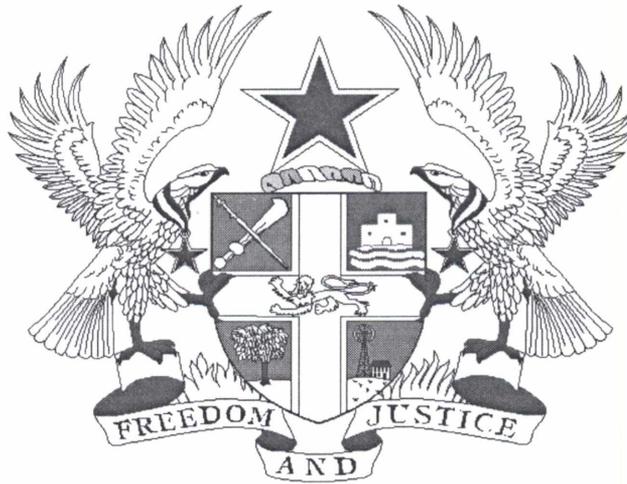
SUBMISSION OF 2020 SECTOR ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS

Reference is made to your letter no. DP/143/134/24/70 dated 11th January 2021 on the above subject matter.

2. Pursuant to Regulation 19 of L.I 2232 of Act 480 which requires all sector Ministries, Departments and Agencies to prepare their 2020 Annual progress Report.
3. It is in this light that the Ministry submits its Annual Progress Report for 2020 for your attention and necessary action.
4. We count on your cooperation.

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**THE MINISTRY OF CHIEFTAINCY AND
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS (MCRA)**

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

M&E REPORT FOR 2020

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MINISTRY OF CHIEFTAINCY AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 2020 Annual Progress Report (APR) gives an account of the implementation of policies and strategies as outlined in the Sector Medium Term Development Plan (SMTDP) 2018 – 2021. This report was prepared in line with His Excellency the President’s Coordinated Programmes and Policies which is being operationalized through the National Medium-Term Development Policy Framework (2018 -2021), “Agenda for Jobs”: Creating Prosperity and Equal Opportunity for All.

The report essentially touches on the Monitoring and Evaluation activities undertaken by the Ministry in respect of funding sources and disbursement, specific project, programme or policy involved, the resource persons involved, findings, summary of key issues and recommendations.

1.1 Summary of Achievements and Challenges with the implementation of the SMTDP

1.1.1 Summary of Achievements

The key achievements of the Sector for the year 2020 (January to December) are as follows;

i. Improvement in Chieftaincy Succession to stools and skins.

Chieftaincy succession disputes ensue when there is no clearly identified successor to a stool or skin which are recipe for disputes. It was on this basis that the Ministry in together with the National House of Chiefs undertook the codification of lines of succession to stools or skins project. This project is aimed at identifying rightful successors to stools/skins with the object of reducing chieftaincy succession disputes. This activity is an on-going exercise. Twenty (20) draft Legislative Instruments on Lines of Succession to Stools/Skins have reached various stages of validation.

ii. Ensuring reduction in Chieftaincy Disputes.

The National and Regional Houses of Chiefs, as well as Traditional Councils have Judicial Committees that adjudicate Chieftaincy disputes. The role of the Ministry is to facilitate the

speedy adjudication of disputes through the provision of financial assistance and see to the recruitment of Legal Counsel to assist the Judicial Committees, as mandated by Law. In 2020, the Ministry disposed - off One Hundred and Three (103) cases representing 21.3% during the period under review.

- iii. The Ministry in 2020 reconstituted the membership of the Regional House of Chiefs, with the passage of the Chieftaincy (membership of the Regional House of Chiefs) Instrument, 2020 L.I 2409).
- iv. The Ministry inaugurated six (6) new Regional Houses with the creation of the six (6) new Regions. The administrative structures put in place would provide the needed support for the Regional Houses of Chiefs.
- v. The National House of Chiefs recommended and approved Four Hundred and Ninety-One (491) Chieftaincy Declaration (CD) Forms for entry into the National Register of Chiefs.
- vi. The Ministry facilitated 74 Pilgrims to the State of Israel.
- vii. Peaceful co-existence of religious bodies.

The Ministry is to ensure that there is harmonious and peaceful co-existence among all religious bodies in the country. This is to foster peace and national development.

- viii. Strengthening Religious faith.

Pilgrimage creates the avenue for adherents to gain a deeper understanding of historical and symbolical connection to faith. Expression of true faith in accordance with religious precepts and values has implications for national development, social cohesion and peaceful co-existence. The Ministry's role of facilitating Christian Pilgrims to the State of Israel is aimed at strengthening faith and values for social cohesion and development.

