

# **OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**



## **IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT MEDIUM-TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2014-2017)**

## **ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2014**

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## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **District Composite Progress Report for 2014**

#### **1.1 Introduction**

This report covers the monitoring and evaluation activities covering the annual report of the year 2014. The M&E exercise is to ensure that programmes and projects under execution for the period moved on as planned and to provide periodic assessment of achievements and impacts of these projects on the lives of the people. The focus again is to track the use of resources (human, capital, financial and material) to ensure their judicious utilisation and value for money.

#### **1.2 Key M&E Objectives for the period**

1. To identify constraints and challenges in order that actions can be taken to address them and which would inform future project designs to achieve better impacts
2. To provide district authorities, government, development partners, community project management teams and the general public with better means for learning from past experiences.
3. To improve service delivery and influence resource allocation in the district and to demonstrate results as part of transparency probity and accountability to the people and other stakeholders
4. To provide information for effective coordination at the regional level of all development activity at the district level
5. To reinforce ownership of the DMTDP and to build an M&E Capacity in the district

## CHAPTER TWO

### PROFILE OF THE DISTRICT

#### 2.1 Introduction

Inaugurated on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 and established by LI 1856. It was carved out of the former Offinso District Assembly, now Offinso Municipal Assembly. It is one of the 30 District Assemblies in the Ashanti Region and has its capital as Akumadan.

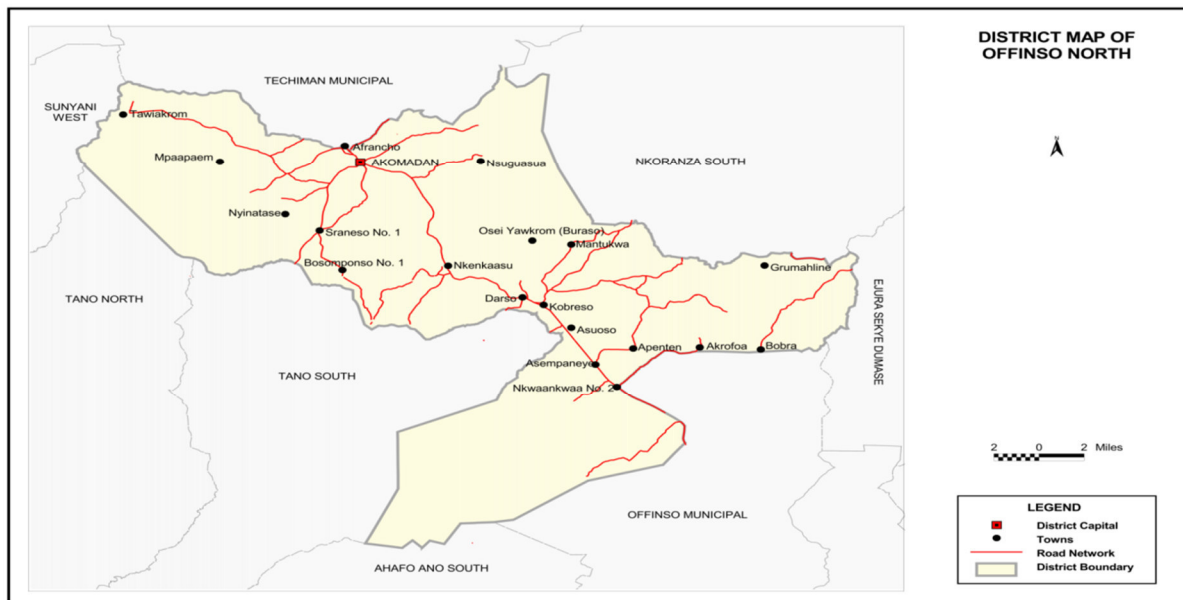
##### 2.1.1 Population and Population Growth Rate

- **Population:** (2000 population and Housing census) - 55,482;
- **Population:** (2010 Population and Housing census) – 56,881;
- **Projected Population for 2014** - 57018
- **Growth Rate:** 0.24%

##### 2.1.2 Location and Size

The total land area of the district is about 945.9 square kilometers and it lies between longitudes 1<sup>o</sup> 60 W and 1<sup>o</sup> 45 W and latitudes 7<sup>o</sup> 20 N and 6<sup>o</sup> 50 N. It shares boundaries with the Techiman Municipal Assembly in the North, the Sunyani Municipal Assembly in the West, the Ejura Sekyeredumasi District Assembly in the East and the Offinso Municipal Assembly in the South; the others are the Nkoranza South District Assembly in the Northeast, the Wenchi District Assembly in the Northwest, the Tano North and South District Assemblies in the Southwest. The Trans-West African Highway from Accra to Ouagadougou traverses the district, thus making it the main gateway to the Ashanti Region from the northern part of the country.

**Fig I: Map of Offinso North District**



**Source: (Town and Country Planning Department)**

### **2.1.3 Climate**

It lies in the semi-equatorial climatic zone and experiences a double maxima rainfall regime. The major rainfall season starts from April to June, whilst the minor period starts from September and ends in October. The mean annual rainfall is between 125cm-180cm. This is followed by a dry Hamattan season which occurs between November-March. Relative humidity is generally high ranging between 75-80 per cent in the rainy season and 70-72 per cent in the Hamattan season.

### **2.1.4 Geology and Minerals**

The district is underlain by two rock formations, namely; the voltaian and granite rock formations. The voltaian rocks are found in Afrancho, Kobreso and Nsenoa which are located in the northern, central and eastern parts of the district respectively. The rocks are rich in sandstone, shake, mudstone and limestone.

