



OFFINSO
NORTH
DISTRICT
ASSEMBLY

**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
2017**



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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ONDA	Offinso North District Assembly
APR	Annual Progress Report
BECE	Basic Education Certificate Examination
CBOs	Community Based Organizations
CBRDP	Community Based Rural Development Programme
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DA	District Assembly
DACF	District Assembly Common Fund
DCD	District Coordinating Director
DCE	District Chief Executive
DFO	District Finance Officer
DM&E	District Monitoring and Evaluation
DMTDP	District Medium-Term Development Plan
DPCU	District Planning and Coordinating Unit
DPO	District Planning Officer
GHS	Ghana Health Service
GES	Ghana Education Service
GSGDA	Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda
MOFA	Ministry of Food and Agriculture
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation

NDPC	National Development Planning Commission
NGOs	Non- Governmental Organizations
YEA	Youth Employment Agency
PWD	Public Works Department
TCPO	Town and Country Planning Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Introduction

This is the annual composite Progress Reports on the assessment of the progress made in the implementation of activities outlined in the District Annual plan for 2017. It is a statement of progress made in respect of activities planned to be implemented in the Offinso North District Assembly annual programme of work for 2017 and in further assessment of progress made in the achievement of specific objectives outlined in the District Medium Term Development Plan(DMTDP 2014-2017) for 2017.The ultimate goal of the District Medium Term Development Plan 2014-2017 is to achieve an improvement inthe socio-economic development through the pursuance of massive infrastructure development and the development of human capital whilst enhancing good governance. Policy measures adopted for achieving the District Development Goal above have been prioritized under the seven thematic Areas of the Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda ii.

The annual composite Progress Report is prepared from an assessment of status of indicators and targets adopted for monitoring and evaluating the achievements of activities/interventions earmarked for the year 2017. It is also document key interventions implemented during the year to bring about the desired changes in the indicators.

This report contains three chapters. Chapter one deals with an overview of the status of development projects and programmes of the year, M&E Arrangements and reviews the status of development projects and programmes under the seven thematic areas of GSGDA. Chapter two outlines the assessment of the performance of core Indicators across the sectors of the District Economy and Chapter four presents the recommendations and way forward.

CHAPTER ONE

Background

This Composite Progress Report outlines the assessment of progress made in the implementation of activities in the District Annual Development Plan 2017. It is a report of progress made in respect of activities planned to be implemented in the Offinso North District Assembly Annual Programme of Work for 2017 derived out of the District Medium Term Development Plan (DMTDP-2013-2017). The ultimate goal of the District Medium Term Development Plan 2013-2017 is to achieve an improvement in the socio-economic development through the pursuance of massive infrastructure development and the development of human capital whilst enhancing good governance. Policy measures adopted for achieving the District Development Goal above have been those of the National Strategic Frame Work- Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda and include the following:

- (1) Ensuring and sustaining micro economic stability
- (2) Enhancing competitiveness Ghana's Private Sector
- (3) Accelerated Agriculture Modernization and Sustainable Natural Resource Management
- (4) Infrastructure and Human settlements
- (5) Oil and Gas Development
- (6) Human Development, Productivity and Employment
- (7) Transparent and accountable Governance.

1.1 Rational for Preparing M&E Report

The basis for conducting District Based Monitoring and Evaluation stems from the fact that, services can be continually improved through informed decision making. Systematic Monitoring and Evaluation of the DMTDP is key to providing the needed data that informs and shows the extent of progress made towards the achievement of specific programme objectives as outlined in the District Annual Action Plan and the relative contribution of the yearly progress to the achievement of the broader Medium Term goal. In sum, the annual Monitoring and Evaluation exercise seeks to pursue the following specific objectives:

- Assessing the progress of implementation of programmes and projects.
- Promoting community participation and awareness in the implementation of projects.
- Providing vital information for effective co-ordination of activities in the District.
- Identifying achievements, constraints and failures in the implementation process, so that Improvement can be recommended to enhance the implementation of projects and programmes.
- Improves service delivery, influence resource allocation, and demonstrate results as part of accountability and transparency.

1.2 Key M&E objectives for the year

The Monitoring and Evaluating of programmes and projects of the Assembly for the year is geared towards achieving the following;

- To ensure accountability for the use of scarce resources
- To find out if the projects implemented have solved the problems identified
- To ensure sustainability of projects
- To ensure result based implementation

1.3 Processes involved and Difficulties Encountered

The report relied on data from both primary and secondary sources to determine the impact of the projects and programmes delivery within the District in the 2017. As the primary data were obtained from Monitoring and Evaluating of projects and programmes by the DPCU, the Secondary data were obtained from the quarterly reports of departments and agencies operating in the District. A meeting was held to discuss the draft progress report.

The preparation of the annual Composite Progress Report was preceded by the under listed activities:

i. Project Inspection and Site Visits:

Physical projects that are implemented and those on-going are periodically monitored. This was done through visits to project sites by the District Monitoring Team (DMT). The projects inspection enabled the District Planning and Coordinating Unit (DPCU) to assess the status of the projects and whether the outputs will help achieve the objective.

ii. Data Collection and Validation:

Data on activities, programmes and projects for the preparation of this report were collected from all departments of the Assembly. The data was regularly reviewed at meetings of the DPCU and at quarterly management meetings of District Heads of Departments. A review of the data and quarterly monitoring briefing sessions with members of the DPCU of the Assembly helped to determine the contribution each programme, project or activity made towards the achievement of the planned goal of the Medium Term Development Plan (MTDP).

1.3.1 Problems Encountered

Problems faced in the monitoring and evaluating of projects are as follows;

- i. Monitoring and evaluation activities are often delayed due to inadequate logistics and funds.
- ii Inadequate funding often compels the DPCU to curtail some of the planned M&E activities.
- iii. Delay in the submission of quarterly reports by the departments
- iv. Low participation of M & E activities by some DPCU members due to their busy schedules.
- v. Mainstreaming M&E into the activities of the District Assembly.
- vi. No vehicle is assigned to monitoring & evaluation activities.
- vii. Poor road networks in the District.

CHAPTER TWO

MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES REPORT

2.1 Status of Implementation of 2014-2017 DMTDP

This section presents the implementation status of planned projects in the district for the year 2017. It gives the summary of the status of the projects planned for the year in respect of their implementation status from the Quarterly Monitoring Activity.

Table 1.1 Ensuring and Sustaining Macroeconomic Stability

Activities	Location	Output Indicators	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Local	External	Lead	Collaborating
Training of 40 Revenue Staff	District wide	Fully Implemented	→				0.00	10,000.00	DA	MLGRD, Donors, NGOs, Private sectors
Carry out 1No. IE&C on the need to pay taxes	District Wide	On -going				→	2,000.00	0.00	DA	NCCE, ISD, IRS
Revaluation of Residential and Commercial Property	District Wide	Yet to st				→	0.00	15,000.00	DA	NGOs, Private Sector
Conduct Socio-economic Surveys	District Wide	Partially Implemented	→				25,000.00	0.00	DA	Statistical service Department

Table 1.2 Accelerated Agriculture Modernization and Sustainable Natural Resource Management

Activities	Location	Programmes/Projects status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Local	External	Lead	Collaborating
Provision of agricultural inputs. eg fertilizers	District Wide	Partially Implemented	—————→				2,680.00	7,500.00	MOFA	DA, Farmers, Agro-Chemical Sellers
Promotion of the growing of tree crops	District Wide	Partially Implemented	—————→				0.00	1,000.00	MOFA	DA, NGOs, NADMO
Control of bushfires	District Wide	Fully Implemented	—————→				0.00	1,500.00	GNFS	DA, Communities, Fire volunteers, NADMO
Support for Reforestation Programmes	District Wide	Fully Implemented	—————→				0.00	2,500.00	DA	Forestry Department, GNFS, Communities
Education and exhibition on hazards in communities	District Wide	Partially Implemented	—————→				1,000.00	2,000.00	DA	NADMO, MOFA

Table 1.3 Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement

Activities	Location	Programmes/Project status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Local	External	Lead	Collaborating
Extension of national grid to communities in the district	District Wide	On-going					20,000.00	0.00	DA	VRA/NED
Maintenance and repair of Street Lights	District Wide	Partially Implemented					10,000.00	20,000.00	DA	VRA/NED
Rehabilitation of 80km of Feeder Road Network	Asempanaye-Nyamebekyere No.2, Sarfokrom-Kyeredagya; Amponsakrom-Papasisi; Afrancho-SewuaMfante; Afrancho-Tanokwaem; Nkeanta-Nkubesa; Kobreso-Brohoma; Kobreso-Buraso II; Nkenkaasu-Meneso;	Partially Implemented					12,500.00	112,500.00	DA	DF R,

	Nkenkaasu-Dukufo Road									
Construction of 3 no. culverts on feeder roads	Nkenkaasu-Dunkorfu Asempanaye-Nyamebkyere Nyinataase-Kutire	Partially Implemented					90,00.00	0.00	DA	Department of Feeder Roads
Construction of 2no. toilet facilities	Akumadan, Afrancho	Fully Implemented					0.00	200,000.00	DA	EHD
Completion of 2No Toilet facilities	Afrancho, Akomadan	On going					0.00	70,000.00	DA	EHD,
Evacuation of Refuse Dump sites	Nkenkaasu, Akumadan, Afrancho	Partially Implemented					0'00	50,000.00	DA	EHD, Zoomlion, Communities
Provision and procurement of sanitary tools, waste containers and ladders	District Wide	Partially Implemented					0.00	40,000.00	DA	EHD
Development of Layout schemes	Akumadan, Afrancho, Nkenkaasu	Partially Implemented					0.00	4500.00	DA	T&CPD, Survey Department,

Construction of market	Darso	Not Implemented	→				0.00	30,000.00	DA	EHD
Updating and gasetting of bye-laws	Akomadan	Fully Implemented	→				0.00	5,000.00	DA	EHD

