

SEFWI AKONTOMBRA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This annual report provides feedback on the interventions of the Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly and in line with the National Monitoring Framework. The Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly do not have all the schedule departments in existence and one of such key departments which do not exist is the department of Town and Country Planning. The absence has affected adversely the Spatial Development of the District.

Agriculture is the mainstay of the district economy employing 94.01% of the population. The major cash and or food crops grown in the district are cocoa, oil palm, plantain, rice, Maize, Cocoyam, Cassava etc. and these are non-taxable products. There are few sawmill industries and other income generating activities. This situation affects the revenue generation of the District.

The District has so many scattered settlements making infrastructure provision a herculean task. This situation has left many roads in the district deplorable and seasonal. Water and sanitation remains a development gap.

In the midst of the poverty issues and infrastructure gaps, this report gives account of some interventions that were implemented to improve the living conditions of citizenry in the Sefwi Akontombra District.

There were ninety-nine (99) programs and projects in the 2020 Annual Action Plan of which cumulatively 90% of the programmes and projects were implemented.

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CHAPTER ONE: GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Like all Government Organisations and Institutions, The Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly (SADA) in line with the National Policy Framework “**Agenda for Growth, Jobs, Prosperity and Equal Opportunity for All**” (2018- 2021), implements policies and assist in formulating same with the view to satisfying the needs of the people.

SADA has been rolling out the implementation of the 2018- 2021 MTDP through an Annual Action Plan. This report presents the status of implementation on the 2020 Composite Annual Action Plan (AAP) of the Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly from January to December, 2020.

Specifically, during the period under the review, the Assembly carried out development projects and programmes in the District, in the areas of Health, Education, Agriculture, Sanitation, Rural Electrification, Small and Medium Scale Enterprise Development as well as Road Infrastructure.

Management of SADA encouraged participation of stakeholders in the implementation of the 2019 AAP through town hall meetings, project monitoring, review meetings and a functional District Planning Coordinating Unit. Data for this report were gathered during these participatory engagements.

The report is structured into five chapters. Chapter one presents the status of the implementation of the DMTDP 2019-2021, the purpose of the Monitoring and Evaluation, processes involved and challenges encountered. Chapter two highlights the status of implementation of the 2019 Action Plan. The third chapter discussed the revenue patterns and the fourth chapter discussed the monitoring indicators. The report ends with the way forward where key issues addressed and those yet to be addressed were also highlighted.

1.1 Status of Implementation of the District Medium-Term Development Plan (2018 – 2021)

There were ninety nine (99) projects and programmes outlined in the revised 2020 Composite Annual Action Plan. From the 99 programmes and projects, the District Assembly is implementing or has implemented accumulatively eighty nine (89) programmes and projects representing 91% of the Annual Composite Action plan as summarized below in table 1.1.

Table 1: Proportion of the DMTDP implemented in 2020

Indicator	2018	2019	2020	2021
Proportion of Annual Action Plans Implemented since 2018	93.6%	91.9%	91%	
Proportion of the overall MTDP 2019-2021 implemented	24%	45%	72%	

Source: DPCU December, 2020

Programmes and Projects implemented covered the various development dimensions as defined by the NDPC policy framework. Table 2 attempts a categorisation of programmes and projects implemented in the 2020 AAP into the various development dimensions. There was a surge in the area of social development due to the dominance of COVID-19 and under cross-cutting issues of gender, climate change interventions which needed immediate intervention.

Table 2: Categorisation of AAP into Development Dimensions

S/N	Development Dimension	Number Planned	No. Implemented
1	Economic	15	14
2	Social	41	37
3	Infrastructure & Human Settlement	16	13
4	Governance & Corruption	27	25
	Total	99	89