The granite rocks are found in Nyamebikyere in the south eastern corner, Bredane through Mpaepaem in the north western part to Nkenkaasu and Darso in the central part of the district. The granite rocks form the basis for quarry stones.

### **2.1.5 Relief and Drainage**

The highest point in terms of relief is 1950 feet above sea level and that is found around Papasisi and Mantukwa in the eastern corridors of the District. There are a number of streams that traverse the District although some of them dry up during the dry season

### **2.1.6 Vegetation**

The District lies in the Moist Semi-Deciduous Forest Zone, which is interspersed with a thick vegetative cover (Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development, 2013). There is a vast vegetation of Guinea Savannah in some parts of the District. The District has four forest reserves namely, the Afram Headwaters Forest Reserve (189.90sq. km), the Afrensu-Brohoma Forest Reserve (89.06sq km), the Mankrang Forest Reserve (92.49sq km), and the Opro River Forest Reserve (103.60sq km).

### **2.1.7 Soil Characteristics and Crop Suitability**

The soils in the District are developed from different parent materials. The Kumasi-Offinso, Adjuemso series are developed from Granite and are deep, well-drained and permeable (Ministry of Local Government, 2013). They are well-drained and support the cultivation of food crops and trees. Dedesi-Sutawa and Ampimso Association are developed from the Voltaian sandstone and are red, well-drained and suitable for the cultivation of crops such as tomatoes, cassava, maize and yam

## **2.2 SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **2.1 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)

### **2.1.2 Health**

#### **2.1.2.1 Health Infrastructure**

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

**THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DMTPD FOR 2014**

**Ensuring and Sustaining Macroeconomic Stability**

Activities	Location	Output Indicators	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	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 4No. IE&C on the need to pay taxes	District Wide	Fully Implemented					2,000.00	0.00	DA	NCCE, ISD, IRS
Revaluation of Residential and Commercial Property	District Wide	Fully Implemented					0.00	15,000.00	DA	NGOs, Private Sector
Conduct Socio-economic Surveys	District Wide	Fully Implemented					25,000.00	0.00	DA	Statistical service Department

### Accelerated Agriculture Modernization and Sustainable Natural Resource Management

Activities	Location	Programmes/Projects status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	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	Partially Implemented				↑	0.00	1,500.00	GNFS	DA, Communities, Fire volunteers, NADMO
Support for Reafforestation 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

### Infrastructure, Energy and Human Settlement

Activities	Location	Programmes/Project status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Local	External	Lead	Collaborating
Extension of national grid to communities in the district	District Wide	Not Implemented					20,000.00	0.00	DA	VRA/NED
Maintenance of Street Light	District Wide	Partially Implemented					10,000.00	20,000.00	DA	VRA/NED
Rehabilitation of 80km of Feeder Road Network	Asemanaye-Nyamebekyere No.2, Sarfokrom-Kyeredagya; Amponsakrom-Papasisi; Afrancho-SewuaMfiante; Afrancho-Tanokwaem; Nkeanta-Nkubesa;	On going					12,500.00	112,500.00	DA	DFR,

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

schemes	Afrancho, Nkenkaasu	Darso	Akomadan	Not Implemented	Not Implemented	↑	↑	↑	0.00	30,000.00	DA	EHD	Survey Department,
Construction of market									0.00	30,000.00	DA	EHD	
Updating and gassetting of bye-laws									0.00	5,000.00	DA	EHD	

### Enhancing Competitiveness in Ghana's Private Sector

Activities	Location	Programme/Project status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies		
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Local	External	Lead	Collaborating	
Provision of Support and training on Business Development services for 15No. SMEs	District Wide	On- going				↑		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	45,000.00	DA	Private sector
Creation for employment for 50 unemployed youth	District wide	Partially Implemented				↑		0.00	12,500.00	NYEP	DA,GES,GHS, EHSd, MOFA

### Human Development, Productivity and Employment

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

Organise Education programme e.g.STME Clinics	District Wide	Fully Implemented						0.00	0.00	GES	DA
Support to Girl Child	District Wide	On going						2,000.00	4,000.00	GES	DA
Promote school sports and cultural development	District Wide	On going						15,000.00	5,000.00	GES	DA
Development and promotion of tourist sites	District E	Not Implemented						10,000.00	0.00	DA	MLGRD
Construction of 3-Unit Classroom Blocks with ancillary facilities	Akrofuah	Not implemented						0.00	176,000.00	DA	GES, GETfund, NGOs
Rehabilitation of 1 No. 6-Unit classroom block with ancillary facilities	Kobreso	Not 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	District Wide	On going						1,500.00	2,500.00	GHS	DA



### Transparent and Accountable Governance

Activities	Location	Programmes/projects status	Time Schedule				Annual Budget		Implementing Agencies	
			1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	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	Not Implemented					0.00	15,000.00	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	Akomadan	Partially Implemented					0.00	20,000.00	DA	MLGRD, NGOs,



## **2.3 Status of Implementation of the DMTDP 2014 – 2017**

### **A. Enhancing and Ensuring Macroeconomic Stability**

**Total Number of Projects – 4(100%)**

- Fully Implemented – 3(75%)
- Partially Implemented – 0(0.00%)
- On-going Projects – 0(0.00%)
- Not implemented – 1(25.0%)

### **B. Enhancing Competitiveness In Ghana’s Private Sector**

**Total Number of Projects- 4(100%)**

- Fully Implemented- 1(25.0%)
- Partially Implemented- 2(50.0%)
- On-going Projects-1(25.0%)
- Not implemented- 0(0.00%)

### **C. Resource Management Accelerating Agriculture Modernisation and Sustaining Natural**

**Total Number of Projects-4(100%)**

- Fully Implemented -1(25%)
- Partially Implemented-2(50%)
- On-going Projects- 0(0%)
- Not implemented-1(25%)