Table 1.4 Enhancing Competitiveness in Ghana's Private Sector

Activities	Location	Programme/Project status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Local	External	Lead	Collaborating
Provision of Support and training on Business Development services for 15No. SMEs	District Wide	Fully Implemented	→				0.00	10,000.00	BAC	DA, NGOs, Private Sector
Provision of skill Training and Employable skills for 50 people	District Wide	Partially Implemented	→				1,000.00	4,000.00	BAC	DA, Private Sector
Provision of micro-credit to 15No. SMEs	District Wide	Partially Implemented	→				5000.00	45,00.00	DA	Private sector
Creation for employment for 50 unemployed youth	District wide	Fully Implemented	→				0.00	12,500.00	NYEP	DA,GES,GHS, EHSD, MOFA

Table 1.5 Human Development, Productivity and Employment

Activities	Location	Programmes/Project Status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Local	External	Lead	Collaborating
<p>Increase enrolment Rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Gross Enrolment Rate from 109.6% to 112.3% • Increase Net Enrolment Rate from 30.5% to 31.6% • Improve upon Gender Parity Index (GPI) from 0.86 to 0. 	District Wide	Partially Implemented				→	0.00	0.00	GES	DA
Improve upon BECE Results from 32.1 to 34.98	District Wide	On going				→	0.00	0.00	GES	DA
Organise Education programme eg	District Wide	Fully Implemented	→				0.00	0.00	GES	DA

sSTME Clinics									
Support to Girl Child	District Wide	On going					2,000.00	4,000.00	GES DA
Promote school sports and cultural development	District Wide	Fully Implemented					15,000.00	5,000.00	GES DA
Development and promotion of tourist sites	District Wide	On going					10,000.00	0.00	DA MLGRD
Construction of 3-Unit Classroom Blocks with ancillary facilities	Akrofuah	Partially implemented					0.00	176,000.00	DA GES, GETfund, NGOs
Rehabilitation of 1 No. 6-Unit classroom block with ancillary facilities	Kobreso	Partially Implemented					0.00	420,000.00	DA GES, GETfund, NGOs
Reduce Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) (Number of deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth per 1000 live births)	District Wide	Partially Implemented					1,500.00	2,500.00	GHS DA
Reduce Under – five mortality rate (Number of deaths occurring between birth and exact age five per 1000 live births)	District Wide	On going					1,500.00	2,500.00	GHS DA
Sitting of boreholes in	District Wide	Partially						50,000.00	DA CWSA

selected communities		Implemented								
Support to the District Response Initiative on HIV/AIDS and Malaria	District Wide	Partially Implemented					5,000.00	14,349.00	DA	GHS
Support for 40 No. brilliant, but needy students	District Wide	Partially Implement					0.00	12,000.00	DA	GES
Counterpart funding for community water and sanitation projects	District Wide	Not Implemented					0.00	20,000.00	DA	CWSA,DWST, WATSAN Comm
Capacity building for water and sanitation projects	District Wide	Partially Implemented					0.00	8,000.00	DA	CWSA
Organizsation of Health programmes	District Wide	Partially Implemented					4,000.00	4,000.00	GHS	DA, NGOs
Routine maintenance of water points	District Wide	Partially Implemented					0.00	15,000.00	DA	CWSA

Activities	Location	Programmes/ projects status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Local	External	Lead	Collaborating
Construction of 1No. 10-Unit Office Block for the District Administration	Akumadan	On going					20,000.00	80,000.00	DA	MLGRD
Construction of Assembly Office Complex and Assembly Hall	Akumadan	Partially Implemented					0.00	225,000.00	DA	MLGRD Private Sector
Building capacities of staff and Assembly members	Akomadan	Partially Implemented					0.00	15,00.00	DA	Consultant
Support to security services	District Wide	Partially Implemented					5000.00	0.00	DA	District Police Command, Private Sector, Communities
Marketing Offinso North District	Akomadan	Partially Implemented					0.00	5,000.00	DA	MLGRD
Procurement of office equipments and stationery to DPCU	Akomadan	Partially Implemented					0.00	20,000.00	DA	MLGRD, NGOs,
Carry out 10 IE&C activities on the rights of women and children	District Wide	Partially Implemented					1,500.00	2,500.00	DA	NCCE, ISD Dept. of Social Welfare
Support for the Physically	District	Partially					0.00	3,000.00	DA	BAC,

Challenged	Wide	Implemented								Dept. of Social Welfare
Carry out 3No. IE&C on the rights of women empowerment and teenage pregnancies	District Wide	Partially Implemented					1,500.00	2,500.00	DA	Dept. of Social Welfare, NCCE, ISD
Support Community Initiated Projects	District Wide	Partially Implemented					0.00	96,974.00	DA	Communities
Support for Disaster Prevention and Management	District Wide	Partially Implemented					10,000.00	50,000.00	DA	NADMO, NGOs
Provision for Monitoring and Evaluation of Programmes and Projects	District Wide	Partially Implemented					0.00	42,600.00	DA	NGOs, Donors, Communities
Support for Afforestation	District Wide	Partially Implemented					0.00	15,000.00	DA	Form Ghana
Promotion of Sister-City Relations	Akomadan	Fully Implemented					20,000.00	30,000.00	DA	OSU, Fair Field City

Table 1.6 Transparent and Accountable Governance

STATES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DMTDP 2014-2017

A. Enhancing and Ensuring Macroeconomic Stability

Total Number of Projects- 7(100%)

- Fully implemented- 7(100%)
- Partially Implemented- 0(0.00%)
- On-going Projects – 0(0.00%)
- Not Implemented- 0(0.00%)

B. Enhancing competitiveness in Ghana's Private Sector

Total Number of Projects- 5(100%)

- Fully implemented- 0(0.00%)
- Partially Implemented- 3(75.00%)
- On-going Projects – 1(25.00%)
- Not Implemented- 0(0.00%)

C. Accelerating agriculture modernization

Total Number of Projects- 11(100%)

- Fully implemented- 1(20%)
- Partially Implemented- 4(80%)
- On-going Projects – 0(0.%)
- Not Implemented- 0(0%)

D. Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement

Total Number of Projects- 11(100%)

- Fully implemented- 1(9.09%)
- Partially Implemented- 2(18.18%)
- On-going Projects – 7(45.27%)
- Not Implemented- 4(27.45%)

E. Human Development, Productivity and employment

Total Number of Projects- 17(100%)

- Fully implemented- 1(0%)
- Partially Implemented- 6(35.30%)
- On-going Projects – 4(23.52%)
- Not Implemented- 6(35.30%)

F. Transparent and Accountability Governance

Total Number of Projects- 13(100%)

- Fully implemented- 3(21.41%)
- Partially Implemented- 9(64.30%)
- On-going Projects – 1(7.14%)
- Not Implemented- 1(7.14%)

G. Oil and Gas Development

Total Number of Projects- 0(100%)

- Fully implemented- 0(0.00%)
- Partially implemented- 0(0.00%)

The overall implementation of the annual action plan for 2017 was about 97% since most of the projects implemented for the year under review came from the annual action plan. Though some of the projects are completed, others are on-going due to delay releases of funds to district Assembly and high cost of projects as a result variances.

Table1.7 IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES – PHYSICAL PROJECTS

S/N	Project Description	Location	Contract or	Start Date	Completion Date	Contract Sum (Gh¢)	Payment (Gh¢)	Balance Outstanding (Gh¢)	Status	Funding Source
1.	Construction of 1No 10 Seater w/c toilet	Afrancho	Dependable Const. Works LTD	7/9/2017	Feb, 2018	153,854.30	23,078.15	130,776.15	Filing	Reserve Fund
2.	Construction of 1No. 10 Seater w/c Toilet	Akomadan	FrimtinCo .LTD	7/9/2017	Feb, 2018	151,092.00	81,744.2	69,347.8	Filing	Reserve Fund
3.	Construction of 1No 10 Seater w/c Toilet	Darso	Apistec.Const. Solution	7/9/2017	Feb, 2018	154,497.50	22,663.80	131,322.87	Filing	Reserve Fund
4.	Construction of 1 No 2-Unit Bedroom Semi-Detached Teachers Quarters	WiafeAkenten SHS	Living Grace Co. Limited	7/9/2017	Feb, 2018	273,239.93	40,985.99	232,253.94	Foundation level	Reserve Fund
5.	Completion of 1No.Senior Staff Bungalow {phase 2}	Akomadan	M/S Dependable Construction LTD	23/10/2017	Mar, 2018	121,487.09	80,000.00	41,487.09	80%	DACF
6.	Construction of 1No Semi-Detached Bungalow {phase 2}	Akomadan	M/S K.I.A Naba Ventures	23/10/2017	Mar, 2018	182,559.67	50,000.00	132,559.68	85%	DACF
7.	Construction of 1No Semi-Detached Bungalow (phase 2)	Akomadan	M/S K.I.A Naba Ventures	23/10/2017	Mar, 2018	117,609.97	30,000.00	87,609.97	80%	DACF
8.	Construction of 2No 4-Bedroom Staff Quarters {phase2}	Akomadan	M/S PektacoCo.LTD	23/10/2017	Mar, 2018	289,974.50	100,000.00	189,974.50	80%	DACF

