

REPORT ON DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE MEETING WITH
THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN AFIGYA KWABRE
DISTRICT

(1)NTIRI BUOHO COMMUNITY

The Member of Parliament and the District Chief Executive for Afigya Kwabre South together with their Entourage paid a courtesy visit to the chief and the people of Ntribuoho on 4th of November 2021 at 8:30am.

The MP Hon. William Owuraku Aidoo and DCE Hon. Adu Poku Christian together with their team embarked on this visitation to show their appreciation to the people of Ntribuoho community for their support and to also find out some grievances in the community.

The visit created an avenue for governance to be taken to the grass-root level and also helped the assembly to solicit for idea from the people and the community at large. At the durbar, chiefs and Assemblyman for the area lauded the DCE and MP for the initiative and promise their unflinching support towards development in the District.

The DCE Hon Adu Poku pleaded with the people to desist from partisan politics and concentrate on the development of the community since that is the only benefit they can enjoy as citizens of the country. He went ahead to give a brief account on development projects that have undertaken in these areas. He pointed out that it was through him and his MP the Ntribuoho Health centre is under construction.

Getting to the end of the durbar the youth got aggrieved and started throwing stones and sachet water at the MP and his team with the reason being that their roads is in the deplorable state but the DCE was able to calm them and promised them better roads.



(2) BOMSO COMMUNITY

The DCE and the MP in Afigya Kwabre South District Assembly made its subsequent stop at Bomso on 4th of November 2021 around 11am. Hon. Christian Adu Poku and his entourage met the Traditional leaders, opinion leaders and the community at large to have a dialogue on governance.

The chairperson for the durbar Nana Osei Akoto Chief of Bomso thanked the DCE and the MP for the initiative. He expressed worry about the way his people responded to such initiative but used the occasion to request for some facilities that were lacking in the Bomso community, such as toilet facility, community centre and roads etc.

Hon. Owuraku Aidoo the MP for Afigya Kwabre South District in his address said the government has made its mind not to build public toilet facility not for any community but individual can come in for a form of Build Operate and Transfer (BOT), because if the Assembly should concentrates on building of toilet they cannot do any major project.

He pleaded with the chief and the youth in the community to be up and doing so that the assembly can assist them. The government cannot do it all alone but with the help of the citizens.

Hon. Christian Adu Poku thanked the Traditional leaders and the general public who were present at the occasion. In addition, he made mention of his intention to contact all alumnus of the district in the diaspora to embark on a homecoming on February, 2022 to solicit for support for developmental projects in the district.

During the open forum concerns were also raised on the absence of street lights which has led to theft and armed robbery cases in this community and finally issue on poor roads network was a major concern to the people.



(3) KROBO COMMUNITY

A working tour by the MP and the DCE of Afigya Kwabre South District Assembly together with all Departmental Heads engage the people of Krobo on 4th of November 2021 at 1pm to have a dialogue on governance and some various concerns of the community.

The Queen mother of Krobo Oheneyere Nana Yaa Akoto thanked the DCE, MP and her community members for attending this special occasion. She addressed them with the needs of Krobo community such as the toilet facilities and street light. She urged the two dignitaries to place her community at first so that they can support the community whenever they need their help

Hon. Owuraku Aidoo, in his address said some of the Assemblyman for Krobo made mention of their grievances to the DCE and some of the grievances were bad roads, bore holes, toilet facilities etc. that is why they organised this community durbar to speak with the youth and the traditional leaders to accomplish their needs.

The DCE Hon. Christian Adu Poku also pleaded with the youth and the traditional leaders to be calm as they are completing every project in the community, he told them to be vigilant and treat government properties with care and keep in mind that it's for their own benefit that is why the property is located in their community

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(4) HEMANG COMMUNITY DURBAR

DCE and MP of Afigya Kwabre South District paid a visit to the community of Hemang at 3pm on 4th of November 2021 to have interpersonal conversation with the youth and the traditional leaders.

Hon. Owuraku Aidoo wanted to meet to interact with the community rather than the usual talks with chief and opinion leaders in their places. Hon Aidoo inspected the construction of 22 seat toilet facility near completion. He testified that Hemang has not been left out in the development agenda. He urged leaders and subjects to be truthful in order to foster peace and unity for development.

Speaking to the people Hon. Christian Adu Poku, made mentioned of how he use to visit the chiefs in their palaces, the reason is to familiarize himself with the chiefs because they are the district stakeholders he is going to work with, but now there is the need for him and all heads of department to be present at the gathering to meet the entire community.