Source: SADA 2020 AAP/ Quarterly Reports

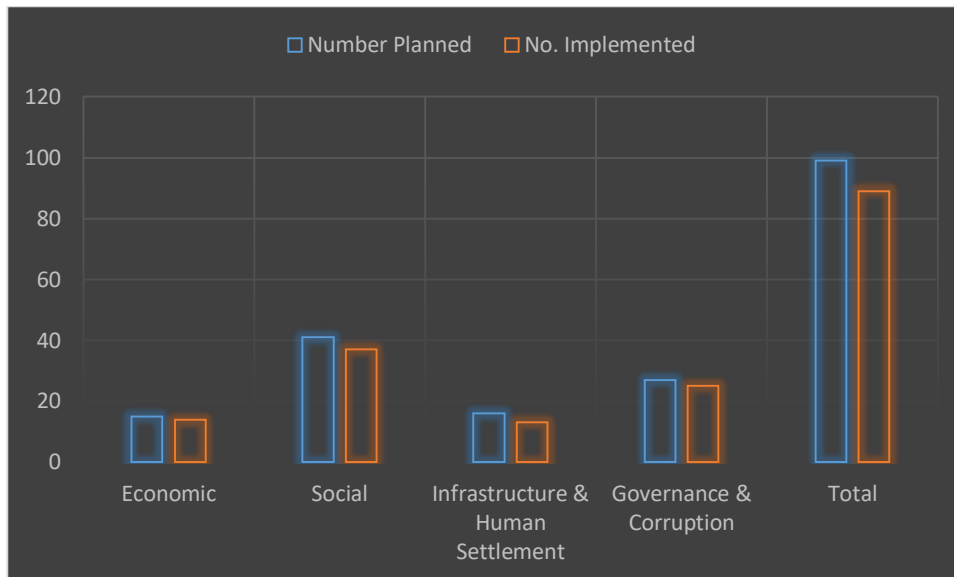


Figure 1: Summary of 2020 Action Plan

In the period under the review, there were conscious effort to implement policies aimed at reducing the impact of COVID-19 infections in the District. The necessary safety protocols and other logistics were procured to ensure the safety of the citizenry. It is important to emphasize that there were no recorded case of the nouvelle virus in the District during the period under Review.

1.2 Objectives of the Monitoring Report

Systematic monitoring and evaluation of the DMTDP and reporting will show the extent of progress made towards the implementation of the government policy framework- Agenda for Jobs- and will further help to:

1. Identify achievements, constraints and failures so that improvements can be made to the DMTDP and project designs to achieve better impact
2. Provide the appropriate information for effective coordination of district development at the regional level and the district level.
3. To encourage stakeholder participation in the utilization of public resources
4. On other planned programmes the aim was to ensure that the right thing is being done and at the right time to the interest of the beneficiaries to prevent waste of resources.
5. On PFJ the visits were to assess inputs needs of the intended beneficiaries as well as to ensure the efficient use of inputs that have since been distributed.
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1.3 Processes Involved

Due to COVID, the Assembly involvement of citizens in the Annual Action Plan was limited. However, the following alternatives were adopted:

- Quarterly Reviews on Radio and Website
- Monitoring of Projects by User Departments

1.4 Challenges

1. Non-payment of DPCU Activities was a disincentive for members of the DPCU to fully participate in M&E activities of the district.
2. A communication lapse between the District and the Sub Structures was a major drawback in especially larger Area Councils in getting a fairly represented house.
3. The seemingly non-involvement of the District Assembly in the implementation and selection of certain projects by some agencies and ministries directly from Accra not only hampered development but created a vacuum. Several projects have been implemented in the district of which could have addressed the needs of the MTDP 2018-21 if only there was a little consultation with the District Assembly rather than for a political gains.
4. The Scare/impact of COVID 19 in the district; behaviour of residents, PPEs at HFCs, investigation, collection and transportation of samples
5. No District hospital amidst COVID 19.

CHAPTER TWO: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DMTDP

2.1 Projects Status

The District made significant progress in the implementation of capital projects. There were evidence of massive infrastructure under statutory funds such as the DACF and the DDF (Annex 1). In addition, the district benefitted from several GETFUND (Annex II) interventions and the flagship 1 million Per Constituency (Annex III).

Chapter Three: Update on Funding Sources

3.0 Introduction

This section provides data on the receipts on the funding sources for the period under review.

3.1 Update on Funding Sources

The District Assembly Common Fund (DACF), the District Development Facility (DDF), Stool Lands, and the Internally Generated Funds (various taxes by ratepayers) constitutes the main funding sources of the district (table 3.1). Table 3.1 detailed the major funding sources of the district accrued for the period as at 2020.

Table 3.1: Funding Sources in the District as at Dec, 2019.

S/N	Funding Source	2020		2019
		Budget	Actual	
1	Grants	6,141,403.22	4,077,364.45	4,142,526.22
2	Lands and Royalties	120,000.00	696,798.62	150,113.22
3	Rates	35000.00	41,354.75	0.0
4	Rents	10000	0.0	1,009.17
5	Licenses	77450	14931	102,931.18
6	Fees	73000	81,212.44	69,134.00
7	Fines, Penalties,	2850	0.0	5900.00
7	Misc.	2000	4000	23,552.31
	Totals	6,461,703.22	4,915,661.26	4,497,185.1