#### **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- 3(27.27%)
- Not implemented-5(45.45%)

#### **E. Human Development, Productivity and Employment**

**Total Number of Projects- 11(100%)**

- Fully Implemented- 0(0.00%)
- Partially Implemented-7(63.63%)
- On-going Projects- 1(9.09%)
- Not Implemented-3(27.27%)

#### **F. Transparent And Accountable Governance**

**Total Number of Projects- 12(100%)**

- Fully Implemented -2(16.66%)
- Partially Implemented-8(66.66%)
- On-going Projects- 0(0%)
- Not implemented-2(16.66%)

#### **G. OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT**

**Total Number of Projects- 0(100%)**

- Fully Implemented -0(0.00%)

- Partially Implemented-0(0.00%)
- On-going Projects- 0(0.00)

**TABLE 3 SHOWING THE UPDATE ON CORE DISTRICT INDICATORS  
(CATEGORIES BY GSGDA THEMATIC AREAS)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>THEMATIC AREA/INDICATOR</b>	<b>2014 Indicator Level</b>	<b>2015 Indicator Level</b>	<b>2016 Target</b>	<b>2017 Indicator Level</b>
	<b>ENHANCING COMPETITIVENESS IN GHANA'S PRIVATE SECTOR</b>				
1	Percentage increase in tourist arrivals				
	<b>ACCELERATING AGRICULTURE MODERNISATION AND SUSTAINING NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</b>				
2	Percentage (%) increase in yield of selected crops, livestock and fish				
3	Hectares of degraded forest, mining, dry and wetlands rehabilitated/restored				
	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY AND</b>				

	<b>HUMAN SETTLEMENT</b>				
4	Teledensity/ penetration rate				
5	Proportion/length of roads maintained/rehabilitated				
6	% change in number of households with access to electricity				
7	Percentage of population with sustainable access to safe water sources	34%	34%	50%	35%
8	Percentage of population with access to improved sanitation(flush toilets, KVIP, Household latrine)	23%	25%	42%	26%
	<b>HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTIVITY AND EMPLOYMENT</b>				
9	a)Gross enrolment rate (indicates the number of pupils/ students of a given level of schooling – regardless of age- as proportion of the number of children in the relevant age group  - KG	104.0%	104.8% 102.5% 79.0%	99.6%	107.6% 108.2%

	<p>- Primary</p> <p>-Junior High School</p> <p>-Senior High School</p> <p>b) Net Admission Rate in Primary Schools (indicates primary one enrolment of pupils aged 6 years )</p>	<p>103.6%</p> <p>49.7%3.6%</p> <p>82.7%</p>	<p>51.0%</p>	<p>105.4%</p> <p>100.2%</p> <p>-</p>	<p>81.4%</p> <p>64.9%</p>
10	<p>Gender parity index (ratio between girls and boys enrolment rates, the balance is 1.00)</p> <p>- KG</p> <p>- Primary</p> <p>-Junior High School</p> <p>-Senior High School</p>				<p>1.00</p> <p>0.98</p> <p>0.86</p> <p>0.87</p>
11	HIV/AIDS prevalence rate of adult population 15-49 years HIV positive	Survey not conducted	Survey not conducted	Survey not conducted	Survey not conducted
12	Maternal mortality ratio(number of deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth per 100,000 live births)	0	178 per 100,000 LB	0	140 per 100,000 LB
13	Under-five mortality rate (number of deaths occurring between birth	15.1 per	35.6 per	-	17.1 per 1,000

	and exact age five per 1000 live births)	1,000 LB	1,000 LB		LB
14	Malaria case fatality in children under five years per 10,000 population				
15.	Proportion of unemployed youth benefiting from skilled / apprenticeship and entrepreneurial training				
	<b>TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE</b>				
16.	Amount of development partner and NGO funds contribution to DMTDP implementation				GH¢203,597.3
17.	Percentage of DA expenditure within the DMTDP Budget (How much of DA's expenditure was not in the annual budget?)				
18.	Number of reported cases of abuse (children, women and men)	6,38,30	8,67,73	Figure reduced by 50%	9,16,16
19.	Police Citizen Ratio	1:1537	1:1,566	1:100	1:1,596

	<b>OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT</b>				
	<b>ENHANCING AND ENSURING MACROECONOMIC STABILITY</b>				

## CHAPTER THREE

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

#### 3.1 Introduction

This chapter highlight the activities of the various departments of the year under review.

#### DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTORATE

Geographically all the bigger health facilities are located on the main Kumasi – Techiman truck road. The district has only six existing health facilities.

Sub district	Health facility	Ownership	Location
Akumadan	1. Akumadan Health Centre	1. Government	Akumadan
	2. A.M.E ZION Health Centre	2. Mission	Afrancho
Nkenkaasu	1. Nkenkaasu Government Hospital	1. Government	Nkenkaasu
Kobreso	1. Kobreso Health Centre	1. Government	Kobreso
Taakwaemu	1. CHPS compound	1. Government	Taakwaemu
Amponsakrom	1. CHPS compound	1. Government	Amponsakrom
Health facility :Population ratio		1: 10269	

#### Some Additional Information

No. of communities	88
No. of CHPS zones demarcated	24
No. of functional CHPS zones	24
No. of outreach sites	42
Guinea Worm endemic communities	2
No. of Onchocercosis endemic communities	45
No. of schools	89
No. CBSVs	136
No. of TBAs	46

## **Key Challenges**

**Objective 1:** Bridge equity gaps in access to health care and nutrition services and ensure sustainable financing arrangements that protect the poor.