He also added that, every year he will organize such programme as a review to keep the various communities abreast with the development status of the district, he gave an account on the developmental project situated in the Hemang community and ones which are still on going.

He said, the government has spent a lot of money some years ago on developmental projects in the district and as Hemang to be part, seeking for infrastructure project for Hemang NVTI.

Additionally, Hon. Christian Adu Poku appealed to the Nananom to have a layout of their land, to make the District Assembly work easy.

The chief of Hemang Nana Buabasa thanked the DCE and his team for this great visit to Hemang community, he said he will make sure that his traditional leaders and the people in the community will protect whatever projects the assembly is doing for the growth of the community.



(5) DCE HOLDS MEETING WITH MANAGERS OF INFORMATION CENTRES AND TRANSPORT UNIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

The DCE Hon Adu Poku Christian together with DCD Andrews Mensa of Afigya Kwabre South District on 4th of November 2021, held a joint meeting with the managers of information service centres and transport union leadership with regards to their operations in the district.

Mr Rexford Sarfo Mensah the information services department officer in his introductory remark told the gathering the purpose of meeting of was the countless complaints community members had lodged against the managers of information centres as noise pollution is concerned.

DCD also added his voice to the noise making but first and foremost commended the contribution of information centres toward nation building as information delivery is concerned. He admitted that the operation of information centre is associated with noise making but the noise should be reasonable to give listeners some comfort and satisfaction.

Hon DCE took opportunity to educate and sent a word of caution to most especially the managers to be circumspect in their work to avoid prosecution or revocation of permit. He advised them to check their clients against misinformation and content of jingles which has the tendency to influence young ones into promiscuity.

He also urged managers of information centres to help promote government policies free of charge.

He said that excessive noise could make animals hysterical. It also could induce hearing loss or impairment. It was revealed that the drinking spots were also in the business of making excessive noise that the assembly should focus its attention.

On another development, he assured the transport unions' leadership of good road in Afrancho Krobo. He also promised them that as long he remains as DCE of the district he will ensure to get rid of operation of tricycle known as 'pragia' in order for the taxi cabs to operate with less competition. He however concluded by saying the unions should fulfil their financial obligations if they don't want to keenly compete with them.



(6) DURBAR ON DATA COLLECTION IN AFRANCHO

The Afigya Kwabre South District Assembly in collaboration with Tax Revenue for Economic Enhancement (TREE) held a stakeholders meeting with landlords at Afrancho old market on November 12, 2021.

The purpose of this gathering was to give a prior notice to landlords, landladies and property owners about the upcoming exercise which was about to take place in the district.

In connection with the TREE exercise, the district is taking data through a digital platform.

The Revenue Officer for the Assembly Mr Robert Gyabaah in his remarks said the government has brought an initiative that will enable the Assembly to know the number of properties in the area to help with government's allocation of resources.

He further explained that, the data collection exercise will commence on November 29, 2021. The assembly have trained and equipped people who will come to their homes to collect the necessary information the Assembly need.

He also added that, property owners can identify the data collectors with ID cards and tablets.

The information that will be needed about their properties are:

- The name of the landlord/lady
- Mobile number
- ID of the property owner

The data collectors will take a full picture of the property as an evidence.

The budget officer Mr Samuel Bekoe added that, a G.P.S address system will be generated for the various houses.

During the open forum a concern was raised whether the exercise will be done for a fee, the revenue officer further explained that the exercise will be done for free.

He went on to explain that, the property owners should report to the assembly if the data collector demand money from them.

In conclusion, the revenue officer said, as the assembly is doing the wish of the people in the district, he pleaded with them to pay their taxes and also inform others, who were not present at the gathering.



(7) COMMISSION OF PROJECTS AND SOD-CUTTING FOR NEW PROJECTS AT ATIMATIM

The District Chief Executive, Hon. Adu Poku Christian accompanied by Hon. Owireku Aidoo (MP) of the constituency and some staff of the Assembly embarked on a mission on Thursday 29th April to commission completed projects whiles cutting-sod for new ones.

The team first commissioned the phase one of an ongoing 3-storey maternity block in addition to the health facility. Speaking at the ceremony, the Odikro of Atimatim Nana Kwabena Acheampong was elated on the completion of the first phase but called on the leaders to make sure that the projects is fully completed within the stipulated time in order to accommodate more pregnant women.