1.1.2 Summary of Challenges

1. Inadequate resources and in most cases the objective set were not met.
2. Untimely release of funds for the adjudication of chieftaincy cases.
3. Logistical constraints

4. Challenges of the legal provision in relation to;
 - i. Composition of Judicial Committees of the Houses of Chiefs
 - ii. Procedures for adjudication of chieftaincy matters

1.2 PURPOSE OF M&E FOR THE STATED PERIOD.

Pursuant to Regulation 19 of L.I 2232 of Act 480 mandates all Ministries, Departments and Agencies to prepare and submit their Annual Progress report to the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC). The Annual Progress Report essentially is an assessment tool for tracking the progress of programmes and projects of a specified period of time. The object in essence is to assess progress made as contained in the Sector Medium Term Development Plan (SMTDP) 2018-2021. The end result is to give account of the MDAs performance, challenges and recommendations for the next planning cycle.

1.3 PROCESSES INVOLVED.

1. Data was collated from the Sixteen (16) Regional Houses of Chiefs and the National House of Chiefs.
2. Reports on performance from the National and Regional Houses of Chiefs were forwarded to the Ministry.
3. Field trips to selected regions.
4. Engagement with some religious groups.
5. Engagement with Traditional Authorities.

1.4 STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SMTDP.

1.4.1 PROPORTION OF THE SMTDP PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2020

Indicators	Baseline	Target	Actual
	2019	2020	2020
1. Proportion of the annual action plans implemented:	67%	80%	71.4 %

a. Percentage completed	20%	50%	42.8%
b. Percentage of ongoing interventions	47%	30%	28.6%
c. Percentage of interventions abandoned	0		0
d. Percentage of interventions yet to start	33%	N/A	28.6%
2. Proportion of the overall medium-term development plan implemented	67%		71.4 %

1.4.2 Detailed information on the Annual Action Plan Implementation

S/N	Development Dimension	2020	
		Planned	Executed
1	Passage of LI on Membership of Regional Houses of Chiefs.	Facilitate the passage of draft Legislative Instruments (L.Is) on Membership of National and Regional Houses of Chiefs	The Ministry in line with the legal requirement reconstituted the membership of the Regional House of Chiefs, with the passage of the Chieftaincy (membership of the Regional House of Chiefs) Instrument, 2020 L.I.2409.
2	Undertake Human Resource Management	Organize Regional Orientation workshops for the Research Officers and Registrars at the traditional councils.	The Ministry held workshop for Research officers and Registrars at Koforidua during the period under review.
3	Provide human resource, modern infrastructure and logistics for the chieftaincy institution	Recruit 30 staff for the chieftaincy institution	Twenty (23) staff was recruited during the period under review.
4	Provide human resource, modern infrastructure and logistics for the chieftaincy institution	Construct 6 new office complex, bungalows and semi-detached bungalows. Renovate 7 office buildings across the regions.	Construction works on the Head office, National House and Ashanti Region, Renovation works at the Northern Region is on-going. The Ministry has started the ground works for the construction of six (6) newly Regional Houses of Chiefs office complex, bungalows and semi-detached bungalows.

5	Codification of Lines of Succession to Stool and Skins	Validate 20 draft Legislative Instruments on Lines of Succession to Stools and Skins	Twenty (20) draft Declaration of Customary Law Instruments of 20 Traditional Councils in respect of lines of succession to stools/skins have been prepared and is currently at the validation stage.
6	Sensitize Traditional Authorities to repackage festivals	Dialogue with Traditional Authorities to promote and coordinate their festivals	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Ministry could not have the forum to sensitize traditional authorities.
7	Sensitize traditional authorities on afforestation, greening and environmental protection	Organize sensitization workshops for traditional authorities on afforestation, greening, Land tenure system and environmental protection	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Ministry could not have the forum to sensitize traditional authorities.
8	Profile Customary land Ownership in Ghana	Complete Profiling of Customary land Ownership in Ghana	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Ministry could not have the fora to sensitize traditional authorities.
9	Settlement of Cases through Judicial Processes	Resolve 10% of cases before judicial committees.	During the period under review 79 new cases were received, in addition to 404 cases brought from 2019 totaling 483 cases. 103 cases representing 21.3 % were disposed -off. 380 cases were pending as at the end of the reporting year.
		Provide financial support to Houses of Chiefs	The National and Sixteen (16) Regional Houses of Chiefs received quarterly grants.
10	Strengthen the Chieftaincy Institution	Inaugurate new Regional Houses of Chiefs within the six (6) newly created regions.	The Ministry inaugurated six (6) newly created Regional Houses of Chiefs which were Bono East, Savannah, Oti, Ahafo, Western North and North East.
11	Provide human resource, modern infrastructure and logistics for the chieftaincy institution	Procure 30 laptops, 30 Desktop computers and accessories for the chieftaincy institution	The Ministry could not procure laptops, desktops computers and accessories for the chieftaincy sector.