- ❖ Inadequate staff accommodation in the district.
- ❖ Inadequate equipments for some health facilities hindering health care delivery in these facilities.
- ❖ Inequitable distribution of available staff from Regional Level
- ❖ Inadequate funds to ensure continuous effective monitoring of health staff in the various sub district.

**Objective 2:** Improve governance and strengthen efficiency in health service delivery, including medical emergencies.

- ❖ Inadequate funds for routine programmes in the district.
- ❖ Inadequate funds for vehicles/motor maintenance and other administrative expenses.

**Objective 3:** Improve access to quality maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health services

- ❖ Poor road network depriving inhabitants of quick access to quality health care especially pregnant women and children under five years.
- ❖ Eligible children for various vaccinations are sometimes missed due to the farming schedules of their parents in some hard to reach areas.

**Objective 4:** Intensify prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases and promote healthy lifestyles.

- ❖ Low confirmation coverage of malaria cases in some facilities.
- ❖ Poor documentation of ITN use for children under five years
- ❖ Inadequate health education to the general populace due to frequent breakdowns of official vehicle/motorbikes, bad terrains etc

**Objective 5:** Improve institutional care including mental health service delivery.

- ❖ Compliance to national guidelines is somehow low especially at some lower level; this coupled with non availability in some of the facilities especially the CHPS compounds.
- ❖ Inadequate staffing in some health facilities coupled with poor attitude affect quality of services.
- ❖ Poor quality of some of the clinical care data

### **Strategies Used To Address Challenges**

**Objective 1:** Bridge equity gaps in access to health care and nutrition services and ensure sustainable financing arrangements that protect the poor.

- ❖ Renovation some of the dilapidated bungalows to house some of the staff in the health facilities.
- ❖ Rooms in some facilities were converted to accommodate staff especially those in the newly operationalized facilities.
- ❖ The Directorate lobbied with the District Assembly to equip the newly operated facilities i.e. Tanokwaem and Amponsakrom CHPS.
- ❖ The District Directorate appealed to the Regional Directorate for postings of newly qualified staff especially Pharmacy Technicians.
- ❖ The two long existing sub districts (Nkenkaasu and Akumadan) are sometimes made to fund some of the activities of the newly created sub districts.

**Objective 2:** Improve governance and strengthen efficiency in health service delivery, including medical emergencies.

- ❖ Funds are sometimes sorted from sub districts to maintain some of the vehicles.
- ❖ Facilities are made to fund for fuel for outreach – child welfare clinics.

**Objective 3:** Improve access to quality maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health services

- ❖ Staffs were made to set off early during outreach schedules in hard to reach communities in order to meet parents of eligible children.
- ❖ Provision of child welfare clinics and other health activities such as treatment of yaws, mass distribution of mectizan tablets etc too hard to reach areas.

**Objective 4:** Intensify prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases and promote healthy lifestyles;

- ❖ RDTs were made available to facilities immediately supply comes from the Regional Medical Stores.
- ❖ In-service training on data managements were frequently organized to update staffs knowledge on proper documentation and management of health data.

**Objective 5:** Improve institutional care including mental health service delivery.

- ❖ Some national protocols were made available to facilities to help in quality care delivery.
- ❖ Staffs were frequently advised on customer care during staff durbars, trainings and workshops.

### OPD ATTENDANCE BY HEALTH FACILITIES

Facilities	2011		2012		2013	
	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>%</i>
A.M.E. Zion	27394	38.4	20960	29.8	15822	23.6
Akumadan H/C	23343	32.7	24260	34.4	21356	31.99
Nkenkaasu Hosp.	20660	28.9	25192	35.8	29585	44.31
Total	71397	100	70412	100.0	66763	100.0

The Ten (10) top most diseases in the district are as outlined in table 15.

### General top ten (10) morbidity 2014

YR	2013 (HY)			2014 (HY)		
No	DISEASES	CASES	%	DISEASES	CASES	%
1	MALARIA	22,243	45.0	MALARIA	10870	44.2
2	ACUTE RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS	6,495	13.1	UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS	3733	15.2

3	DIARRHOEA DISEASES	4,665	9.4	DIARRHOEA DISEASES	2144	8.7
4	RHEUMATISM & OTHER JOINT PAINS	3,788	7.7	RHEUMATISM & OTHER JOINT PAINS	2071	8.4
5	SKIN DISEASES & ULCERS	2,448	4.9	SKIN DISEASES	1287	5.2
6	INTESTINAL WORMS	2,425	4.9	INTESTINAL WORMS	888	3.6
7	ANAEMIA	1,340	2.7	ANAEMIA	879	3.6
8	HYPERTENSION	795	1.6	HYPERTENSION	442	1.8
9	ACUTE URINARY TRACT INFECTION	628	1.3	ACUTE URINARY TRACT INFECTION	379	1.5
10	TYPHOID FEVER	550	1.1	PNEUMONIA	321	1.3

(Source: District Health Directorate, 2014)

### Top Five Causes of Admission (2012- 2014)

2012(HY)			2013 (HY)			2014 (HY)		
Cases	Adm	%	Cases	Adm	%	Cases	Adm	%
MALARIA	936	70.8	MALARIA	1680	59.6	MALARIA	844	30.1
DIARRHOEA	64	4.8	GASTROENTERITIS	82	2.9	GASTROENTERITIS	67	2.4
ANAEMIA	49	3.7	PNEUMONIA	53	1.9	ANAEMIA	65	2.3
PNEUMONIA	23	1.7	ANAEMIA	49	1.7	HYPERTENSION	53	1.9
SEPTICAEMIA	21	1.6	HYPERTENSION	46	1.6	PNEUMONIA	41	1.5