Source: 2020 Annual Accounts-SADA

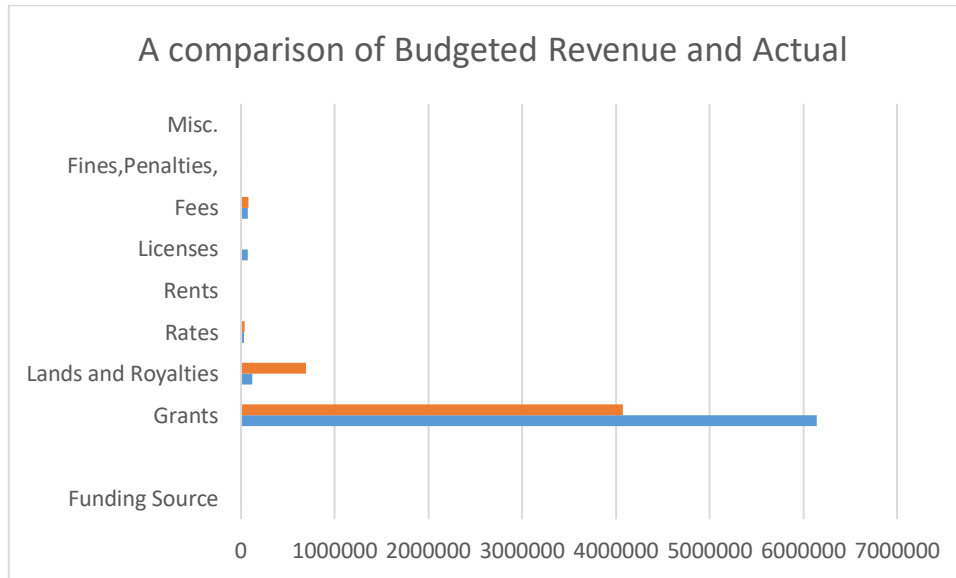


Figure 2; Comparison of 2020 Actual and Budgeted Revenue

From Table 3.1 and Figure 2 depicts the revenue pattern of the District. There was a sharp variance in the anticipated/ budgeted revenue to the actual revenue collected. It is seen in the table and chart that the district has a low revenue (IGF) collection rate and that a decline in the transfers from the central government adversely affected the implementation of the AAP in the District. Despite the trend, the district endeavoured to lobby for more stool lands which filled the gaps in collection of Internally Generated Revenue.

Table 3.2 Expenditure

S/N	Head	2020		2019
		Budget	Actual	
1	Goods and Services(Grant)	2,394,563.72	2,644,561.44	1,527,642.83
2	Goods and Services(IGF)	222,300.00	629,577.80	42,608.10
3	Capital Expenditure (Grant)	2,668,663.86	1,159,805.37	1,527,642.83
4	Capital Expenditure (IGF)	55,000.00	125,221.00	5,500.00
5	Total Expenditure	6,461,703.22	5,113,622.60	3,391,539.39

Source: 2020 Annual Accounts-SADA

	Indicator (Categorised by Development Dimension of Agenda for Jobs)	Baseline (2017)	Target 2018	Actual 2018	Target 2019	Actual 2019	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Target 2021	Actual 2021
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
1.	Total output in agricultural production									
	i. Maize	5,965	5000	5714.72	6000					
	ii. Rice (milled),	2319	2900	3164.44	4000					
	iii. Millet									
	iv. Sorghum									
	v. Cassava	97,781	100,000	102,386.50	120000					
	vi. Yam	21,200	21,000	21696	22000					
	vii. Cocoyam	53,390	60,000	60,806.30	65000					
	viii. Plantain	101669	110,000	117,090.40	130,000					
	ix. Groundnut									
	x. Cowpea									
	xi. Soybean									
	xii. Cocoa									
	xiii. Shea butter									
	xiv. Oil palm									
	xv. Cashew nut									
	xvi. Cotton									
	xvii. Cattle	30	63	115						
	xviii. Sheep	73960	74000	78,230						
	xix. Goat	82112	83000	85200						
	xx. Pig	210	300	315						

	Indicator (Categorised by Development Dimension of Agenda for Jobs)	Baseline (2017)	Target 2018	Actual 2018	Target 2019	Actual 2019	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Target 2021	Actual 2021
	xxi. Poultry	7201	15000	30010						
2.	Percentage of arable land under cultivation	33,062	34100	34397.8	35,000					
3.	Number of new industries established									
	i. Agriculture	20	30	35						
	ii. Industry,	NA	NA	NA	NA					
	iii. Service									
4.	Number of new jobs created									
	i. Agriculture	95	130	150	180					
	ii. Industry	NA	NA	NA	NA					
	iii. Service	NA	NA	NA	NA					
5	Percentage of farmers who received extension services									
6	No of cash crop farmers trained									
	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT									
5.	Net enrolment ratio									
	i. Kindergarten	69.0%	72.0%	71.4%	74.8%	73.8%	75.8%	73.5%	81.5%	
	ii. Primary	70.8%	71.2%	73.2%	72.2%	73.1%	76.5%	73.8%	79.5%	
	iii. JHS	38.3%	32.1%	32.1%	43.1%	34.7%	45.6%	35.0%	48.2%	
6.	Gender Parity Index									
	i. Kindergarten	0.83	0.85	0.86	0.88	0.89	0.91	0.89	0.95	
	ii. Primary	0.81	0.84	0.83	0.85	0.86	0.88	0.87	0.90	