12	Develop and strengthen inter faith co-existence for peace and national development	Organize inter-faith dialogues among Religious bodies for peaceful co-existence and national development	The Ministry held six (6) inter- faith dialogues with religious bodies.
13	Develop and strengthen inter faith co-existence for peace and national development	Prepare National Policy on Religion	Draft National Policy on Religion ready for validation by stakeholders.
14	Religious Pilgrimage	Organize annual pilgrimage to Holy sites	The Ministry facilitated 74 Pilgrims to the State of Israel.
Total			

1.5 Challenges encountered in the implementation of the SMTDP.

1. Inadequate resources and in most cases the objective set were not met.
2. Untimely release of funds for the adjudication of chieftaincy cases.
3. Logistical constraints
4. Challenges of the legal provision in relation to;
 - i. Composition of Judicial Committees of the Houses of Chiefs
 - ii. Procedures for adjudication of chieftaincy matters

2.0 M&E ACTIVITIES REPORT

2.1 Programme/project status for the year

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION 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
Renovation of No. 31, 6 th Avenue Ridge Bungalow into Offices for the Ministry	Provide modern infrastructure and logistics	Ridge, Accra	Messrs Win Meg Ventures/PWD Prestige	500,060.71	GoG	31/08/2017	31/08/2017	31/12/2017	398,787.73	99,424.23	90% complete	
Spvsn & Cnslt'y for the Renov. of No. 31-6TH Ave Ridge into Offs (Ph1)	logistics for the chieftainc y institution	Ridge, Accra	Messrs WIN MEG VENTURES	64,873.61	GoG	-	-	31/12/2017	-	64,873.61	90% complete	
Cnslt'y on the dsgn and spvsn of Const. of six (6) new Regnl Houses office complex and bnglws		6 new regions	Laceta Company Ltd	1,300,000.00	GoG				-	1,300,000.00	50%	
Construction of a two (2) storey office building of National House of Chiefs in Kumasi		Kumasi, Ashanti Region	M/S Pedro Co. Ltd/PWD	2,054,200.62	GoG	12/06/2006	12/06/2006	12/03/2007	1,018,741.71	1,035,458.29	75% complete	
Rehabilitation of 3-bedroom bungalow with boy's quarters at the Volta Region House of Chiefs.		Ho, Volta Region	Regional Consultants	197,961.50	GoG	11/04/2018	11/04/2018	31/12/2018	-	197,961.50	On going	The contractor did not go to site to

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION 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	start the work REMARKS
Construction of offices for Upper West Regional House of Chiefs	Provide modern infrastructure and logistics for the chieftaincy institution	Wa, Upper West Region	Adams Kofi Dagati/AESL-Regional Consultants	1,377,858.44	GoG	29/04/2016	29/04/2016	30/10/2016	1,329,910.46	47,947.98	100% complete	
Construction of office Block of Brong-Ahafo Regional House of Chiefs		Sunyani, Brong-Ahafo Region		1,579,826.06	GoG	10/15/1999	10/15/1999	10/15/2000	3,431.37	1,576,394.69	58% complete	
Construction of Conference Hall and Offices for Ashanti Regional House of Chiefs		Kumasi, Ashanti Region	Asumadu Construction Ltd/AESL-Regional Consultants	887,731.84	GoG	23/11/1999	23/11/1999	31/12/2000	347,588.14	33,000.00	85% complete	
Construction of Conference Hall and Offices for the Ashanti Regional House of chiefs (Electricals)		Kumasi, Ashanti Region	Messrs Intercity Contractor Ltd/	328,442.01	GoG	22/11/1999	22/11/1999	31/12/2000	72,080.86	256,361.15	50% complete	
Rehabilitation of offices of the Northern Regional		Tamale	Messrs Malycon Limited	541,119.82	GoG	30/08/2019	17/10/2019	17/01/2020	107,504.55	433,615.27	50% complete	

2.3 Update on disbursements

PERSONNEL EMOLUMENTS (wages and Salaries)							
YEAR	Requested as Planned	Approved as per Ceiling	Released	Deviation		Actual Expenditure	Variance
	A	B	C	A - B	B - C		
2020	30,965,808.00	30,965,808.00	38,391,564.00	-		38,391,564.00	-

GOODS AND SERVICES							
YEAR	Requested as Planned	Approved as per Ceiling	Released	Deviation		Actual Expenditure	Variance
	A	B	C	A - B	B - C		
2020	3,546,347.00	3,546,347.00	3,213,270.87			3,213,270.87	-