9.	Construction of BS1-6 Classroom Block with Ancillary Facilities at R/C	Akomadan	M/S Swascon Company	08/9/2008		60,000.00	35,000.00		80%	GETFUND
10.	Completion of District Administration Block	Akomadan	M/S Eye Awurade Const. Work LTD	17/2/2011		999,846.00	400,572.00		55%	DACF
11.	Construction of 1No 6-Unit Classroom Block	Nsenoafie	M/S Rapiteck Engineering Systems	26/11/13	April, 2014	180,800			65%	GETFUND
12.	Construction of 1 no. 10-seater W/C Toilet Facility	Eso-ro-Dome Nkenkensu	M/S Dependable Const. Limited	7/09/17	Feb, 2018	152,523.00	22,878.45	129,644.65	20%	Reserve Fund
13.	Construction of 3 Storey Office Admin. Block complex	Akomadan	M/S Wealth-world com. .Ltd	11/17	July, 2018	3,957,484.3		3,957,484.3	10%	MLGRD
14.	Construction of 1 no. 2-storey 12 unit classroom block with standard facilities at Nkenkensu SHS	Nkenkensu	M/S Living Grace Co. Ltd	2012	2013	495,477.00	187,321.55	308,155.45	65%	MP Fund
15.	Construction of Lorry Park at Akomadan	Akomadan	Direct Labour Phase I	12/02/15		60,250.00	60,250.00			DACF
16.	Construction of 1 no. 3 classroom block	Afrancho	M/S Super Makus	17/08/13		190,000.00			45%	GET Fund
17.	Construction of CHPS compound	Amponsakrom	M/S Rapitek Eng. Systems	27/02/15	Aug, 2015	178,067.41	107,193.43	70,873.43	80%	DACF
18.	Construction of CHPS compound	Sraneso No 1	M/S Nyameba Trading & Co. Ltd	27/02/15	Aug, 2015	179,141.41	139,467.51	39,673.90	80%	DACF

19.	Construction of 4 bedroom teacher's Quarters	Konkon	M/S B. Mobile Ent.	17/03/16	Sept, 2016	86,927.30	73,108.48	13,818.82	80%	DDF
20.	Construction of 2 No aqua Privy Toilet Facilities	Akomadan and Brehoma junction	M/S Yabi Cons. Works	15/10/16	Mar, 2017	296,400.00	215,287.21	81,112.79	Completed	DACF
21.	Extension of electricity	Nkenkaasu SHS, YeboahApata m, Nkwankwaa, Beamso	M/S Frimtin Company Ltd	23/10/17	Nov, 2017	133,016.68	57,000.00	76,016.68	60%	DACF
22.	Extension of electricity	Akomadan Timber Market, Afrancho-Nsuoaso, Afrancho Gao	M/S Makossy Enterprise	23/10/17	Nov, 2017	103,010.00	43,000.00	60,010.00	60%	DACF

About 97s% of all these projects were completed but payments are still outstanding

CHAPTER THREE

2.2 UPDATE ON DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDING SOURCE

Sources of funding for the implementation of projects and the disbursements of funds in the district are shown in the table below.

Funding Source	Approved Budget	Amount Received	Amount Disbursed	Remarks
DACF	3,035,578.00	1,232,936.66	1,365,594.91	
DDF	-	-	-	
IGF	414,699.70	363,760.81	363,013.34	
MP's Common Fund	130,544.44	112,761.39	74,120.92	
Grants	540,495.00	96,641.97	138,043.42	
PWD	70,000.00	5,000.00	15,393.10	
M-SHARP	10,000.00	-	2,510.10	
HIPC/SIF	-	-	-	
UDG	-	-	-	
CBRDP	42,000.00	240,000.00	226,639.02	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,515,043.10	690,431.48	690,431.48	
TOTALS	5,818,860.14	2,741,532.31	2,912,196.19	

Source: District Finance Office, January, 2018

UPDATE ON REVENUE SOURCES

EXPENDITURE ITEMS	Baseline 2013	Target 2017	Actual 2017	Target 2016	Actual 2016	Target 2015	Actual 2015	Target 2014	Actual 2014
IGF	314,099.62	414,699.70	386,648.81	385,000.30	328,988.83	350,000.00	351,034.25	330,000.00	305,148.44
DACF	892,535.66	3,035,578.00	1,433,322.86	4,600,353.60	2,659,194.29	3,114,197.64	2,439,316.12	2,456,003.69	941,975.92
MP'S CF	-	130,544.44	172,440.27	14,000.00	252,021.25	14,000.00	279,831.75	142,000.00	29,483.95
PWDs CF	50,064.00	70,000.00	5,000.00	70,000.00	93,863.80	50,064.00	44,506.77	50,064.00	15,198.58
MSHAP	5,100.00	-	-	10,000.10	11,743.10	-	9,760.14	-	-
SFP	813,792.80			950,000.00	-	828,653.00	509,643.40	828,653.00	1,039,227.50
RWSP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DDF	448,330.00	508,274.00	10,000.00	508,274.00	467,964.00	447,600.00	256,435.00	540,205.00	540,766.70
GSOP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NFPA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GOG	192,4574.26	32,721.00	86,641.97	53,985.48	11,089.00	-	7259.29	75,659.60	21,602.07
LEAP									
TOTAL	2,716,496.34	4,191,817.14	2,094,053.91	6,591,613.48	3,824,864.27	4,804,514.64	3,897,786.72	4,422,585.29	2,893,403.16

UPDATE ON EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE ITEMS	Baseline 2013	Target 2017	Actual 2017	Target 2016	Actual 2016	Target 2015	Actual 2015	Target 2014	Actual 2014
COMPENSATION	834,387	1,497,316	873,449	1,294,103	1,294,103	1,222,751	1,119,357	1,476,956	1,312,484
GOODS AND SERVICE	1,307, 852	1,916,247	164,023	3,313,314	1,529,283	2,476,926	3,813,314	2,548,800	2,127,287
INVETSMENT	1,958,618	1,996,820	123,053	2,332,600	595,625	2,027,826	1,307,625	1,307,625	544,685
ASSETS									

TOTAL	4,100,857	5,410,383	1,160,525	6,940,017	3,419,011	5,727,503	6,240,296	5,333,381	3,984,456
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UPDATE ON CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ISSUES IN 2017

Critical Development and Poverty Issues	Allocation GHC	Actual receipt GHC		
Ghana School Feeding Programme	N/A			
Capitation Grants	N/A			
National Health Insurance Scheme	N/A			
Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)	N/A			
National Youth Employment Program	N/A			
One- Village One- Dam Programme	N/A			
One- Constituency one- Million Dollars Programme	N/A			
Planning for Food and Jobs Programme	N/A			
Free SHS Programme	N/A			
National Entrepreneurship and Innovation Plan	N/A			
Implementation of Infrastructure for Poverty Eradication Programme (IPEP)	N/A			
Others	N/A			

**** Analysis can be done for four years if possible**

UPDATE ON EVALUATION CONDUCTED

Name of Evaluation	Policy/ Program/ Project Involved	Consultant or Resource Persons Involved	Methodology used	Findings	Recommendations
Evaluation of bids on the completion of staff bungalows (phase II) at Yeboa-Apatam	Completion of staff bungalows at Yeboa-Apatam	AESL	Public Procurement Authority evaluation guidelines	There had been fluctuation of rates during the second phase leading to increased project cost as against the initial project cost	
Evaluation of bids on about the construction of 4no. toilet facilities at Darso, Afrancho, Akomadan and Nkenkaasu	Construction of 4no. toilet facilities at Darso, Afrancho, Akomadan and Nkenkaasu	Works Department	Public Procurement Authority evaluation guidelines	The bidding was very competitive	

UPDATE ON PM&E CONDUCTED

Name of PM & E	Policy/ Program/ Project Involved	Consultant or Resource Persons Involved	Methodology used	Findings	Recommendations
	Completion of staff bungalows at Yeboa-Apatam	AESL	Public Procurement Authority evaluation guidelines	Quality work done	
	Construction of 4no. toilet facilities at Darso, Afrancho, Akomadan and Nkenkaasu	Works Department	Public Procurement Authority evaluation guidelines	Quality work done	
	Completion of District	See Consult	Public Procurement	Quality work done	

	Administration block complex		Authority evaluation guidelines		
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Table PERFORMANCE OF CORE INDICATORS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL

	Indicator (categorized by GSGDA II Thematic areas)	Baseline (2013)	Target (2017)	Actual (2017)	Target (2016)	Actual (2016)	Target (2015)	Actual (2015)	Target (2014)	Actual (2014)
	PRIVATE SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS									
1.	Change in yield of sector crops, livestock and fish (%)									
	Maize	15%	45%	32%	30%	25%	22%	17%	15%	10%
	Rice	20%	30%	25%	30%	22%	20%	15%	15%	12%
	Cassava	10%	50%	42%	35%	35%	25%	25%	15%	10%
	Yam	10%	20%	15%	15%	13%	15%	10%	10%	8%
	Pineapple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Pawpaw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mango	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Banana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Proportion/length of roads maintained/rehabilitated									
	- Trunk Roads (in km)									
	- Urban Roads (in km)									
	- Feeder Roads (in km)									
3.	% change in households with access to electricity									

4.	Hectares of degraded forest, mining, dry and wet lands rehabilitated/ restored a. Forest b. Mining c. Dry and wetland	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5.	Change in tourist arrivals (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6.	Teledensity/Penetration rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT									
7.	HIV/AIDS prevalence rate (% of adult population, 15-49 yrs. HIV positive)	2.0		2.0		2.0		2.0		2.0
8.	Maternal Mortality ratio (Number of deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth per 100,000 live birth)	0/100,000	0/100,000	0/100,000	0/100,000	60.1/100,000	0/100,000	0/100,000	0/100,000	95.6/100,000
9.	Under-five mortality rate (Number of deaths occurring between birth and exact age five per 1000 live births)	5.5	5.0	1.9	6.0	9.0	5.0	8.3	4.0	4.8
10.	Malaria case fatality in children under five years per 10,000 population	0.74	0.1	0.34	0.1	0.63	0	0	0	0
11.	Percent of population with sustainable access to safe water sources	45%	100%	85%	80%	79%	60%	54%	50%	48%
12.	Proportion of									

	population with access to improved sanitation (flush toilets, KVIP, Household latrine)									
13.	<p>a. Gross Enrollment Rate (indicates the number of pupils/students at a given level of schooling-regardless of age as proportion of the number of children in the relevant age group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary - JSS - SSS <p>b. Net Admission rate in Primary Schools (Indicates Primary One enrollment of pupils aged 6 years)</p>	141.6%	121%	N/A	140%	134.2%	130%	163.6%	121%	154.2%
		102.1%	100%	N/A	100%	104%	100%	111.3%	100%	103%
		54%	75%	N/A	72%	65.5%	65%	54.9%	60%	58.3%
		110.5%	105.5%	N/A	110%	120%	105%	114.4%	102%	110.6%
14.	Gender Parity Index (Ratio between girls and boys enrollment rates, the balance of parity is 1.00)	0.91	0.99	N/A	1	0.99	0.93	0.89	0.93	0.87
15.	Proportion of unemployed youth benefiting from skills/ apprenticeship and entrepreneurial training									

	GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY									
16.	Total amount of internal generated revenue	414,699.70	363,760.81	-	385,000.30	331,673.88	350,000.00	351,034.25	-	310,767.10
17.	Amount of Development Partner and NGO funds contribution to DMTDP implementation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
18.	% of DA' expenditure within the DMTDP budget (how much of DA's expenditure was not in the annual budget?)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.	Number of reported cases of abuse (children, women and men)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20.	Police citizen ratio	1: 1,237		1: 1,237		1: 1,237		1: 1,237		1: 1,237

GHANA HEALTH SERVICE

STATUS REPORT FROM DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTORATE

OFFINSO NORTH



2016, (JANUARY-DECEMBER), 2017

DISTRICT PROFILE

INTRODUCTION

The Offinso North District is one of the 27 districts of the Ashanti Region. It is a newly created district carved out of the Offinso District now Offinso Municipal and was inaugurated on 29th February, 2008. Offinso North district was directly under the administration of the mother district (Offinso Municipal) until the end of the year 2008. The district was established by LI 1856.

The district is one of the farthest (92km) to the Kumasi Metropolis – the regional capital and is fast growing district because of the migration due to tomato and yam farming. The district has five (5) Health Demarcated sub district namely;

- ✓ **Akomadan Sub District** (Capital Akomadan)
- ✓ **Nkenkaasu Sub District** (Capital Nkenkaasu)
- ✓ **Kobreso Sub District** (Capital Kobreso)
- ✓ **Mankramso Sub District** (Capital Mankramso)
- ✓ **AmponsakromSub District** (Capital Amponsakrom)

The district capital is **Akomadan**, which is situated on the Kumasi – Techiman trunk road.

GEO-PHYSICAL SETTING

Location and Sizes

The district lies between longitudes 1 60 W and 1 45 E and latitudes 7 20N and 6 50S. The total land area is about 741 kilometres square.

The district shares boundaries with;

Brong Ahafo Region	
Techiman	North
Nkoransa	North east
Sunyani Municipal	West
Tano North	South west
Wenchi	North West
Ashanti Region	
Offinso municipal	South
Ejura Sekyere Dumasi	East

Key priorities of the BMC /District

- Provide quality health care
- Intensify Outreach training and supportive supervision
- Improve access to quality maternal, reproductive and new born care
- Strengthen disease surveillance and emergency response
- Enhance quality of clinical services with emphasis on staff attitude

- Improve on health information management

OPD attendance by health facilities, Offinso North, 2016 and 2017

Facilities	2016		(Jan-Dec),2017	
	Total OPD Attendance Insured	Total OPD Attendance Non-Insured	Total OPD Attendance Insured	Total OPD Attendance Non-Insured
A.M.E. Zion Health Centre	15055	2319	5965	1 520
Akumadan Health Centre	17707	1350	17448	1696
Dreamland Community Clinic	0	1134	0	22
Kobreso Health Centre	0	0	1089	722
Yaa Afriyie Memorial Clinic	0	127	0	180
Nkenkaasu Government Hospital	20350	3025	14558	3143
Offinso North	53112	7955	39060	7283

Number of OPD attendance for both insured and non-insured clients has decreased in all facilities as the year progresses

Staff to patients Ratio

INDICATOR	YEAR		Remarks
	2016	(Jan-Dec),2017	
Number of Doctors	3	2	1 Med. Supt
Doctor to Population ratio	1:16,685	1: 33,310	
Number of MAs	10	6	1 in School
MA to Population ratio	1:6674	1: 11,103	
Number of Nurses (all categories)	227	181	
Nurse to Population ratio	1:294	1: 368	
Number of midwives	33	26	1= Matron
Midwives to WIFA ratio	1:517	1: 2,562	

The district has fewer doctors and medical assistance to take care of the entire population. One doctor takes care of over 33,310 people.

General Top 10 Morbidity

YR	2016			(Jan-Dec),2017			
	No	DISEASES	CASES	%	DISEASES	CASES	%
1		MALARIA	17636	23.8	MALARIA	13610	36.5
2		UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS	8334	11.2	UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS	6953	18.7
3		RHEUMATISM & OTHER JOINT PAIN	6897	9.3	RHEUMATISM & OTHER JOINT PAIN	5841	15.7
4		DIARRHOEA	3886	5.2	DIARRHOEA DISEASE	2714	7.3
5		TYPHOID FEVER	3150	4.3	SKIN DISEASES	2135	5.7
6		SKIN DISEASES	3007	4.1	ACUTE URINARY TRACT INFECTION	1866	5.0
7		ANAEMIA	2812	3.8	TYPHOID FEVER	1298	3.5
8		ACUTE URINARY TRACT INF.	2315	3.1	SEPTICAEMIA	1181	3.2
9		INTESTINALWORMS	1840	2.5	ANAEMIA	934	2.5
10		SEPTICEAMIA	1049	1.4	INTESTINAL WORMS	736	2.0

PMTCT Statistics, Offinso North, 2016 –(Jan-Dec),2017

INDICATORS	COUNSELLED	TESTED	REACTIVE	% TESTED	% REACTIVE
2016	2550	2167	43	85.0	2.0
2017	1 571	1 571	25	100.0	1.6

SKILLED DELIVERIES OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT

Sub District	Percentage skilled deliveries	
	2016	(Jan-Dec),2017
Nkenkaasu	127.8	113.3
Mankramso	0	0
Kobreso	34.4	49.1
Amponsakrom	0	0
Akumadan	93.5	87.9
Offinso North	63.8	62.0

Number of pregnant women delivering at health facility is not encouraging.

Reproductive and Child Health Indicators, 2016 –2017 – Offinso North

Period	ANC Coverage (%)	Family Planning Acceptor rate	Expected deliveries	Family planning registrants of WIFA (percentage)	Total family planning acceptors	Postnatal Coverage (%)	Total maternal deaths
2016	97.7	46.5	2602.1	18.1	7278	65.4	1
2017	81.1	47.7	1655	18.8	7619	70.6	1

TB cases 2016 – (Jan-Dec),2017

Year	No of cases	Case notification rate	Treatment success Rate
2016	49	69	95.5
Jan – Sep, 2017	32	45.1	89.5

Number of Tuberculosis cases detected in the district has reduced.

Antigen Coverage 2016 – (Jan-Dec), 2017

	Antigen (%)						
year	BCG	PENTA 3	OPV 3	ROTA 2	PCV 3	MEASLES	YF
2016	143.3	113.7	108.0	107.8	113.7	93.7	107.4
2017	167	109.6	105.5	109.5	109.8	105	110.4

Antigen coverage decreases as the year as the year progresses

Notifiable diseases trend, Offinso North, 2016 - (Jan-Dec),2017

Indicator	Year	
	2016	2017
Guinea worm	0	0
Leprosy		2
Buruli ulcer	0	0
CSM	4	1
Measles	3	2
Yellow fever	1	2

AFP	2	1
Rabies	3	1
Yaws	61	25
Cholera	1	0

Challenges

- The district health directorate has no vehicle
- Frequent breakdown of means of transport for Facilities
- Inadequate equipment at the Health Centre and the CHPS compound.
- Inadequate logistics at the CHPS zones and CHPS compound eg. Vaccine carriers, fridge.
- Lack of accommodation for staffs especially in Hard-to-reach CHPS communities to render effective service
- Inadequate Clinicians at health facilities
- Lack of funds to carry out health activities
- Inadequate laptops

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Total approved budget, releases and expenditure (Gh¢) by MMDA

MMDA NAME	Items	Amount budgeted (Gh¢)			Approved Budget (Gh ¢)			Releases (Gh ¢)			Expenditure (Gh ¢)		
		2016	2017	%Change	2016	2017	%Change	2016	2017	%Change	2016	2017	%Change
	MAG	0	75,000	100%	0	75,000	100%	0	75,000	100%	0	75,000	100%
	GOG		2,125			2,125			2,125			2,125	
Total													

Source:

Analysis

Financial transfers by MMDA

MMDA NAME	Date Funds Hit Consolidated Account				Date of Transfer To DAD/RAD Account				Remarks/ challenges
	1 st qtr	2 nd qtr	3 rd qtr	4 th qtr	1 st qtr	2 nd qtr	3 rd qtr	4 th qtr	
	8/5/17	8/5/17	11/9/17	11/9/17	5/7/17	5/7/17	14/11/17	14/11/17	

Source: DAD/RAD

Analysis

The Canadian funding support to agriculture has provided a major boost to agricultural development. The non-timely release of the support fund affects smooth and timely running of planned activities.