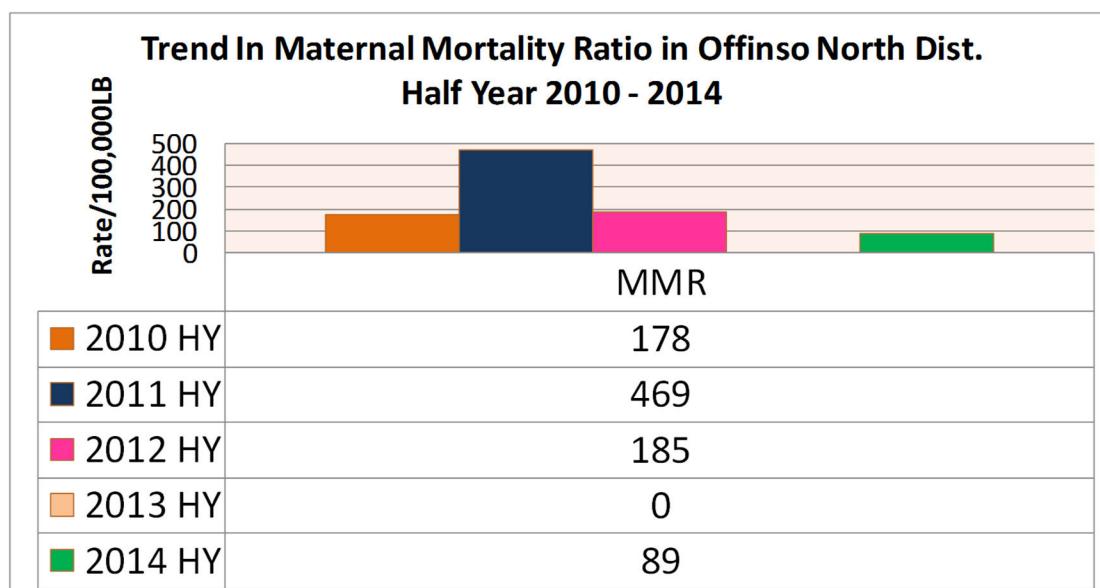
District Health Directorate, 2014

### Top Five Causes of Death

Cases	Death	CFR Per 1,000	Cases	Death	CFR Per 1,000	Cases	Death	CFR Per 1,000
MALARIA	15	<b>0.8</b>	MALARIA	19	<b>0.9</b>	MALARI A	9	0.8
PNEUMONI A	7	<b>26.4</b>	PNEUMONIA	2	<b>4.7</b>	ANAEMI A	6	6.8
CVA	4	<b>222.2</b>	ANAEMIA	2	<b>1.5</b>	C V A	2	231.3
HEPATITIS	3	<b>100.0</b>	HYPERTENSI ON	2	<b>2.5</b>	HYPERT ENSION	2	4.5
ANAEMIA	2	<b>1.9</b>	HIV	2	<b>76.9</b>	SEPTIC AEMIA	2	24.4

### 1.15.9 Infant Mortality Rate

Table 32 below indicates the infant mortality rates in the district for 2012 and 2013



Source: District Health Directorate of 2014

From the above figure, the district recorded one (1) maternal death (89/100,000 LB). This was partly due to the wide coverage of the National Immunizations Programme and the administration of Vitamin A Supplements.

## DISTRICT EDUCATION SERVICE

### Activities Performed During the Year

Thematic Area	Activities\Projects	Amount Spent GHc	Funding Source	Output\Remarks	Unit Responsible
Access	a.Capitation	8000	GPEG		
	b. UTDBE	21738.2	GPEG		
	c. MP's support	1	MP		
	d. SPAM&SMC meetings	17000 6001	fund GPEG		
	Pass sensitisation				

Quality	a. Integrated approach to literacy b. Training of HTS on SPIP c. Sensitisation and training of HTS	65000 31300 2500	GPEG GPEG PASS	Successful	HR  Girl Child d unit
Special Education					
Management efficiency	a. Monitoring and supervision b. Capacity building MP Fund c. Accommodation d. Bank charges				

### WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

Type (School based, cluster based etc)	Frequency	Level Units	Number of beneficiaries
Workshop for integrated approach to literacy	2 each under six circuits 12 times	KG1- P4 teachers both public and private	600
The use of school grants and SPIP preparation	5 days	CVS, Head teachers and Assistance	170

### Sport Unit

- i. The physical Education unit of the directorate has successfully conducted under fifteen (15) boys and girls and under.

## **Culture Unit**

- i. Inter schools independence anniversary debate composition was held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

SCHOOLS	POSITION
Nkenkaasu Senior High School	1 <sup>st</sup>
Wiafe Akenten Senior High School	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Akomadan Senior High School	3 <sup>rd</sup>

- ii. On 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, inter sonal district independence anniversary debate was held.

## **Activities of Supervision and Monitoring Unit**

- i. The Circuit Supervisor for Afrancho had a meeting with all head teachers in the circuit to discuss the progress of teaching and learning and disciplinary issues among others.

## **Early Childhood Unit**

- i. The coordinator met some communities and encouraged them to help in putting up more infrastructure.
- ii. The coordinator advised teachers to get empty cases and put their TLMs for use in the classroom each day..
- iii. The unit was present at PTAs and SMCs meetings held in schools

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **Community Development**

The development of communities under Offinso North District is critical to the department. As a result several projects were undertaken this year (2014).