The District Health Director, Mrs Christiana Kontoh also expressed her appreciation for the project and added that Atimatim is a large and populated town hence the facility receives a lot of clients and with this maternity project it will serve a great purpose for both health workers and pregnant women.

Hon. Owireku Aidoo (MP) advised the managers and users of the facility to take proper care of the facility and promised to continue providing modern hospital equipment when necessary. He took the opportunity to plead with the health workers to exercise patient and show care when dealing with clients. He reminded the gathering that road projects in the township will continue despite the hardship brought by Covid-19 pandemic.

Again, touching on dumsor he informed the people that the system is being upgraded nationwide hence causing rampant power cut due to this he will provide the hospital with generator.

The police station project for Atimatim is still in progress and will be completed very soon and a sod-cutting ceremony to held next week for the construction of a district hospital.





(8) THE DCE ENGAGED THE PEOPLE APAGYA

The DCE Hon. Adu Poku Christian and his team of technocrat together with the Assemblyman on a mission visited the people of Apagya Thursday 29th April 2021 where an ultra-modern complex KG block was commissioned alongside a mechanized water supply system.

Speaking at the ceremony the chief of Apagya Nana Owusu Peprah II was pleased with the interventions from the Assembly and MP.

He solicited support from the leadership to complete a community centre project initiated by his outfit with support from indigenes and a market centre also under construction.

Nana pleaded with the leadership to reshape the roads before its major construction begins. Bad road has become a challenge to the town and commuters especially

those seeking medical attention at Apagya hospital. He called on both DCE and MP to quickly fulfil all previous promises.

The DCE and MP promised to support the community centre projects with 100 bags of cement immediately and any other support that may be necessary. The leaders were both elated with initiative of the chief and asked that such leadership style must be encouraged.

On all the platform offered to the DCE he addressed the issue of impending demolition exercise yet to take place within the buffer zone of the stone quarry sites. He stated that he has no power or authority to carry out such exercise hence those pointing fingers at him for spearheading it is just a mere accusation the decision is in the hands of the central government.

Finally, Hon. Owireku Aidoo advised the people not to let their guards down in the fight against corona virus thereby adhering to the covid- 19 protocols because he has been a victim.



(9) ANKAASE, MPOBI, WAWASE, ATIMATIM, MPOSU, SWEDURU,
ABOABOGYA AND ADUMAN COMMUNITIES

The DCE Hon. Adu-Poku Christian and the District Coordinating Director Mr Andrews Mensah together with some Heads of Department inspected projects that are ongoing in the Afigya Kwabre South District on 9th September 2021.

The team was led by the DCE Hon. Adu-Poku, they made their first stop at Ankaase Methodist Faith hospital to see the level of progress on the Oral Health Complex. The hospital is embarking on an Oral Health Complex facility which will provide two services, the school will train dental nurses and oral health nurses. This facility is one of the finalists because there is no facility in the country that trains dental nurses and oral health nurses.

The CEO of Ankaase Methodist faith hospital Mr Joseph Atta Amankwa led DCE and his team to inspect the work progress and also to have afore knowledge of what is going on. After the inspection Mr Amankwa took the opportunity and pleaded with the DCE to help the hospital to reshape an access road that is within the compound of the facility and also the acquisition of accreditation for the school to start operation.

Mr Amankwa promise that by 24th of September 2021 the facility will be commissioned. Also, the team inspected projects at the following communities Mposun six-unit classroom block at the lintel level, Mpobi 3-unit classroom block at the Islamic school, Mpobi quarry site, wawase mechanized borehole and a market which is in use, Swedro community center is completed and in use. Aboabogya renovation of the health centre it was complete and in use.

Last projects the team inspected was within the Aduman SHS which includes, a 20-seater toilet facility for girls, 20-seater toilet facility for boys, 24 units classroom block completed and in use, ultra-modern girls dormitory painted and furnished, 8 units class room block at Aduman D/A which was half roofed and 3 storey classroom block which was at the foundation level.

Some of the community's visited by the team had their assembly man present and some of the projects were Get fund sponsored, others were Quarry development fund, 1million 1constituency project, and some is under middle belt project.













(10) METHODIST CHURCH INAUGURATES ORAL HEALTH SCHOOL COMPLEX AT ANKAASE

The Methodist church as part of their mandate to provide health care services has inaugurated an Oral Health School Complex at Ankaase on 24th September, 2021.