Activities Implemented

District Level	Program Objective	Activity	Target group	Number of Participants / Beneficiaries					Outcome	Source of Funds (MAG, GOG, IGF, etc)
				Male	Female	Youth	Ag ed	PLW Ds		
	Linking of	Training of 2	Prod	84	33	64	53	0	Expected	MAG

	production groups to Processors and marketers	farmer based organisation.	uction groups						improvement in networking among the production groups and processors	
	Prevention of Bushfire	Awareness creation campaign on bushfire prevention through mass media	Farmers , Fire volunteers, Extension Agents	4160	2090	2160	4072	18	Expected reduction in incidence of bushfires	MAG
	Increasing farmers' resilience to climate change	Demonstration on okro , pepper, and maize production using climate smart approaches	Production groups	51	29	42	32	1	Enhanced technical know-how on climate change mitigation strategies by farmers Reduction in yield losses and crop failure expected with the adoption of demonstrated technologies	MAG
DADs Level	Improve farmers knowledge on resource optimizati	Training of farmer one vegetable farmer groups on dry season methods	Veg etable production	10	6	2	4	0	Reduction in yield losses and crop failure expected with the	

	on for dry season vegetable production		group						adoption of demonstrated technologies	
	Enhance market value of farm produce	Training of farmers on post harvest handling of farm produce	Tomato farmers	20	15	5	3	2	Attraction of good and premium prices for farm produce for increased profitability	MAG
	Reduce malnutrition in children	Promotion of quality protein maize (QPM)	Women, Caterers, Farm Families	4	14	41	10	1	It is expected that the use of QPM will help reduce malnutrition and promote child health in the district	
	Prevention of diseases and pests outbreak in animals	Increase disease surveillance in the district	Live stock farmers, Pet owners	12	21	19	10	4	Early detection and control of notifiable diseases.	
	Enhance food security through Fall Army Worms control	Intensify education of farmers on Fall Army Worm	Farmers, Extension agents	450	45	1120	201	17	Enhance farmers' capacity on early detection, control and prevention of Fall Army Worms	MAG

Table 1: Average Regional Rainfall distribution

DATA	4 th Quarter 2016		4th Quarter 2017		Percentage Change (%)	
	Rainfall (mm)	No. of Rain days	Rainfall (mm)	Number of Rain days	Rainfall	No. of Rain days
Rainfall (mm)						
No. of Rain days		10		18	+80%	
Rainfall Distribution		Normal		Normal		
Rainfall Pattern		Dry		Mixed		
Key Indicators of Rainfall Distribution		Green Vegetation		Green Vegetation		

Source: DAD

Rainfall Distribution: eg. Above normal (15 & above rain days), Normal (8 – 14 rain days), Below normal (4 – 7 rain days), Erratic (0 – 3 rain days)

Rainfall Pattern: Wet, Dry, Mixed, Mist patched, Windy, Cloudy, Sunny.

Rainfall distribution Indicators: Green vegetation, Dry vegetation, Flooding, Erosion, Wilting, etc.

Analysis

Rainfall for the fourth quarter of 2017 has been better than that of the past year. The distribution of the rains however was not very desirable.

External Forces Impacting on Agricultural Performance

	District name	Type of External Forces and it effect	Recommendations
1		Fall Army worm. 12 Isolated cases of Fall Army Worm outbreaks were recorded and controlled chemically.	Intensify education of farmers on Fall Army Worm control and prevention of invasion
2		Increase cost of local Production. Increase in prices of agro input in the 4 th quarter raised farmers' production cost and subsequently lead to reduction	Government should intervene to stabilize prices of input.

		in cropped area for poor resourced farmers	
3		Price variation of local produce. The sharp variation of local production prices affected most farmers negatively even though some early planters enjoyed high prices. With supply exceeding demand for key staples like maize and perishables like tomato prices fell significantly.	<p>Buffer stock companies should intervene on the commodity market to stabilize prices.</p> <p>The government's policy on industrialization (1D 1F) can help reduce glut and its attendant negative influence of produce prices.</p>

STATUS OF KEY INDICATORS

Major Crop Performance (PFJ not included)

Crop	Variety	Area Cropped (ha)		Average Yield (MT/Ha)		Estimated Production (MT)		No	
		4th Quarter 2016	4th Quarter 2017	4th Quarter 2016	4th Quarter 2017	4th Quarter 2016	4th Quarter 2017	Male	Female
Maize	Obaatanpa	4020	5100	2.4	2.5	9648	12750	1400	600
Rice (milled)	Jasmine	1150	1200	2.6	2.3	2990	2760	110	31
Cassava	Improved Varieties	1100	7200	10.0	10.0	11000	72000	2100	900
Tomato	Local	8500	10500	7	7.9	59500	82950	4150	2240

Source: DADs report

Analysis

Generally farm productivity in the district is considerable low compared to the potential yields of the crops. A set of factors ranging from biotic and abiotic factors are responsible. The impact of climate change, low use of mechanisation, over-dependent on rainfall and very limited irrigation, limited use of improved extension technologies, low level of education among farming populace are reasons for the low yields of the crops.

**Average Productivity (MT/Ha) of major crops by sex/age/PLWDs,
(.....unit MT/Ha)**

Crops	Sex		Age		PLWDs	District
	Average yield (Male)	Average yield (Female)	Average yield (Youth)	Average yield (Aged)		
Maize	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.5
Rice (Paddy)	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.3
Millet						
Sorghum						
Cassava	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.50	9.20	9.7
Yam						
Cocoyam						
Plantain						
Groundnuts						
Cowpea						
Soybean						
Tomatoes	7.9	7.5	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.9
Pepper						
Onion						
okro						
Others						

Source: DAD

Calculate average yield per category (male, female, youth, aged)

Youth: below 35 years & Aged: 60 years and above

Analysis

Yields for the youth are highest for all the commodities due to their dynamic nature and continuous search for new technologies that will increase their yields and result to increased income. Male yields are generally higher compared to those of females. This can be attributed to the vigorous emotions they bring to bear in decisions affecting their business. Men farmers generally adopt new technologies faster than women farmers. Higher yields for males can also be attributed to the use of their financial muscles to purchase the necessary input needed to increase yield.

Performance of Planting for Food & Jobs (PFJ)

MMDA	Crops	Variety	Area cropped (Ha)	Average yield (MT/Ha)	Estimated production (MT)	No of Farmers		
						Male	Female	Youth
	Maize	Obatanpa	278	2.9	806.50	96	8	41
	Rice (Paddy)	AGRA	119.6	3.2	382.04	144	15	131
	Millet							
	Tomatoes	Petomech	339.2	8.0	2713.0	94	73	148
	Pepper							
	Onion							

Source: DAD

Analysis

Yields for PFJ beneficiaries are on the average 19% more than yields for non-PFJ beneficiaries. This can be explained by the ease of access and utilization of improved seeds and fertilizers. Dedicated extension services received by beneficiaries have also been helpful in improving yields.

Agro Input Distribution Under PFJ

Fertilizer distribution

Type of Fertilizer	Quantity		No of beneficiaries					
	Received	Distributed	Total	Male	Female	Youth	Aged	PLWDs
<i>NPK</i>	4669	4669	1039	334	96	320	263	26
<i>Urea</i>	1000	1000	655	211	38	200	179	27
<i>Sulphate of Ammonia</i>	2243	2243	567	129	42	211	164	21

Analysis

Seed Distribution

Type of seed	Quantity		No of beneficiaries					
	Received	Distributed	Total	Male	Female	Youth	Aged	PLWDs
<i>Maize</i>	139 bags	139 bags	221	96	8	41	70	6
<i>Rice</i>	320 bags	299bags	372	144	15	131	82	5
<i>Soyabean</i>								
<i>Sorghum</i>								
VEGETABLES								
<i>Tomatoes</i>	848sachets	848sachects	441	94	73	148	111	15
<i>Pepper</i>								
<i>Onion</i>								

Recovery Under PFJ

MMDA	Type of Input	Total Cost (GHc)	Amount Recovered	Balance (GHc)	Remarks
	Fertilizer	394,157.00	193,311.00	200,846.00	51% recovery
	Seeds	82,289.00	41,768.00	40,521.00	

Source: DADs

Availability and Access to Food Outlets

DADs	Number of District Food Markets (daily to weekly) all Year Round	
	4th Quarter, 2016	4th Quarter, 2017
	4	4

Source: DADs report

Analysis

Out of the four food market s, two operate daily whereas the other two are weekly markets.

District Allocation of Subsidized Fertilizer

MMDA	Urea	No of beneficiaries						NPK	No of beneficiaries						SoA	No of beneficiaries							
		Quantity (MT)	Total	Male	Female	Youth	Age d		PLW Ds	Quantity (MT)	Total	Male	Female	Youth		Age d	PLW Ds	Quantity (MT)	Total	Male	Female	Youth	Age d
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	57	16	7	25	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Analysis

Most distributors had run out of stock for subsidized fertilizers at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Most shops had fertilizers which were retailed at full cost. Demand for fertilizers had also gone down significantly by the fourth quarter.

AEA Farmer Ratio

MMDA	Total number of AEAs at post (existing + new)	No. AEAs with running motor bikes	Total number of female AEAs	No of AEAs engaged under PFJ (AEAs employed under YEP)	Estimated number of farmers in MMDA	AEA : Farmer Ratio	Average number of communities per AEA	Total number of home & farm visited by MMDA
	19	7	3	5	36,500	1:1920	64	7460

Source: DAD

Analysis

Average number of farmers visited by an AEA by MMDA and by sex/age/PLWDs

MMDA	Total		No of farmers visited (2016)					No of farmers visited (2017)				
	2016	2017	Male	Female	Youth	Age d	PLW Ds	Male	Female	Youth	Age d	PLW Ds
	12,460	18,024	4128	1164	5210	1874	84	6613	1611	7642	2013	145

Source: DAD

Analysis

The engagement of 5 YEP staff has helped increase extension coverage in the district. Farmer visits has consequently shot up by about 45 percent.

Number of RELC Meetings and participation by MMDA and sex/age/PLWDs

MMDA	No of RELC Meetings		No of Participants											
	2016	2017	2016						2017					
			Total	Male	Female	Youth	Agged	PLWDs	Total	Male	Female	Youth	Agged	PLWDs
	1	1	40	17	6	8	7	1	40	18	5	8	9	0

Source: DAD

Analysis

Participants for RELC meeting included relevant stakeholders including, producers, processors, marketers and the central assembly of the district.