	Indicator (Categorised by Development Dimension of Agenda for Jobs)	Baseline (2017)	Target 2018	Actual 2018	Target 2019	Actual 2019	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Target 2021	Actual 2021
	iii. JHS	0.78	0.81	0.77	0.80	0.79	0.84	0.79	0.88	
	iv. SHS	0.86	0.88	0.85	0.87	0.86	0.90	0.86	0.94	
7.	BECE pass rate	96.6%	97.6%	84.5%	97.9%	88.8%	98.1%	0	98.3%	
8.	Completion rate	84.4%	86.4%	85.1%	88.5%	87.1%	90.5%	0	92.5%	
	i. Kindergarten	81.2%	83.2%	79.1%	83.2%	82.1%	87.2%	0	91.2%	
	ii. Primary	54.6%	58.6%	67.0%	72.6%	71.0%	75.6%	0	79.6%	
	iii. JHS	12.1%	17.1%	24.1%	30.1%	29.1%	36.1%	0	42.1%	
	iv. SHS									
9.	Number of operational health facilities									
	CHP Compound	0	0	21	0	22	0	22		
	Clinic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Health Centre	2	0	2	0	2	0	2		
	Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	2	1		
10.	Proportion of population with valid NHIS card									
	i. Total (by sex)	21,727					48,568	24,424		
	ii. Indigents	1,562	4171	112	4171		3,257	679		
	iii. Informal	6319	6300	7638	9425		9,352	8,970		
	iv. Aged	789	244	602	244		922	724		

	Indicator (Categorised by Development Dimension of Agenda for Jobs)	Baseline (2017)	Target 2018	Actual 2018	Target 2019	Actual 2019	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Target 2021	Actual 2021
	v. Under 18years	11,406	20288	14744	20288		13,458	12,352		
	vi. Pregnant women	1663	318	2524	359		1468	1026		
	vii. SSNIT contributors	343	210	706	210					
11.	Number of births and deaths registered									
	i. Birth (sex)	929	4233	1047						
	ii. Death (sex, age group)	NA	NA	NA						
12.	Percent of population with sustainable access to safe drinking water sources¹	81.2	98	82	98	83.2	98	86.2		
	i. District	98	100	98	100	98	100	98		
	ii. Urban									
	iii. Rural	95	99	95	99	95	99	97		
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¹ CWSA defines access to safe water to include the following elements:

1. Ensuring that each person in a community served has access to no less than 20 litres of water per day
2. Ensure that walking distance to a water facility does not exceed 500 meters from the furthest house in the community
3. That each sprout of borehole or pipe system must serve no more than 300 persons and 150 for a hand dug well
4. The water system is owned and managed by the community
5. Water facility must provide all year-round potable water to community members

	Indicator (Categorised by Development Dimension of Agenda for Jobs)	Baseline (2017)	Target 2018	Actual 2018	Target 2019	Actual 2019	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Target 2021	Actual 2021
	Proportion of population with access to improved sanitation services									
	i. District									
	ii. Urban									
	iii. Rural									
14.	Maternal mortality ratio (Institutional)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15.	Malaria case fatality (Institutional)									
	i. Sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	ii. Age group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16.	Number of recorded cases of child trafficking and abuse									
	i. Child trafficking (sex)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	ii. Child abuse (sex)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Safeguard the Natural Environment and Ensure a Resilient, Built Environment										
17.	Percentage of road network in good condition									
	Total									
	Urban									
	Feeder				30km	14km				
18.	Percentage of communities covered by electricity									
	District	69	75	71	75	71	85	71		
	Rural	70	80	70	80	70	85	77		
	Urban	95	100	95	100	95	100	95		
Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability										
19.	Reported cases of crime									

	Indicator (Categorised by Development Dimension of Agenda for Jobs)	Baseline (2017)	Target 2018	Actual 2018	Target 2019	Actual 2019	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Target 2021	Actual 2021
	i. Men,	NA	0	185						
	ii. Women	NA	0	55						
	iii. Children	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
20.	Percentage of annual action plan implemented	82%	95%	85%	95%	88.1%				
21.	Number of communities affected by disaster									
	i. Bushfire	1	3	0	5	3	5			
	ii. Floods	NA	NA	9	10	19	22			

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17.	Percentage of road network in good condition									
	Total									
	Urban									
	Feeder				30km	14km				
18.	Percentage of communities covered by electricity									
	District	75	80	78	85	90				
	Rural	65	70	75	80	80				
	Urban	80	85	80	95	88				
Governance, Corruption and Public Accountability										
19.	Reported cases of crime									
	i. Men,	NA	0	185						
	ii. Women	NA	0	55						
	iii. Children	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
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21.	Number of communities affected by disaster									
	i. Bushfire	1	3	0	5	3	5			
	ii. Floods	NA	NA	9	10	19	22			

CHAPTER FIVE: ANALYSIS ON CRITICAL POVERTY REDUCTION INITIATIVES

5.0 Introduction

The Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly has been implementing a number of policy initiatives aimed at improving living conditions of the vulnerable and consequently reducing the poverty situation. The recent government flagship programs and initiatives and its impact on the target population was reviewed in this chapter. Other areas include Gender, Employment and Climate Change.