The department assists the assembly to formulate and implement community development policies within the framework of national policy. The department also exists to organize community development programmes to improve and enrich rural life through;

- ❖ Literacy and adult education classes;
- ❖ Voluntary contribution and communal labour for the provision of facilities and services such as water, schools, library, community centre's and public place of convenience or;
- ❖ Teaching deprived or rural women in home management and child care.

This report depicts activities of the department for each quarter of 2014. Since the various area/town and urban councils are also assigned to the department, the report also talks more about the activities of the council.

## 1.0 ADMINISTRATION

Number of mass education staff	10 (Male – 7, Female – 3)
Number of supporting staff	NIL
Number of national service person	2
Retirement	NIL
Promotion	NIL
Staff posting	NIL
Death	NIL
Visit	NIL
Resignation	NIL

## 2.0 Activities of the Area, Town And Urban Councils

The Urban, Town and Area councils Instrument, 2010, (L.I. 1967) assigns the following functions to the councils:

- ❖ To be responsible for the day to day administration of the urban; town and area council,
- ❖ To arrange revenue collection contracts with the district assembly and revenues due the assembly;
- ❖ To provide and maintain community services in the urban, town and area councils;
- ❖ To make proposals to the assembly for the levying and collection of special rates for projects and programmes within the urban, town and area council.

With the above functions in mind, Akomodan/Afrancho, Nkenkaasu, Asuoso, and Nsenoa council embarked on employing revenue collectors and forming finance committees to run the affairs of the revenue that will be mobilized for the first quarter of the year.

A report from the department of community development representative in the water and sanitation management team explained that the team was tasked to monitor and execute installation of new boreholes in ten communities, namely; Kwaemkasi, Sanso No.1, Tadieso, Nfante, Mredane, Nkwaduano, Kwakuduakrom, Purso No.2, Nkwakwakrom and Alhajikrom.

Out of the ten communities, the team was able to fix the boreholes in nine communities. With regards to health related issues in the communities, the team also educated indigenes of the community on how to clean the surrounding of the borehole facilities periodically to prevent them from water related diseases within the first quarter.

The planning department and community development identified the communities associated with each council. Through discussions with the chiefs, elders and indigenes of communities under the area, town and urban councils, the department came out with the prioritized needs for each community. This activity was carried out within the second quarter of the year. Details of this exercise are in Appendix 'A'.

With regards to the low payment of property rate within the district yearly, the District Coordinating Director tasked the Community Development staffs to help the revenue department to serve the landlords/landladies with Demand Notice to pay their property rate within a stipulated time. However, the exercise was conducted in three communities namely Akomadan, Afrancho and Nkenkaasu. Moreover, all the houses within these communities were served with the Demand Notice.

Several challenges were encountered during this exercise but despite the challenges the exercise was successful as the respondents came promptly to settle their debt. Due to this, the revenue of the district assembly has increased within the third quarter of the year.

As part of planned activities for the fourth quarter, the department organized mass meetings to educate indigenes about recent outbreak of cholera and EBOLA Virus. However the department organized focus group meetings to educate women group on how to secure loan from financial institutions in order to better their businesses. The Department was tasked to establish the number of Churches situated under Offinso North District.

With cholera killing more people in the country, members of communities under the District were educated on how to prevent cholera and moreover community members were also advised on how to treat cholera when they are affected.

Most women groups in the District were advised on how to secure loans to help strengthen their businesses. They were educated on how to easily acquire loan when they are in groups, because

accessing loan individually from the financial institutions is usually difficult. But when they are in groups/association, they can apply the loan in the name of the association for a member. The association will then make sure the loan beneficiary repay the loan within the stipulated time to enable the group reapply in order to help a different member.

After carrying out the exercise it was realized that; communities under Asuoso Area Council were associated with forty two (42) churches, communities under Akumadan/Afrancho is also with one hundred and forty three (143) churches, communities under Nkenkaasu Town Council is known with thirty three (33) churches and twenty seven (27) churches were identified in communities under Nsenoa Area Council. Details of this exercise are in Appendix ‘B’.

All these activities were undertaking within the various quarters of the year.

### **3.0 PLANNED TARGETS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR**

The table below whether the planned targets for each quarter were met or not:

<b>QUATER</b>	<b>PLANNED TARGET</b>	<b>ACCOMPLISHMENT</b>
Quarter(1 <sup>st</sup> )	To organize four (4) mass educations in four (4) communities on importance of paying levy and the benefit they can derive from it.  Organize 10 communal labour in 10 communities by the end of second quarter	The mass education took place, and four hundrend and fifty (450) people attended.  The department was able to organize 10 communal labour and it was successful one

<p>Quarter(2<sup>nd</sup>)</p>	<p>To organize a series of education on the essence of paying levy at the four councils</p> <p>To embark on mass meetings with indigenes of the various communities to educate them about personal and environmental hygiene</p>	<p>The department was able to educate people from Akomadan/Afrancho,Nkenkaasu on the essence of paying levies.</p> <p>The department was able to organize four mass meetings and educated the indigenes about personal and environmental hygiene during the exercise. Indigenes were introduced to certain diseases to certain they could contract if they fail to keep their environment clean.</p>
<p>Quarter(3<sup>rd</sup>)</p>	<p>To organize mass meetings to educate indigenes about recent outbreak of cholera and EBOLA Virus.</p> <p>To organize focus group discussion for the women group on how to keep their environment clean and assist them in securing loans from the saving and loans banks in order to increase their various business.</p>	<p>The department was able to organize a grand durbar and educated the community members on the recent outbreak of cholera and EBOLA Virus.</p> <p>Focus group discussion was organized for the various women groups and the total number of participant was 258</p>

Quarter(4 <sup>th</sup> )	<p>To organize mass meetings to educate indigenes about the importance of personal and environmental hygiene and also help strengthen the National Sanitation Programme introduced by the Local Government Ministry.</p> <p>To teach teenagers the consequences of teenage pregnancy and how to prevent them.</p>	<p>The mass meetings were successfully organized and it impacted on the National Sanitation Day. All communities members participated in the sanitation day successfully.</p> <p>The department was able to teach teenagers at the various Junior High Schools under the district about the causes and effects of teenage pregnancy.</p>
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### **Conclusion**

All the details of the department activities explained above were realized, because the assembly was very supportive by given the necessary assistance we needed to succeed. The department hope next year will be a better year and all plans of the department would be achieved through the support of the assembly.