Issues identified from RELC sections

MMDAs	Issues Identified		Impact/outcome of RELC Issues for which solution has been found (2015 -2017)
	2016	2017	
	Low use of fertilizers	Fall Army worm	Fall Army worm invasion has been controlled
	Poor prices of local produce	Lack of storage facilities	Some feeder roads have been levelled making them more motorable
	Climate change	Poor state of roads	The PFJ programme has increased fertilizer access and use in district
	Low yields	Low yield	Yields have increased by about 5%
		Low use of fertilizers	

Source: DADs

Number of Agriculture Information Centres (AICs) Functional and Number of visits by gender

MMD A	No of functional AICs		No of Visits										
	2016	2017	2016					2017					
			Male	Female	Youth	Age d	PLW Ds	Male	Female	Youth	Age d	PLW Ds	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: DAD

Analysis

There are no agricultural information centers in the district.

Number of Agricultural Mechanization Services Centres Established and Functional

MMDA	New Centres Created		Existing Centres 2017	Cumulative number, 2017	No of Centres Functional	
	2016	2017			2016	2017
		0	0	0	0	0

Source: DAD

Analysis

There are no agricultural mechanisation centres in the district. A few individuals own tractors with limited implements. Tractor owners mostly own ploughs and render ploughing services at relatively high prices. Some tractors also serve to transport commodities from farms.

Number of Beneficiaries of Agricultural Mechanization Services Centres

MM DA	Total area ploughed, 2016	Number of Beneficiaries - 2016						Total area ploughed, 2017	Number of Beneficiaries - 2017					
		Total	Male	Female	Youth	Ag ed	PLW Ds		Total	Male	Female	Youth	Ag ed	PLW Ds

Source: DAD

Analysis

There are no agricultural mechanisation centres in the district. A few individuals own tractors with limited implements. Tractor owners mostly own ploughs and render ploughing services at relatively high prices. Some tractors also serve to transport commodities from farms.

Outbreaks of Scheduled/ Notifiable Diseases

DISEASES	Species	Annual - 2016	Annual – 2017

	Affected	No. of outbreaks/disease	No. of animals affected	Total Losses	Number of Districts Reporting	No. of outbreaks/disease	No. of animals affected	Total Losses	Number of Districts Reporting
African Swine Fever	Pig								
Anthrax	Cattle								
	Sheep/Goats								
	Cattle								
Avian Infectious Bronchitis	Poultry								
Trypanosomiasis	Cattle								
	Pigs								
Tuberculosis	Cattle								
	Dog/Cat/Monkey								
Sheep Mange	Sheep								

Source: DAD & RAD

Analysis

There were no disease outbreaks in the current quarter and same period of 2016

Vaccinations and Prophylactic Treatments of Farm Animals and Pets

Animal Species	Disease	No. of Animals Vaccinated		Achievement (2016)
		Annual - 2016	Annual - 2017	
Poultry	Newcastle Orthodox			
	I-2			
	Gumboro			
	Fowl pox			
	Marek's disease			
Cattle	Anthrax			

	Blackleg			
	CBPP			
Sheep	PPR			
	Anthrax			
Goats	PPR			
	Anthrax			
Dogs	Rabies		21	43
Cats	Rabies			
Cattle	Trypanosomiasis			

Source: DAD & RAD

Analysis

The desire for animal vaccination in the district is low even though there was a significant jump over the comparative quarters. There is the need to intensify the need for livestock and pet vaccinations in the district.

Status of Other key Indicators

Total No of MMD As in Region	No of districts that have developed a district agricultural development plan	No of districts that have developed costed action plans derived from district plans	No of districts producing result oriented report	Number of districts collecting SRID required agricultural data (GAPS)			% of DADs who reported (Quarterly, Annually)		
				GAP S	MRAC LE	Market Data	3 ^r d qt r	4 ^t h qt r	Annual, 2017

Source: RAD

Analysis

Good fertilization methods	6							2281	1526	453	203	98	0
Soil Fertility management	2							121	86	32	52	41	0
Soil water Management	4							412	168	86	134	24	0
Minimum Tillage	8							1666	368	948	236	112	2
Proper Chemical control of fall Army worm	8							2291	1526	453	203	98	10

Source: DAD

Analysis

Adoption of New Technologies

	Type of new technology	Number of Adopters			
		Total	Male	Female	Youth
	Use of certified seed and improved planting materials	1441	1257	174	120
	Soil Fertility Management	1321	968	353	421
	Soil water conservation	95	78	17	47
	Proper Chemical control of Fall Army Worm	2291	1526	551	203
	Minimum tillage	25	10	4	11

Source: DADs & RAD

Analysis

Adoption rate for technologies farmers are already familiar with tended to be higher. The urgency on the need to deal with Fall Army Worm invasion to reduce field losses encouraged adoption of the technology.

EMERGENCY OCCURRENCES

E.g. Fall Army Worm Infestation, other pests and diseases, flood, bushfire

Name of MM DA	Type of disaster	Type of enterprise affected (crop, etc)	No of House Hold (HH) affected	Total farm area cropped (Ha)	Area Affected	Period of infestation / damage (Month)	Area destroyed completely	Estimated value of crop destroyed	Actions taken	Collaborators
	Fall Army Worm	Maize	12	25.7	District-wide	October	Nil	0	Chemical Control	PPRSD-RADU

Source: DAD

Analysis

The invasion of farms by Fall Army Worm had been brought under significant control by end of third quarter 2017. Isolated cases were recorded in the fourth quarter of 2017. Control were done mainly by chemicals.

Chemical distribution for fall army worm control

Name of MM DA	Crop	Name of chemical	Quantity received	Quantity supplied	Beneficiaries					
					Total	Male	Female	Youth	Age d	PLWDs
Regional total										

Source: DAD, 2017

Analysis

No chemicals were distributed in the fourth quarter of 2017. District stock had run out by close of the third quarter.

- **Challenges**

- Untimely release of service funds affected timely and smooth delivery of planned activities.
- Stocks of chemicals received for control of Fall Army Worm were insufficient and received late. Stock received could only cover about 52% of affected farms.
- Most field staffs do not have motorbikes. This limits their mobility and effectively extension service delivery.
- Uncooperative attitude of some farmers also affected extension delivery.

- **Way forward**

- Timely release of service funds will enhance delivery of planned activities
- Motorbike and other logistics should be provided to enhance extension delivery

- **Conclusion**

There has been a significant boost in agricultural service delivery following the support by the Canadian Government. Climate change however is a bane to agricultural development and appropriate interventions should be targeted at its mitigation.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE & COMMUNITY DEV'T.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2017

(SOCIAL WELFARE UNIT)

Introduction:

This report covers the activities of the Social Welfare Unit during the year ended.

The unit is one of the two units of the decentralized department of the District Assembly. Its vision to take lead in integrating the disadvantaged marginalized the vulnerable and excluded into the mainstream of development. The unit has national responsibility for provision of Social Services.

Its mission and vision is achieved through the three core programmes indicated below.

- ❖ Justice Administration
- ❖ Child Rights Promotion and Protection
- ❖ Community Care.

0.2 Staff Position

The Social Welfare Unit of the department is manned by two (2) officers, one with the grade of Assistant Director who is the District Director of the Department and the other a social development officer.

Organizational Details

Total number of staff on payroll	2
Total number of staff at post (established posts)	2

Gender Ratio

Number of male staff	2
Number of female staff	Nil

Staff Grading

Number of Senior Staff	2
Number of Junior Staff	Nil

Age Distribution of Staff

(20 – 35)	Nil
(36 – 45)	Nil
(46 – 55)	2
(56 years and above	Nil
Staff on study leave with pay	Nil
Staff on study leave without pay	Nil
Staff on Secondment	Nil
Promotions	Nil
Postings/Transfers	Nil
Retirement	Nil
Vacation of post	Nil
Serious disciplinary action taken	Nil
Existing vacancies	1
Deaths	Nil

0.3 Operational Details

Total debt owed to the department	Nil
Total debt owed to outside organization(s)	Nil
(Indicate the amount and explain) e.g. Electricity, water, rent, etc	Nil
Number of audit inspections conducted	Nil
Investments made	Nil
Acquired revenue	Nil
Aid received in kind	Nil
Aid received in cash	Nil
Value of local purchases	Nil
Number of meetings held	Nil
Number of durbars/courses/seminars attended	Nil
Overseas indent	Nil
Number of agreements entered into	Nil
Number of case conferences held	Nil
Number of publications issued	Nil

Public Relations

Involvement in Public debate

Nil

Participation in Radio/TV Programmes

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Programme Performance

In this year under report, Social Welfare Unit of the Department operated under the following core programmes

PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

In this year under report, the social welfare unit of the Department operated under the following core programmes

CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION AND PROMOTION

Services rendered under this programme include the following:

Family and child welfare cases

A total of Sixty Eight (68) cases were registered and handled during the year under review. The details are specified in the table below.

Breakdown of the cases is as follows:

Child Maintenance	=	30
Child Custody	=	4
Paternity	=	4
Family Reconciliation	=	6
General Advice/Welfare	=	24

ACTIVITIES	BF		New		Age			Cases disposed off		Referred family tribunal		Cases withdrawn		Cases pending		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	0-5	6-11	12-17	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
CHILD MAINTENANCE			16	14	16	10	4	15	14	-	-	1	-	-	-	16	14
CHILD CUSTODY			3	1	-	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
PATERNITY				4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
FAMILY RECONC.			4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2
CHILD NEGLECT																	
CHILD DELINQUENCY																	
SPOUSAL ABUSE																	
CHILD ABUSE																	
ELOPEMENT/CHILD MARRIAGE																	

CHILD ABANDONMENT																	
CHILD TRAFFICKING																	
GENERAL ADVICE/WELFARE			14	10		6	18	14	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	10
TOTAL			37	31	16	20	22	32	25	-	-	1	-	-	-	37	31

I. Monies collected from parents for maintenance of children

During the year under review, the unit collected an amount of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Ghana Cedis (GH¢11,280.00) from defaulting parents for maintenance and upkeep of their children.