5.1 Update on Critical Poverty Areas.

5.1.1 Social Protection and Child Protection

The department during the year under review continued to interact with PWDs. Two (2) monthly meetings were organized to educate members on disabilities issues. A total of eighteen (18) persons with disabilities were registered during the year under review. Seventy Persons with disability were selected by the fund management committee and items purchased to be distributed to them to start their businesses. The items were purchased based on the applications submitted to the department. The items purchased are deep freezers, sewing machine, laptop, fufu pounding machines, cocoa spraying machine. Two metal container store which is under construction for two persons with disability.

Payment of LEAP beneficiaries had been done successfully except a few technical challenges during the 69th cycle payment (ie the fourth quarter).

Table 5.1: Vulnerability Programs

S/N	TYPE OF INTERVENTION	SEX COMPOSITION		TOTAL
		Male	Female	
1	LEAP Beneficiaries	274	421	695
2	PWD Beneficiaries	286	312	598
3	Participants of Child Right and Child Protection Exercise	299	191	490

5.1.2 COVID -19 RELIEF PROGRAMS

All churches, health facilities and public places were equipped with the necessary logistics to fight the pandemic. In addition, there were extension of pipe water to the major markets and

lorry parks in the District for passengers and traders to adhere to the protocols. The District Assembly in collaboration with the Health service has championed various sensitization and public education programmes in the District. In addition, Management has disbursed in several batches PPE's to the citizenry. The details are as follows;

Table 5.2 COVID RELIEF ITEMS

ITEM	QTY RECEIVED	SOURCE	QTY DISBURSED
Hand Sanitizer	10,089	SADA,Zoomlion,WNRCC	10,089
Nose/Facemasks	7,150	WNRCC,Zoomlion,SADA	7,150
Tissue Papers	1,281	WNRCC,Zoomlion,SADA	1,281
Veronica Buckets/stands	632	WNRCC,Zoomlion,SADA	632
Waste Bins/Dustbin	481	WNRCC,Zoomlion,SADA	481
Basin/ Washing Bowl	315	WNRCC,Zoomlion,SADA	315
Flaps	50	WNRCC	50
Axles	50	WNRCC	50
Pins	100	WNRCC	100
Wheels	100	WNRCC	100
Taps for Buckets	275	Zoomlion, SADA	275
Stickers	100	Zoomlion	100
Reflectors	27	Zoomlion	27
Examination gloves	7,000	SADA	7,000
Thermometer	5	SADA	5
Carbolic Soap	400	SADA	400
Liquid Soap	1,680	WNRCC, SADA, Zoomlion	1,680

Source; Stores Register 2020- SADA

The District Assembly through the BAC fully implemented the COVID-19 stimulus package which was introduced by the Government. Out of 500 persons who applied for the facility, over

300 people had received grants and soft loans ranging from GH¢700.00 and above. This package was to revive small scale businesses affected in the pandemic.

The effect of the pandemic was felt with respect to the rescheduling, postponing and in some cases cancellation of various workshop, training and meetings for staff which had been scheduled before the outbreak of the pandemic.

Again, contractors had to go on break during the period of the COVID 19 PANDEMIC there by derailing the date for progress and completion of projects. A typical example is Sefwi wiawso to Akontombra roads.

5.1.3 Free SHS Programme

There are two public senior high schools in the district: Akontombra Senior High School and the Nsawora-Edumafia Community Day High School. All these schools are beneficiaries of the Free SHS programme. The two schools have seen an increase in gross enrolment since the inception of the program. Currently, there are 1309 students benefitting from this initiative.

5.1.4 One District-One Factory Programme

The District benefitted from the Common User Facility which was implemented in four (4) Districts across the country under the supervision of the Rural Enterprise Project (REP). A Rice Processing Factory was the type of project and it was funded by AFDB. Project is located at Bokaso. The Project was officially inaugurated in November 2020 by the Minister of Trade and Industry. Project is now completed awaiting final handing over and Commissioning.

A number of rice farmers' associations have expressed their zeal to work with the factory to make the flagship project a success. Most of these discussions were facilitated by the Member of Parliament for the Constituency.

In order to get inputs to feed the mill at that time, the Member of Parliament in collaboration with some banks are giving out loans in the form of inputs (seed rice, fertilizers, weedicides etc.) to FBOs in rice production. Communities that have since benefitted include Ayisakrom, Asiekrom and Kofikrom.

Also approval has been given by Ghana Cocoa Board for the establishment of Cocoa Seed Production Unit at Akontombra. **The project is at land preparation stage**

5.1.5 One Constituency-One Million Dollars Programme

The District has seen a number of projects initiated under this program. The funds were implemented in the following sectors: Water and Sanitation, Economic and Education. In the area of Sanitation, two institutional latrines (market and cluster of schools) were constructed. The projects have been completed and in use

In the area of Education, sixteen (16) are being constructed. Out of which, two has been completed and handed over. The rest are in various stages of construction. In economic, two (2) market market sheds were provided in the two area councils. The projects included a 72unit market shed at Nsawora and a 50unit market shed at Akontombra (ANNEX III).