The Health Minister, Mr Kwaku Agyemang Manu address the gathering on behalf of the Vice President His Excellency Dr Mahmoud Bawumia. In his address, Dr Bawumia commended the Methodist Church for its pioneering role in the quality health delivery in the country.

He said the Methodist church and other members of the Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG) has over the years strengthen its commitment towards complementing the efforts of government at providing quality health care services to the people.

The project which was spearheaded by the Methodist Church with support from some donor clubs such as Rotary International etc. The facility is estimated to cost three million Ghana cedis.

The Vice President said dental health was critical in the total health care delivery in the country. Government is also committed to provide resources to promote the general healthcare of the people.

Again, he spoke on infrastructure expansion being carried out across the country popularly known as Agenda 111 initiative, Drone usage to supply drugs and blood in communities or areas without good access roads, strengthening the NHIA, Ambulance delivery etc.

He was pleased with the support and participation from Faith-based Organizations such as CHAG to achieve the desired results.

Dr Peter Yeboah, Executive Director of CHAG was very elated to have played a role in complementing the government's effort at providing quality healthcare and training of health professionals for the country.

He said oral health care delivery is very necessary in general health care delivery for the people. Limited infrastructure and poor awareness creation have made it difficult for majority to seek medical review.

Furthermore, Most Reverend Dr Paul Kwabena Boafo, presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church said that the facility was a consideration of partnership between the church and government. Methodist church believes in the holistic ministry and ready to support the government in improving the socio-economic life in health, education etc.

The chief of Ankaase was also pleased with such intervention being situated in his jurisdiction. He also urged the security services to provide maximum protection for his people and the workers as well to curb the rampant attacks on health workers

especially. He advised the facility administrators to exhibit good maintenance culture and called on the government to fast track the completion of roads to the town and within.

The inauguration was graced by some dignitaries including, Hon Adu-Poku Christian (DCE), Hon Kakari Acheamfour (DCE) Afigya Kwabre North, clergy men, traditional leaders and party faithful.



(11) QUARRY ASSOCIATION HELD STAKEHOLDERS MEETING CONCERNING UPCOMING DEMOLITION EXERCISE

The DCE held a stakeholders meeting on 1st March 2021, to address issues concerning upcoming demolishing exercise within the quarry zone. The meeting with the affected landlords was to find a roadmap for the demolition of all buildings within 500 meters range from the quarry site.

There had been several meetings with those who will be affected to find amicable solutions and befitting compensation before the exercise takes place. Some have even encroached the military shooting range with impunity. The DCE mentioned that the affected communities includes, Patrensa, Buoho, Ankaase, Krobo and Mowire.

Again, he revealed that a joint committee is yet to be form and they will develop a roadmap for the demolition exercise and reiterated that the roadmap must come from the affected landlords. DCE further warned that no new permit will be issued and those in hurry to complete their buildings for the sake of compensation should quickly put a stop to it.

The representative from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Mr. Samuel Oteng informed the people that the minerals commission Act does not permit settlement within 500 meters range from any quarry or mining site. He advised the landlords to negotiate and accept the terms that will be put forward for a smooth operation.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Chief Operation Officer, Lt. Col Dominic Ampomah of the Central command also spoke how the encroachers have taken over the military shooting range which is impeding their shooting training skills hence those encroachers must be removed as soon as possible.

The meeting ended peacefully and all stakeholders were urged to comply with the directions and decisions of the joint committee for an incidence free exercise.



(12) QUARRY STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

The Quarry Fund Managers and Board of Trustees have held a consultative stakeholders meeting at Afigya Kwabre South at the Assembly forecourt on 28th January, 2021.

In an opening remark, the DCE Hon. Christian Adu-Poku welcomed the dignitaries and all present and stated the purpose of the meeting. He said the purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm of natural resources in the district which worth billions of Ghana cedis should be left to go waste or should be sustained. He made the gathering aware of the rocks in the district as of high quality and value of income if protected. He continued to say that for this reason the quarry association was formed to protect the companies in order to propel development in the district.

He bitterly expressed why some people have illegitimately encroached the buffer zones. He said it is the same people who complain for hazardous operations of the quarry companies.

He disclosed that the directives from the government states that all encroachers should be evacuated. He hinted that the formation of the District taskforce including Environmental Protection Agency, Security Agencies is to execute the operation.