II. Daycare Centers

Social Welfare Unit carried out supervision of three Day Care Centres (DCCs) in this year under review namely:

- a) Great Ideas Day Care
- b) George Best Day Care
- c) Dreamland Day Care

JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

i. Family Tribunal cases

During the year under review, twelve (12) cases were received and tried at the family tribunal court. All the twelve (12) cases were disposed of. Breakdown is as follow:

- 1) Child Maintenance - 8
- 2) Child custody - 3
- 3) Paternity - 1

Family Tribunal Cases

ACTIVITIES	BF		New		Age						Cases disposed off		Cases withdrawn		Cases pending		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	0-5		6-11		12-17		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
					M	F	M	F	M	F								
CHILD MAINTENANCE			5	3	2	1	3	2	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	5	3
CHILD CUSTODY			2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
PATERNITY				1		1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
FAMILY RECONC.																		
CHILD NEGLECT																		
CHILD DELINQUENCY																		
CHILD ABUSE																		
ELOPEMENT/CHILD MARRIAGE																		
CHILD ABANDONMENT																		
CHILD TRAFFICKING																		
ACCESS																		
OTHERS																		
TOTALS			1	2													1	2

i. Juvenile Court

a. Stealing - 1 (Male)

ii. Social Enquiry Report (SERs)

Four (4) SERs were prepared and submitted to Family Tribunal and three (3) to Juvenile Court.

COMMUNITY CARE

I. Registration of persons with Disability(PWDs)

During the year under review the unit registered Three Hundred and Thirteen (313) PWDsin the District. Out of this number, we developed photo album for One Hundred and Eighty – Two (182) PWDs

AGE	Difficulty seeing		Difficulty speaking/ Hearing		Difficulty moving		Unusual /strange behavior		Fits/ epilepsy		Absence of feeling		Learning disability		others		Total no. registered		Totals	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-6	12	13	11	14	10	15	13	12	11	14										
7-13	14	18	19	13	18	14	17	15	19	13										
19-25	19	21	17	23	19	21	21	19	17	23										
26-32	15	16	17	14	15	16	16	15	17	14										
33-39	15	19	21	13	19	15	19	15	21	13										

40-46	17	19	20	16	19	17	21	16	20	16										
47-53	18	20	17	21	18	20	23	18	17	21										
59-65	19	23	18	24	19	23	20	19	18	24										
65+	15	20	16	19	15	20	18	16	20	15										
TOTAL	144	169	156	157	152	161	168	145	160	153							150	163	150	163

II. Financial Assistance to PWDs

An amount Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty (GH¢9,250.00) was expended in support of PWDs in the District as indicated in the table below:

AREA OF SUPPORT	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES	AMOUNT GH¢	PURPOSE
Income generation activities	Forty Five (45)	6,750.00	
School Building		2,500.00	Payment of mason`s workmanship
<i>Total</i>		9,250.00	

III. Personal Social Welfare Services

Ms. Regina Duku of Akomdan a needy and vulnerable young woman applied through the unit to the Assembly for financial support to enable her meet the needs of her baby.

She delivered the baby girl on 22nd May, 2017 at Akomadan Health Centre. She was given an amount of One Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢100.00) and baby`s clothes by the Department and Assembly.

IV. Assistance to Vulnerable Persons

The International Central Gospel Church (ICGC) through the Department presented items including bags of rice, 22 boxes of frytol oil, assorted soft drinks and 245 fowels to two hundred and forty – five (245) vulnerable persons, Persons With Disability (PWDs) orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) widows, widowers and the sick in the District on 16th December, 2017 in Akomadan.

V. N.H.I.S Registration for Indigents

No person (s) applied through the office for NHIS registration for indigents this year.

VI. Payment of LEAP Beneficiaries

During the year under review, five (5) bi monthly LEAP payments were successfully carried out in four (4) Payment points as follows:

- a) 47th Cycle payment = 31st March and 4th April, 2017
- b) 48th Cycle payment = 13 and 14th June 2017
- c) 49th Cycle Payment = 4th and 7th August, 2017
- d) 50th Cycle payment = 27th and 28th September, 2017
- e) 51st Cycle payment = 11th and 13th December, 2017

Total cash grant of Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Six Ghana Cedis (GH¢70,486.00) disbursed to Two Hundred and Twenty – Nine (229) beneficiaries in Thirteen (13) communities in the district.

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. Training workshop on Programme Based Budget held at Anita Hotel, Ejisu from 26th to 27th January, 2017
2. District Aids Committee on 26th January, 2017
3. DSW staff meeting held at Edwenase Rehabilitation Centre in Kumasi on Tuesday 24th January, 2017
4. Disability Fund Management Committee meeting on 3rd February, 2017
5. Social services Sub- committee meeting held on 15th March, 2017.
6. Executive Committee meeting on 11th April, 2017 at District Chief Executive`s office.
7. District Planning and Co-ordinating Unit (DPCU) meeting on 2nd May 2017, at the District Co-ordinating Director`s Office.
8. Special meeting to confirm Presidential nominee Mr. David Asare for the position of the District Chief Executive held on 5th May, 2017
9. Heads of department meeting held on 17th May 2017 at the office of the District Chief Executive.
10. Orientation workshop on Public Financial Management Act, 23016 (921) on 18th May at District Chief Executive`s office.
11. Management meeting held at the District Chief Executive`s office on 16th May, 2017
12. Meeting with National Technical Working Group on Composite Budget on 30th May 2017 at District Co-ordinating Director`s office.
13. Meeting with the Head of Local Government Service on a familiarization visit to the Ashanti Region on 14th June, 2017 at Miklin Hotel, Kumasi.
14. Orientation Workshop on the preparation of District Medium Term Development Policy Framework (2018-2021) on 19th July, 2017 at the ICT Centre Akomadan.
15. District Budget Committee meeting on 3rd August, 2017 at the District Co-ordinating Director`s office.
16. First Ordinary meeting of the Second session of Offinso North District Assembly at the Methodist Church on 14th August, 2017.

17. Water and Sanitation for Urban Poor (WSUP) NGO\Offinso North District Assembly (ONDA) stakeholder sensitization meeting on sanitation challenges on 24th August, 2017 at District Executive`s office.
18. Executive committee meeting of the Offinso North District Assembly held on 13th October, 2017 at the Office of the District Chief Executive.
19. Invitation to the District farmer`s day celebration held on 28th November 2017 at Afrancho.
20. Invitation to works sub – committee meeting held on 5th December, 2017 at the Office of the District works department.
21. Training Workshop of District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on the dissemination of the LEAP beneficiary Charter of Right and Responsibilities (BCR&R) at Cofkans Hotel, Obuasi on 28th December, 2017.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UNIT

This report covers the activities of the Community Development Unit within the four quarters of the year under review

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

Gender Desk Office

The gender desk office visited twenty communities within the four area urban councils namely, Asuoso, Akomadan\Afrancho, Nkenkaasu and Nsenao.

The communities were educated on how to sustain their wards virginity by providing them with their basic needs.

Again, the gender desk officer visited eight churches within the afore mentioned communities to publize the existence of the virgin club on what it seeks to do.

Formation of Financial\Development Committees for the various Area Councils

In accordance with paragraph 33 of Li 15 and 19, each council shall establish financial\development committees. The chairman of the various area\urban councils, with the assistance of Madam Ruth Tawiah explained to the assembly what entails the financial\development committee and the need to form it.

Introduction of Treasurer\Accounts Opening for the Various Area Council

All the treasurers of all various area councils namely; Akomadan\Afrancho; Urban Council, Asuoso Area Council, Nkenkaasu Area Council and Nsenoa Area Council were introduced to the assembly.

Introduction of Revenue Collectors

During the year, the various area councils chose commissioned revenue collectors for the councils.

It was explained to house that revenue collected by the collectors is usually split into two (50% to council and 50% to the Assembly) out of the 50% for the council, 20% would be paid to the commissioned collector.

Again, each area council formed a five (5) member revenue task force to help the commissioned collector to be efficient and effective.

Mass Education

The unit carried out mass education in ten (10) communities in the district namely; Nkenkaasu, Seseko, Buraso, Nibiriba, Mentukwa, Medokwae, Darso, Sarfokrom, Nsenoafie and Srentiatia on the following Social issues.

- i. HIV/AIDS
- ii. Importance of paying levies
- iii. Teenage pregnancies
- iv. Communal Labour
- v. Revenue Mobilization
- vi. Cholera Outbreak
- vii. Group Loans
- viii. Personal and Environmental Hygiene.
- ix. Disability, causes and prevention.

Implementation of Strategies to Help Increase Revenue Mobilization

The unit visited and implemented plans to help increase revenue mobilization in twelve (12) communities in the district namely: Asuoso, Mentukwa, Medokwae, Seseko, Buraso, Afrancho, Apaaso, Tanokwaem, Nsenoafie, Nkwaduano, Nkybesa and Nkenkaasu.

Communal Labour

The unit carried out communal labour in six (6) communities namely; Asuoso, Nkenkaasu, Afrancho, Nsenoafie, Buraso and Mantukwa.

Organization of Community Needs Assessment for the preparation of DMTDP 2018 – 2021

The planning department of Offinso North District Assembly in collaboration with the community Development Unit organized the community needs assessment in all the four (4) area councils namely; Asuoso, Akomadan/Afrancho, Nkenkaasu and Nsenoa area councils to identify all community needs and incorporate them in the 2018 – 2021 DMTDP (District Medium Term Development Plan).

ACHIEVEMENT

Family Welfare\Strengthening (Family & Child\ Welfare and Protection Cases)

1. Sixty – Eight (68) complaints\Cases registered and resolved.
An amount of Eleven Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty Ghana Cedis (GH¢11,280.) collected from defaulting parents for maintenance of children and payment of alimony to divorced women.
2. **LEAP Programme**
Successful five (5) bi-monthly payments and an amount of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Six Ghana Cedis (GH¢70,486.00) disbursed to LEAP beneficiaries.
3. Disbursed Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Ghana Cedis (GH¢9,250.00) to PWDs as their share of District Assembly Common Fund (DACF).
4. Provided Financial Support of One Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢100.00) and child's clothes to one Regina Duku of Akomadan
5. Registered Three Hundred and Thirteen (313) PWD's in the district out of which a photo album was developed for 182.
6. Eight (8) Town and Area Councils meetings convened.
7. Twenty educated on Social problem\issues by Gender Desk office.
8. Two Hundred and Forty Five vulnerable supported by International Central Gospel Church (ICGC).