5.1.6 Planting for Export and Rural Development

On Planting for Export and Rural Development (PERD) the district Assembly did not make any commitment for its implementation. Notwithstanding, the Department of Agriculture raised four thousand and five hundred and seventy-seven (4,577) oil palm seedlings from its MAG funds for 2019 and were distributed to 305 farmers. 41% female participation was recorded.

5.1.7 Climate Change Activities

Akontombra falls within the rainforest zone therefore it is to record rainfall throughout the year but current weather patterns observed are long drought period extending to mid-April, erratic rainfall and drying of water bodies. In the district, illegal logging and farming along the river banks have been identified as the possible causes hence mitigation measures were geared towards reducing these activities.

The Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly in collaboration with The Landscape Management Board (LMB) continued to put interventions to restore the rate of degradation. Community monitors have been trained to check the rate of illegal logging with support from Forestry Commission. Incentives are being provided to farmers who interplant trees with cocoa. So far a total of 37,000 trees have been transplanted and being maintained.

Table 5.3 Climate Change Interventions

Activities	Number of Trainings	Beneficiaries		Total
		Male	Female	
*Catchment areas protection schemes (e.g. reclamation of arable land, re-forestation, etc.)	0	0	0	0
Bush fire mitigation awareness/trainings	13	242	155	397
Overgrazing awareness and training sessions				

Cropping management (e.g. Crop rotation, cover cropping etc.)	12	159	97	256
Water use management (e.g. bunding in rice fields, Drainage construction in flooded fields, Irrigation etc.)	0	0	0	0
Perennial fruits and fodder plantation against soil erosion				
Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	5	90	60	150
Others ...	10	252	165	417
TOTAL	40	743	477	1220

5.1.8 Nation Builders Corp (NABCO)

This is one of the Government flagship aimed at creating employment and strengthening the public sector. The District has fifty one (51) beneficiaries working in the various modules as enlisted in Table 5.1 with males forming the majority. Most of the beneficiaries were posted to the Ghana Education Service- Akontombra to fill the teaching gaps in the District.

Table 5.4 NABCO BENEFICIARIES

S/N	MODULE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1	Educate Ghana	11	9	20
2	Feed Ghana	4	0	4
3	Heal Ghana	1	4	5
4	Enterprise Ghana	1	1	2
5	Digitize Ghana	2	0	2
6	Civic Ghana	9	3	12
7	Revenue Ghana	5	1	6
TOTAL		33	18	51

Source: NABCO Secretariat, 2020

5.1.9 GHANA SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM (GSFP)

The Ghana School Feeding Programme, has the mandate to provide one hot meal to every school Child during school periods, especially to pupils in public kindergarten and primary schools. This mandate has contributed to increase in school enrolment, attendance and retention in the basic schools in the District.

During the period under review, the School Feeding program was affected by the inevitable COVID which led to closure of schools for most part of the period. However, there was a relief for students at the Junior High School as they were served one hot meal upon their return to school. In all a total of **1112 students** of the Junior High School across the district benefitted from the Social Intervention.

CHAPTER SIX: EVALUATIONS AND PARTICIPATORY MONITORING

Following the vision of Government to be transparent and accountable to citizens on various completed and on-going projects and programmes, the Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly (SADA) in collaboration with the U.S.A.I.D organized a ‘TOWN HALL MEETING’ on Friday, 11th September, 2020.

Again, the District under the Ghana Strengthening Accountability Mechanism (GSAM) trained fifty –five (55) persons on the planning processes, monitoring tools (score cards) to enable these persons function as community monitors in the district. Their activities will complement the monitoring and evaluation roles of the DPCU of the District.

CHAPTER SEVEN: ISSUES ADDRESSED, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

7.0 Issues Addressed

- The District continued to reduce the infrastructure deficit especially in the area of education. Several classroom blocks are being constructed to avoid the double track system as second cycle schools prepare to reopen. In addition to Senior High Schools, a number of classroom blocks were constructed for basic schools to improve teaching and learning.
- In area of employment, it is anticipated that the factory will employ over 400 persons with the completion of the facility. There was a sod cutting for the construction of a Cocoa Station in the District Capital.
- A considerable efforts were put in place to reduce the rate of COVID infections. As at December 2020, there were no confirmed cases of COVID in the District. The free water policy was strictly adhered to in all parts of the District which increase the frequent hand washing facilities.
- To improve accessibility and reduce post -harvest losses, over 40km of roads were reshaped in the cocoa growing areas and other feeder roads. Construction works on the Edewuakrom – Kofikrom (main road from Akontombra- Sefwi Wiawso) road is ongoing at a speedy rate. Again, the district was privileged to have benefited from the award of contracts of three (3) major feeder roads (57km) during the year of roads, the period under review.
- The District inaugurated the two Area Councils and also rented offices of accommodation for the offices. It is anticipated that this action will lead to increase in IGF in the district. Above all, the district recorded a significant increase in the generation of Internally Generated Funds due to the increase in proportion of stool lands generated.