**BUSINESS ADVISAORY CENTRE**

Activities	Target Group	Specify	Expected No. of participants	Venue	Business sector	Business Sub-sector	Cost GH	Source of fund	Expected Impact
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>									
CBT in Grass cutter rearing	Grasscutter Rearers	Improvement in managerial and rearing skills  Improvement in housing facility  Increase total start-up capital  Basic Marketing Skills	20	Akoman	Farm Based	Grace Cutter Rearing	2,500	REP/CLIENTS	The needs of a least 80% of the members will be assessed
CBT in Soap Making	Soap Makers	Start-up capital and skills in marketing	25	Afranch	Agro Industrial	Soap Making	2,500	REP/CLIENTS	The needs of a least 80% of the members will be assessed
CBT in Canning (bottling)	Pito Brewers	Skills in Canning Pito	20	Akoman and Afran	Agro Industrial	Pito Brewing	2,000	CLIENTS/REP	Increases in sales volume



D QUAR TER									
CBT in Quality Control and Storage  Facilitate access to Drying Facility	Maize processors /suppliers	Improvement in Post-harvest management  Improvement in Storage Facility  Increment in working capital  Improvement in post-harvest losses	25	Nkenk aasu	Farm Based	Maize Processing and Storage	2,5 00	IFAD	60% Improvement in post-harvest losses
CBT in general business management	Pito Brewers	Skills in business management	20	Afranco and Akomadan	Agro-processing	Pito Brewing	2,0 00	IFAD/CLIENT	Documentation of business records
CBT in Palm oil Extraction	Palm Oil Extractors	Improvement and Quality Extraction and marketing	20	Papasi	Agro-processing	Palm Oil Extraction	2,0 00	EDAIF/NBSI	Improvement in Palm Oil Extraction by 50%
Facilitate	Dressmakers/Tailors	Certification	30	District Wide	NVTI	DRESSMAKING/Tailoring/Hairdressing	1,5 00	CLIENT	80% improv

conduc tion of NVTI Profici ency 1 Exams	/Hairdress ers	by NVTI and DA							ement in skills and certifica tion
Facilita te provisi on of permits to clients		Improv ed skills							
Facilita te Access to REDF	Maize processors /suppliers	Increm ent in workin g capital	10	Distric t Wide	Farm Base d	Maize Processing /Supplying	7,0 00	IFAD/CLI ENT	60% increase in sales and workin g capital
Busine ss Counse ling	Selected MSEs		40	Distric twide			100 0	REP/DA	
<b>SUB- TOTAL</b>							<b>15, 00 0</b>		
<b>THIRD QUART ER</b>									
Facilita te access to REDF	Unemploy ed Women/V ulnerable	Engag ement of women /Vulne rable in Emplo yment activit y	10	Distric t Wide			7,0 00	Financial Institutio n/Client	80% reductio n in unempl oyment among women and youth
CBT in Cosmet ic/soap making	Unemploy ed Women/V ulnerable	Engag ement of women /Vulne rable in Emplo yment	20				250 0	IFAD	

		activity							
CBT in Quality Improvement in palm oil extraction	Palm oil Extractors	Improvement in Palm Oil Extraction	20	Papasi	Agro Processing	Palm Oil Extraction	2000	EDAIF/NBSSI	80% increase in quality production of palm oil
Stakeholders Forum	MSEs	Identify all MSEs in the district	35				1300		80% reduction of problems by identified MSEs in the district
Business Management in records keeping	Pito brewers	Improvement in record keeping	15	Adom pito brewery	Agro Processing	Pito brewery	1500	EDAIF/NBSSI	Records keeping improved
Business Counseling	Selected MSEs		40	District wide			1000	REP/DA	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>							<b>12,800</b>		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>									
Facilitate access to REDF	Unemployed Women/Vulnerable	Engagement of women/Vulnerable in Employment activity	10	District Wide			7,000	Financial Institution/Client	80% reduction in unemployment among women and youth



## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION**

The district has its major health challenge, the occurrence of environmental sanitation related diseases such as malaria, typhoid, diarrhoea, intestinal worms, upper respiratory infections, etc. The department therefore carried out most of its core functions in an attempt to minimise the occurrence of these diseases.

The human resource of the department consists of trained and untrained personnel like personnel, labourers, etc. A private management company, Zoomlion Ghana Limited, also supervises GYEEDA Labourers

### **Refuse Disposal**

During the period, the Assembly carried out the evacuation of three refuse dump site at Nkenkaasu Zongo, New Atwene, and Old Mmerek.u.

During the year also, four septic tank latrines were dislodged manually at Afrancho, Akumadan and Nkenkaasu. Also Enviro –loo toilet facilities at Nkwankwaa together with the septic tanks at the assembly block and the District Chief Executive residency were lodged.