CHALLENGES

1. Unsuitable office accommodation\congestion
2. Inadequate Financial resources to carry out planned activities
3. Lack of residential accommodation for Head of Department and Staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There is need for provision of the following

1. Suitable office accommodation to ease congestion
2. Adequate financial resources to carry planned activities.
3. Residential accommodation for the Head and Staff
4. Logistical support to facilitate performance of administrative.

CONCLUSION

In this year under review, in the midst of operational constraints as outlined above, the Department performed well using the limited resources available

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

KEY OUTPUTS

The activities undertaken within the year are presented in the table below. The table also shows each target activity and the output realized, the actual results achieved as well as the challenges encountered.

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING			
Target	Expected output	Actual Results/Achievements	Challenges
To revise 3 Akomadan Planning Schemes	Planning schemes prepared	-	No funds
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT			
To convene four (4) Statutory Planning Committee (SPC) meetings in the year 2016.	One (1) Meeting convened	Ten (10) Development Applications approved.	
To convene four (4) Technical sub-committee (TSC) meetings in the year 2016.	One (1) Meeting convened	Ten (10) Development Applications approved.	

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The Department is faced with many challenges which prevent it from performing its functions properly. Among these challenges are;

Absent of means of transportation for efficient site inspection.

Inadequate financial support for the department.

Akomadan chieftaincy disputes make permitting difficult.

Recommended Mitigation Measures

The department should be provided with a means of transport to enhance its activities.

Provisions of drawing tools for the department

CONCLUSION

The department would continue with negotiations with land owners so that more local plans are progressively prepared for all communities so as to effectively control development in the district.

UPDATE ON CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ISSUES

3.1 SOCIAL SERVICES

3.1.1 Education:

- Pre-school -58 (Public 45, Private 13)
- Primary - 59 (Public 46, Private 13)
- JHS - 30 (Public 22, Private 8)
- SHS - 2 (Public 1, Private 1)

3.1.2 Health

3.1.2.1 Health Infrastructure

- 1 Hospital - Nkenkaasu (Government)
- 1 Health centre - Akomadan (Government)
- 2 Clinics - Afrancho and Nyamebekyere No.1 (both mission)

- 4 CHPS Compound - Kobreso, Nkwankwaa, Tanokwaem and Amponsakrom (Government)

- Doctor/Population Ratio – 56,881
- Doctor/Patient Ratio – 1: 56,881
- Nurse/Population Ratio – 1: 403
- Nurse/Patient Ratio – 1: 1,347
- Police citizens Ratio - 1:1,237

Staff Strength

The number staff on the district payroll is one hundred and sixteen (116)

Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP)

In all there were thirty (30) schools which benefited from the GSFP. Since the introduction of the programme in the district, school enrolment has improved tremendously. It first started with three (3) schools in the year 2007 under the erstwhile Offinso District Assembly. However when the ONDA

was created in 2007, twenty seven schools have been added bringing the total number of schools covered to (30). The programme now covers a total of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen (14,116) pupils.

The Youth Employment Agency (YEA)

The Youth Employment Agency was established under the youth employment Act 2015 (Act 887) to empower young people to contribute meaningfully to the Socio economic development of the nation. The agency underwent restructuring from 2012 and so most of the activities were stopped in February, 2016 in the District.

The total number of prospective beneficiaries registered under the paid up modules as at end of the year stood at One Thousand Two Hundred and Nineteen (1,219) and out of this Two Hundred and One (229) has been engaged

Fight against HIV/AIDS

The HIV/AIDS programmes and activities constitute the ONDA's health delivery agenda to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS menace in the district. During the period under review, activities implemented included sensitization workshops, training, HIV/AIDSs Quiz Competition and among others. The targeted groups were the Heads of Departments, General Staff, NGO's/CBO's, Assembly members, Chiefs, Queen Mothers and other sectors.

Social Services

During the year One (1) CBO registered with the ONDA to undertake community based projects. This institution also collaborated with the Planning in carrying out most of the activities of the department.

Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation

The importance of participatory monitoring and evaluation is to ensure that all stakeholders namely the Assembly, beneficiaries of interventions and development agencies are involved in the measurement of progress made in the implementation of ONDA's DMTDP.

The tools adopted included;

Quarterly meetings by DPCU

In the fourth quarter, 2017, the DPCU held quarterly meetings where members submitted reports on programmes and projects implemented and provided updates on indicators.

Community Participation

Members of beneficiary communities were involved in the selection of sites for physical projects and beneficiaries for programme intervention.

Community Implementation Committees, for the GSFP, WATSAN and LEAP were constituted. During the period under review, members of the DPCU adopted the focus group discussion tool by holding meetings with selected groups in beneficiary communities on interventions to assess progress made and problems encountered for redress.

Information, Education and Communication (IE&C) on the need to pay taxes by citizens

On this issue, the assembly embarked on a campaign on the need for citizens to pay their taxes to facilitate and enhance the provision of social infrastructure in the district through the Community Information Radio in the district.

Promotion of Tree Crops Planting

During the period the district embarked on a number of tree planting activities under the national tree planting exercise. In all ten (10) communities were re-afforested through the planting of varied plant species especially the planting of almond trees, whistling pine and mango.

Control of Flood In The District

During the period the district embarked on educational programmes on flooding, their causes and effects on economic development.

Training of Farmers on Safe Use of Agro-Chemicals

The MOFA District office embarked on training of farmers on the safe use of agro-chemicals during the period under review. In all 350 farmers were covered. Most of these farmers were into vegetable production.

IE&C on Environmental Sanitation

The District Environmental Health Office in collaboration with the Information Services department, Zoomlion and the NCCE and Cruz FM embarked on a public exercise on environmental sanitation and the dangers of indiscriminate dumping of refuse in the district. In all Twenty-Five (15) communities were visited by the team.

Promotion of School Sports Development

During the period, there a number of school sports competitions organized by both the GES and the Assembly. In all four sporting competitions were organised to improve pupils and students health in the district.

Child Labour

The Department of Social Welfare also embarked on a number of activities to check worst forms of child labour within the district. Some of the activities were;

- Sensitization programmes in the social groups and associations.
- Stakeholders meeting
- Monitoring exercise with project managers

Community re-a forestation programmes

On this, the Assembly together with the Forestry Department supplied various wood seedlings to fifteen (15) communities for replanting. About 1.5 hectares of land was re-afforested during the year under review.

Increasing access to reproductive health services, involvement of women in governance and the rights of women and children

During the period under review, there were various IE&C programmes on the Radio station in the district on Reproductive Health, involvement of women in governance and the rights of women and children in governance. Also the District Health Directorate organised periodic free medical services for mothers and youth in reproductive ages. In all it was anticipated about 67% of all women within the district were covered during the exercise

Ghana Education Service

- Improved quality of teaching and learning achievements
- Conducted regular inspection at schools and ensured proper functioning of SMCs/PTAs/School Boards
- Monitored educational delivery programmes in specific reference to teachers on study leave and fresh graduate

Business Advisory Centre (NBSSI)

- Five new local business association established and existing 5 LBAs strengthened
- 2 managerial and 4 technical workshops organized with a total of 900 participants

- 63 enterprises received from Non-REDF
- 67 MSEs were provided with business counseling and follow up services in the first quarter of 2017

National Disaster Management Organization

- Public awareness campaign on pollution of water bodies and reduction in water borne disease
- Media sensitization and discussion on local FM
- Public awareness on road usage and prevention of roads accidents
- Anti-bushfire campaign throughout the district

One Village One Dam

As part of preparation towards embracing the government policy of one village one dam, the district assembly have already identified five sites for these dams to be constructed for the benefit the many farmers who are keenly waiting to take advantage of the policy to enhance their living conditions.

One District One Factory

The assembly in collaboration with the private sector is setting up two factories one for cassava and the other for tomato to achieve the government jobs creation agenda for the teaming unemployed youth in the district in particular and the country as a whole.

Free Senior High School

As part of the implementing the free senior high school policy in the District, a total number of one thousand five hundred and forty-six students (1,546) were admitted into first year by the three Senior High Schools in the District to begin the policy. Though the schools are faced with the problem of congestion, authorities are doing everything possible to address the problem as soon as practicable to ensure the success of an important social intervention.

Planting For Food and Jobs.

The District is a rural one as such the planting for food and jobs policy introduced by government was highly welcomed by residents of the District. The District directorate of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture subsequently received some quantities of farm inputs from central government and was distributed to one thousand four hundred and forty-one (1,441) farmers for the 2017 farming season.

Peace and Security

The police service in the district conducts snap checks at three (3) points-Nkenkaasu, Afrancho and Nkawkwa as a way of curbing the menace of high way robbery and their work is being complimented by the immigration service who also checks foreigners. The neighborhood watchdog committees are being encouraged by the police to help assist the fight against crime.

Challenges

Inadequate logistics (fuel)

Lack of accommodation both office and residential

High rates of accident due to broken down vehicles on the road.

Way Forward

Management has developed various strategies that are geared towards generating more revenue in order to effectively implement developmental projects for the benefit of the people of Offinso North. Management has resolved resource the DPCU to carryout effective monitoring of projects to ensure value for money. The government also ensures timely release of funds to the Assembly.

Conclusion

The Assembly is faced with a myriad of challenges in its effort to bring development to its people. Notable among them is insufficient resources in meeting the development needs of the people.

Against the backdrop of these difficulties, the Assembly is resolved to use its scarce resources judiciously so as to bring about optimum benefit and satisfaction to the majority of its people.