7.1 Issues Yet To Be Addressed

1. The District is yet to address the issue of eleven (11) abandoned GETFund projects which are at various stages of completion.
2. Seasonal nature of feeder roads leading to post-harvest loses in most part of the district.
3. Completion of intervention started by the ministry of special initiatives
4. Running the office without a strong reliance on the central government transfers..

7.2 Recommendation

Based on the challenges experienced during the monitoring year, the DPCU recommends the following:

1. Funds should be released to enable contractors to complete projects being implemented through the \$1million per constituency
2. Road contracts awarded for the various cocoa roads to reduce post-harvest loses and increase accessibility to cocoa producing areas should be fast-tracked as such.
3. Management should endeavour to procure a vehicle to assist DPCU monitoring and its activities. The DPCU should be adequately supported to implement the DMTDP on time.
4. There should be a more harmonised approach in the implementation of projects by the central government at the district level.

7.3 Conclusion

It is anticipated that funds would be released on time to enable the Sefwi Akontombra District Assembly implement their activities as per the 2021 Annual Action plan. It is anticipated most ongoing projects would be completed this year to improve the lives of the citizenry and the country at large.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 ONGOING DDF AND DACF PROJECTS

No	Project Title	Community	Sector	Executing Firm	Contract Sum	Payments	Outstanding Payments	Start Date	End Date	Source of Funding	Status
1	Construction of 3-unit Classroom block with Office and Store	Sikane Asem	Education	Zome Agro Ent.	188,979.76	130,979.76	58,000.00	01/02/2018	01/10/2018	DACF	Ongoing
2	Construction of CHPS Compound	Yawkrom	Health	MacTandoh Ventures	384,463.54	324,737.93	55,221.62	01/02/2018	01/10/2018	DACF	Completed
3	Construction of 3 Bedroom Police Commander Bungalow	Akontombr a	Security	Tender Crown Const.	296,642.86	86,731.31	209,911.55	01/02/2018	01/10/2018	DACF	Ongoing
4	Construction of 3unit Classroom block with Office and Store	Edewuakrom	Education	MacTandoh Ventures	210,420.00	151,309.31	60,111.00	15/08/2019	16/02/2020	DPAT	Ongoing
5	Construction of 25 unit market shed	Akontombr a	Economic	Hief Addae	89,000.00	80,000.00	9,000.00	2019	2019	DPAT	Completed
6	Supply and Install 400 pieces of Allied Bulb Street Lights	District-wide	Social	Multi home Ventures	257,850.00	257,580.00	270.00	13/05/2020	11/06 2020	DPAT	Completed

7	Supply and Install 100 pieces of Allied Bulb Street Lights	District-wide	Social	Multi home Ventures	52,614.00	52,614.00	0.00	03/03/20	19/03/20	IGF	Completed
8	Supply and Install 150 pieces of Allied Street Bulb	District-wide	Social	Multi home Ventures	94,250.00	94,250.00	0.00	11/03/20	23/03/20	IGF	Completed
9	Construction of 1 no Urinal	Akontombr a Market	Social	Works Dept.	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00	26/02/2020	21/03/20	IGF	Completed
10	Construction of 1no. 3unit Classroom block	Betenase	Education	Limensco Limited	220,980.38	144,576.48	76,403.90	4/06/2020	4/12/2020	DPAT	Mobilization
11	Construction of 1no. 2unit Kindergarten Block with ancillary facility	Nsawora	Education	Raycof Cons & Trading Ltd.	252,185.45	67,827.82	184,357.63	4/06/2020	4/12/2020	DPAT	Mobilization
12	Supply of building materials for the construction of Covid'19 relief items	Nsawora Market / Nsawora Market	Health	Multi Home Ventures	117,850.000	117,850.000	0.00	13/06/2020	11/06/2020		Completed

13	Supply of stationary materials	District Assembly Office	Good Governance	Rockland Bay Trading Ent.	37,598.60	37,598.60	0.00	19/04/2020	29/04/2020		Completed
14	Supply of building materials for self-helped projects. (standpipes, water stand, overhead concrete stand, polytanks.)	Selected comm.	Social	Raycof Construction & Trading Ltd.	25,988.70	25,988.70	0.00	20/04/2020	23/04/2020		Completed
15	Supply of Sanitation items for Covid'19 relief	District-wide	Social	Multi Home Ventures	38,670.00	38,670.00	0.00	14/04/2020	24/04/2020		Completed
16	Purchase of 1 bale of white Kaliko Cloth and sewing of 6967 pieces of Nose Mask	District-Wide	Social	GNTDA	4,8776.90	4,8776.90	0.00	05/05/2020	17/06/2020	DPAT	Completed