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES / ASSETS							
YEAR	Requested as Planned	Approved as per Ceiling	Released	Deviation		Actual Expenditure	Variance
	A	B	C	A - B	B - C		
2020		NIL	961,256.00			961,256.00	-

2.4 Update on Indicators and Targets.

INDICATORS	BASELINE 2019	TARGET FOR 2020	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE FOR 2020
Chieftaincy Succession disputes reduced.	19 draft LIs on Lines of Succession to stools and skins prepared and submitted to OAGMOJ	20 draft Lis to be validated and finalized.	20 draft legislative instruments on lines of Succession to stools/skins is at the validation stage.
Chieftaincy disputes reduced	66 (14.04%) Chieftaincy cases disposed-off	48 (10%) of chieftaincy cases to be disposed-off	During the period under review 79 new cases were received, in addition to 404 cases brought from 2019 totaling 483 cases. 103 cases representing 21.3 % were disposed -off. 379 cases were pending as at the end of the reporting year.
Number of office buildings constructed and renovated		Renovate 7 Regional House of Chiefs offices, 7 bungalows and 35 Traditional Council Offices.	Construction works on the Head office, National House and Ashanti Region, Renovation works at the Northern Region is on-going. The Ministry has started the ground works for the construction of six (6) newly Regional Houses of Chiefs office complex, bungalows, and semi-detached bungalows
Peaceful co-existence of religious bodies		Organize workshop for religious bodies on peaceful co-existence and national development	The Ministry held five (5) inter- faith dialogues with both Christian and Muslim religious bodies.
Religious faith strengthened	200 participants	Organize annual Religious pilgrimage to holy sites	Draft National Policy on Religion ready for validation by stakeholders. 74 Pilgrims were facilitated to the State of Israel.

2.4.1.a Evaluations Conducted

As part of efforts to strengthen the Chieftaincy sector the Ministry monitored the activities of Regional Houses of Chiefs in the chieftaincy disputes and the number adjudicated, the number of Chieftaincy Declaration forms processed and the number of L. Is processed by the Regional and Traditional Councils. In addition, inauguration was conducted in six (6) traditional councils namely Nchumuru, Fodeme, Wli, Abutia, Alavanyo and Gbledi. These administrative structures provide critical adjudication channel for addressing disputes. The resultant effect is there is conducive environment for national development. The Ministry periodically visits the Regional Houses and Traditional Councils to assess issues relating to chieftaincy matters. All these are efforts geared towards building a strong and robust Chieftaincy sector.

2.4.2.b Findings

The monitoring and evaluation brought some issues to fore. At the beginning of the reporting year the chieftaincy disputes and the traditional councils and regional houses increase inflating the already existing chieftaincy cases in these places. There was also discrepancy of data received from the Regional Houses of Chiefs which calls for reconciliation of data. The effect of this challenge is that the Ministry is unable to collate its composite reports for onward submission on time. The physical structures of the sector Ministry were not in good shape and needed urgent renovation. The ones that are under construction work have stalled due to lack of funds resulting in the contractors abandon the sites.

2.4.2.c Recommendations

It is recommended that the following measures are taken to overcome the challenges that impeded the effective and efficient delivery of service in the sector:

1. The Ministry should identify alternative funding sources of executing its plans and programmes.
2. The Ministry should periodically review its Annual Action Plans to made room for unforeseen contingencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic which could derail its planned programmes for the implementation period.

a. Update on Critical Development and Poverty Issues – N/A

b. Participatory Monitoring and Evaluations (PM&E) undertaken and their results

The results of the monitoring and evaluations (PM&E) exercise carried out has placed the Ministry in a good position to address the numerous Chieftaincy matters that has come before the National and Regional Houses of Chiefs. The Ministry is resolved to expeditiously adjudicate and dispose most chieftaincy cases to end some of the long protracted disputes which are recipes for underdevelopments in the regional and traditional areas.

3.0 THE WAY FORWARD

3.1 Key Issues yet to be addressed.

The Monitoring and Evaluation activities should be given the needed attention to fully implement the programmes and projects. In that same vein focal persons will need regular capacity building programme for effective monitoring and evaluation activities.

3.2 Conclusion

The Ministry has the sole responsibility of providing administrative support to the Chieftaincy and Religious sector. This role is very critical to the development efforts of the country since a conducive atmosphere is created through the inculcation of cherished values and norms which influence attitudes towards civic duties and provide a sense of patriotism which are essential constituents for national development.

In view of this, the Ministry in 2021 would continue to deliver on its strategic and top priority programmes and activities to enhance its contribution to National Development, use Chieftaincy and Religion to build cohesion, enhance cultural values for development, conduct effective and efficient M&E systems which when developed would ensure judicious use of public resources as well as enhance safety and peace in communities.