The Chairman for the Northern Sector Quarry Association Mr Adu Tutu told the people that every mineral or rock in Ghana belongs to the government so the quarry companies don't operate on their own but licenses have been issued by the President. He disclosed that the benefits Ghana receives from rock is very enormous. But he abysmally expressed the crisis quarry companies is facing as a result of encroachment.

Mr Felix Amponsa the Mineral Commission officer also drew the attention of the people to the dangers of residents staying close to a quarry company. He said quarry companies use explosives to break rocks and the explosive nature can make the rocks travel more than 500 metres away. He stated, "It is for this that the mineral commission law prevents human from settling close quarry site.

The DCE recounted the numerous projects through which the quarry fund has done, which include Hemang bridge, Mowire bridge, Bronkong bridge, 2 storey toilet facility for Aduman SHS girls and 16unit classroom, 4 stores building at Nkukua Buoho R/C Primary School. In accounting to the stakeholders since the inception of the fund, Hon Adu Poku Christian said the amount accrued worth over 2 million Ghana cedis and all had been spent on projects. He assured of doing more to help develop the district.

In an open forum these were concerns the people raised;

Detailed account of the projects

Compensation to the encroachers.

In reaction to the concerns DCE said the account would be auditing before it should come to the public.

The encroachers will be evacuated and only those who have a permit will be compensated.

The chiefs of quarry catchment areas were given 10,000 Ghana cedis each as gift.

(13) DCE CUTS SOD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA MODERN COURT COMPLEX

The District Chief Executive (DCE) for Afigya Kwabre South District Hon. Christian Adu-Poku, on the 22nd March 2021 cut sod for the construction of ultramodern court complex at Kodie to improve justice delivery in the district.

Currently the District Court in Afigya Kwabre South is not up to the standard and because of that, it is impending justice delivery in the district.

The DCE believes that law and order is pivotal if the district is to realize its transformational agenda, hence the building of a modern court.

According to him law and order must reign in the district and that citizens must trust in the court system.

He said the project will include the bungalow of the presiding judge and it is expected to be complete within a year.

The Presiding Member of Kodie Magistrate Court, Her Worship Akosua Ataa Nyarko thanked the traditional leaders for providing land for the construction of the court complex.

According to her, when the building is completed it will expedite cases in the court.

She also called on the general public to believe in the court system and trust the ruling of the court.

Nana Yaw Berima Peprah, the Chief of Kodie lauded the government for the project.

He was of the view that the project, when completed, would help boost justice delivery and also influence the people to respect the law always.

The sod cutting ceremony was witnessed by the District Coordinating Director Mr. Aidoo E, Heads of Departments, Her Worship, Mrs. Akosua Atta Nyarko and Traditional Leaders in Kodie.



(14) THE DCE CUT SOD AT THREE DIFFERENT COMUNITIES
(HEMAN, ATRAMA AND ESSEN)

The District Chief Executive, Hon. Christian Adu Poku on Thursday 30th April 2021 cut a sod for a number of projects at three different communities; among them were Hemang, Atrama, and Essen

At Hemang a sod was cut for the construction of a hospital and the inspection of 22 seat toilet facility near completion. Nana Ababio Sawasa (chief) was thankful for the intervention including an ongoing road construction within the town. He testified that Hemang has not been left out in the development agenda and as a chief he has also initiated some projects to add up. He urged leaders and subjects to be truthful in order to foster peace and unity for development.

Again, the team cut-sod for the construction of an ultra-modern complex KG block at Atrama. The chief of the community Nana Boakyi Yiadom Kakari and his elders were enthused and requested that much attention be given to the community. District Education Director was of the view that the project will come a long way in serving the needs of the children and parents must show concern in the education of their infants because it is key to their development.

Speaking at the ceremony, the DCE and MP asked the people to exercise patient and expect more development.

Last but not the least, the team visited Essen where the leaders were assisted by Nananom to cut-sod for the construction of another ultra-modern complex KG block with a possible primary block extension.

The chief of Essen, Nana Komkom Berima II and Nana Acheampomaa (queen mother) thanked the leaders but requested for more. Nananom drew the attention of the MP to malfunctioning street light and called on him to address the issue.

Hon. Owireku in his speech promised to address the issue and also the road projects will be taken care of in the near future.

MP promised 10, 000 desks for all newly KG blocks being constructed which some have been delivered already.

DCE mentioned that all KG blocks is expected to be completed in 4 months' time.