Source: contract register, 2020

2.1.2 LIST OF ROLLED OVER PROJECTS 2015-2016

S/N	Project Description	Education	Location	Funding source	Contractor	Start Date	Contract Sum	Reviewed contract Sum	Payments till Date	Outstanding Balance	Remarks
1	Construction of CHPS Compound	Health	Tumuda	DACF	Jimmy Tom Const.	04/06/2016	265,255.73	0.00	183,157.32	61,045.72	ongoing
2	Construction of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom block with office , store	Education	Chorichori	DACF	Afram Ntow Const. Works	04/06/2016	190,001.41	203,001.41	181,515.43	21,485.98	Completed
3	Construction of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom block	Education	Ackaakrom	DACF	Churk Turk Ventures	04/06/2016	191,004.71	0	63,650.70	127,354.01	ongoing
4	Construction of 1No. 3-Unit Flat for Teachers (Later converted to 9 unit flat)	Education	Asanteman	DACF	Richko Const. Ltd	04/06/2016	260,045.72	275,045.72	214,000.00	61,045.72	ongoing
5	Construction of 1No. 2-bedroom semi-detached staff bungalow	Governance	Akontombra	DACF	James Tano Enterprise	04/06/2016	164,500.94	193,500.20	174,049.71	19,450.49	Completed
6	Construction of 1No. 4-Unit Flat for Teachers	Education	Akontombra	DDF	Joethur Ltd	04/06/2016	390,096.53	0.00	388,170.40	0	Completed
7	Construction of 1No. 4-Unit Flat for Staff	Governance	Akontombra	DACF	James Tano Enterprise	04/06/2016	388,308.59	0.00	98,246.29	290,062.30	ongoing
8	Construction of 1No. NHIS Office Complex	Health	Akontombra	DACF	Zotime Ent. Ltd	10/11/2012	173,253.30	228,253.30	186,723.43	41,529.87	ongoing
9	Construction of Police Station I	Security	Akontombra	DDF	Dazmatt Enterprise	04/06/2016	259,541.01	0.00	235,362.89	24,178.12	Completed
10	Construction of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom block	Education	Bronikrom	DACF	Suadan Ventures	24/04/2015	158,500.00	0	144,447.06	0.00	Completed
11	Construction of 2No. 20-Unit Market Shed	Economic	Akontombra	DDF	De Mens Company Limited	20/08/2014	120,302.00	0.00	54,021.64	66,280.36	Terminated

Source: contract register, 2020

PROJECTS FOR 1 MILLION 1 CONSTITUENCY FUND

NO.	PROJECT	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT(GHC)	STATUS
1	Cons of 1 No. 25 Units Market Shed	Sefwi Akontombra	Hief Addae Ltd	260,000.00	40%
2	Cons of 1 no.3 Unit Classroom Block With Office, Store And Staff Common Room At D/A Prim Sch	Nyameadieso	Jky Gh Ltd	250,335.95	70%
3	Cons of 1 no 3 Unit Classroom Block With Office, Stores Room At D/A Prim. Sch	Mireku	Tom Scandia Co. Ltd	250,333.95	40%
4	Cons of 1 no 2 Unit Kindergarten Classroom Block With Office, Stores, Dinning And Sleeping Rooms	Asantekrom	Mctanohs Ventures	324,981.41	70%
5	Cons of 1 no 3 Unit Classroom Block With Office, Store And Staff Common Room At D/C Junior High School	Abronahia	Agb Building Limited	250,335.95	80%
6	Cons of 1 no 3 Unit Classroom Block With Office, Store And Staff Common Room At D/C Prim Sch	Atwakan	Agonaman International Co Ltd	250,335.95	5%
7	Cons of 1 no 3 Unit Classroom Block With Office, Store And Staff Common Room At D/C Prim Sch	Wuruwuru	Mactanohs Ventures	250,335.95	70%
8	Cons of 2 No. 3 Unit Staff Bungalow	KOJOKROM	Anaamy Company Ltd	697,097.42	50%

9	6 Unit Classroom Block With Office Store And Library At D/C Primary	Attakrom	Maymens Construction Limited	469,170.54	Completed and in use
10	2 Unit Classroom Block With Office,Stores And Staff Common Room	Ankra	G Ocean Company Limited	214,099.75	70%
11	3 Unit Classroom Block With Office,Store and Staff Common Room At D/C Primary School	Okrakrom	Aduaba & Sons Company Limited	250,335.95	75%
12	3 Unit Classroom Block With Office,Store and Staff Common Room At D/C Junior High School	Aprogya	Bee Two "2" Construction Works Limited	250,335.95	70%
13	3 Unit Classroom Block With Office, Store and Staff Common Room At D/C Junior High School	Ayisakrom	Tommy Scandia Co. Ltd	250,335.95	70%
14	3 Unit Classroom Block With Office,Store And Staff Common Room At D/A Junior High School	Pekyikrom	Petmat Construction Works Limited	250,335.95	70%

15	3 Unit Classroom Block With Office,Store And Staff Common Room At D/A Junior High School	Nkwadum	Raycoff Construction Works & Trading Enterprise	250,335.43	80%
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Source: CODA Secretariat, 2020