The department also carried out canned and bottled food inspections for to rid shelters of expired and spoiled food and drinks. Also, some chops bars inspection were also carried out

### **List of Franchised Public Toilets**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF COMMUNITY</b>	<b>LOCATION OF TOILET</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>NAME OF FRANCHISEE</b>
1.	Akumadan	Zongo	C	Zakaria Seidu
2.	Akumadan	Gydim	C	Yaw Afriyie
3.	Akumadan	Faith	B	Kofi Konadu
4.	Akumadan	Frafraline	B	Emmanuel Nkansa
5.	Akumadan	Konosu	A	AkwasiAwuah

6.	Afrancho	Nsuase	B	AfiaDufie
7.	Afrancho	Ahenebronom	B	Hanna Bia
8.	Nkenkaasu	Nkramom	C	YayaSeidu
9.	Nkenkaasu	Wawase	B	AkwamoaBoateng
10.	Nkenkaasu	Ebuom	B	AugustinaDufie
11.	Nkenkaasu	Esorodomi	A	Kofi Amanin
12.	Asuosu	Enviro-Loo	D	-
13.	Nkwankwa	Enviro-Loo	D	-
14.	Kobreso	Water closet	D	-
15.	Afrancho	Zion	B	-

## **NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

### **Programme and Activities**

In the early part of the year, the regional office of the organisation organised a capacity building workshop for staff of the district office. Some of the DVGs also engage in controlled burning of farmlands for members of the community at a small fee

Throughout the 2014 working year, the secretariat together with the Zonal Coordinators and their DVGs undertook the necessary actions relevant to a season at the time to reduce the spate of disasters normally associated with these season..

### **Challenges**

With the focus of the organisation shifting from a reactive organisation to a more proactive one, education becomes key to achieving this target. The main challenge to achieving this is lack of funding to undertake educational programs in the district to help make the community disaster resilient.

## **Recommendations**

We recommend that the challenges enumerated above be tackled with the utmost sense of urgency to enable officers deliver on the mandate of the organization.

## **Conclusion**

The secretariat remains in its resolve to build disaster resilient communities and deliver on its mandate, while hoping the top brass also fulfils its responsibility of providing the much needed resources for increased productivity.

## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### **Activities for the year under review**

The department facilitates functional orderly and sustainable development of settlements and judicious use of land in the district.

Activities for the year under review

During the year, the department continued to perform its traditional functions of development planning, development management and coordination, development promotion and advisory services.

The department also organised series of educational programmes to sensitise residents on the need to embrace both development planning and management. The main theme of the educational programme was centred on the need for developers to adhere to planning regulation.

## **MAJOR EVENTS**

### **57<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Anniversary was held at the Methodist Part, Akomadan on the theme “Building a better and prosperous Ghana through Patriotism and National Unity”. About four Hundred and Twenty (420) students and cadet corps drawn from 14 basic and second cycle schools coupled with the various security agencies in the district took part in this year’s celebrations.

Delivering his key note address the District Chief Executive for the Offinso North District, Hon. Samuel Kojo Appiah-Kubi called on all Ghanaian to be patriotic and selfless in their daily activities to ensure the achievement of a better Ghana. He advised the citizenry to play their roles on rights and responsibilities in the development of the district. Hon. Appiah-Kubi talked about how government is spending resources on education to ensure better standards in the educational sector across the country.

The acting District Director of Education for the Offinso North District Directorate Mr. Andrew Owusu Ansah, also iterated on the falling standards of education in the district. He added, the district did not fare well in the 2013 BECE by recording 49 percent as against 69 percent in the 2012 academic year. He announced that the directorate was putting measures in place to bring the situation under control. He said the education directorate received about 140 bicycles from the Ghana partnership for education grant to assist needy students who trek long distances to school, in other to motivate them and also limit lateness to school.

### **MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL**

The event organized to welcome new students to the various government schools in the district was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The Offinso north district assembly led by the DCE Hon Samuel Appiah-Kubi visited three government schools in the district namely, the Sraneso No1 District Assembly (D.A) Primary, the Akumadan Local Authority (L A) Primary and the Akumadan District Authority (D A) Primary Schools.

Some items distributed to the children in the various schools were toffees, biscuits, drinks and drinking cups. The various headmasters thanked the district assembly and the Ghana Education Service for their support and advice.

### **COMMISSIONING OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE COURT**

In furtherance of the judicial service policy to bring justice to the door step of the people, the Offinso North District Assembly achieved the request by her Ladyship the Chief Justice of the republic of Ghana, Mrs. Georgina Theodora Woods in putting up a Magistrate Court in the Offinso North District, Akomadan to make the justice system accessible to the people.

### **FARMERS DAY CELEBRATION**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Farmers Day Celebrations held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Sraneso No. 1, was under the theme *'Eat What You Grow'*. The day set aside to reward deserving and hardworking farmers saw people from all walks of life in the Offinso North District gathered at the Sraneso No. 1 L/A School Park to honour their own.

Twenty Farmers in all were awarded at the ceremony with the best district farmer going to a 45 year old Mr Peter Gumah from Gyamankrom, who received a radio set, water pumping

machine, motorized spraying machine, 20 cutlasses, a pair of Wellington boot, 1 wax print, weedicides and a certificate of honour.

#### **NATIONAL SANITATION EXERCISE.**

National clean up exercise campaign earmarked for every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month was undertaken by the staff and people of the offinso north district assembly on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 to get rid of filth in the various communities.

#### **BEST WORKER AWARDS**

The Offinso North District assembly for the first time recognised the extra efforts of some individual staff for their immense contribution towards the development of the assembly. In all four (4) people were awarded, with the overall best worker going to the assistant human resource officer Elijah Ofori Badu who received a 32” inch LCD flat screen television. The rest of the awardees were Kamal-Din Mukhtar, Gbang Dery Dorsah and Christian Peprah Mensah who received a mini-double decker fridge respectively.