

ATWIMA NWABIAGYA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



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

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2014

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DISTRICT PLANNING COORDINATING UNIT**

1.1 Introduction

Atwima Nwabiagya District was carved out of the former Atwima District in 2004 by the legislative Instrument 1738.

1.1.1 Mission Statement

The Atwima Nwabiagya District Assembly exists to facilitate the improvement of quality of life of the people within the Assembly's jurisdiction, through equitable provision of services for the total development of the district, within the context of good governance.

1.1.2 Vision

Our vision is to be a leader in effective and efficient local governance and to provide the required development infrastructure and services, for a desirable and interesting district to live and work.

1.2 Physical Characteristics

1.2.1 Location and size of the District

The Atwima Nwabiagya District lies approximately on latitude 6° 32'N and 6° 75'N between longitude 1° 45' and 2° 00' West. It is one of the 30 political and administrative districts in Ashanti Region. It is situated in the western part of the region and shares common boundaries with Ahafo Ano South and Atwima Mponua Districts (to the West), Offinso Municipal (to the North), Amansie–West and Atwima Kwanwoma Districts (to the South), Kumasi Metropolis and Afigya Kwabre Districts (to the East). It covers an estimated area of 294.84 sq km. The district capital is Nkawie.

1.2.2 Topography and Drainage:

The district has an undulating topography. The lands have average heights of about 77 metres above sea level. The high lands have gentle to steep slopes. The highest points in the district can be found in the Barekese and Tabere areas. There are a number of wider valleys with no stream flow. These valleys provide opportunities for rice, sugarcane and vegetable cultivation.

The Offin and Owabi are the main rivers which drain the surface area of the District. There are however, several streams in the District. These include Kobi and Dwahyen. Two major dams, Owabi and Barekese have been constructed across the Owabi and the Offin rivers respectively. These dams supply pipe borne water to the residents of Kumasi and its environs including some settlements in the district.

1.2.3 Climate

The District lies within the wet semi-equatorial zone marked by double maximum rainfall ranging between 170cm and 185cm per annum. The major rainfall season is from Mid-March to July and minor season is between September and mid-November. Rainfall in the district is not distributed throughout the year. It is also not very reliable. It is therefore not safe to entirely practice rain fed agriculture. Agriculture within the district must incorporate soil and water conservation measures to ensure all year crop cultivation and good yield. Temperature is fairly uniform ranging between 27°C (August) and 31°C (March). Mean relative humidity of about 87 to 91 per cent is characteristic of the district. The lowest relative humidity usually occurs in February/April when they are between 83 -87 in the morning and 48-67 in the afternoon.

1.2.4 Vegetation

The vegetation found in the district is predominantly the semi-deciduous type. The vegetation type has largely been disturbed by human activities (logging, farming, bush fires etc), thus, depriving it of its original valuable tree species (eg odum, sapale), fauna and other forest products. However, there are some pockets of forest reserves available in the district. These include the Owabi Water Works Forest Reserves and Barekese Water Works Forest Reserve, which serve as water shed protection for the Ofin and Owabi rivers. In addition part of the Gyemena Forest Reserve is located in the district.

1.2.5 Soils

The predominant soils in the district are the Kumasi-Asuansi/Nta-Offin Compound Associations and the Bekwai-Nzema/Oda Complex Associations. They are suitable for cultivation of tree and arable crops such as cocoa, citrus, oil palm, mangoes, guava, avocado, maize, cassava, yams, cocoyam, plantain, pawpaw, groundnuts, pineapple and ginger. The valley bottom soils are good for the cultivation of rice, sugarcane and vegetable.

Residential activities and sand winning have currently taken most of these good agriculture lands. Proper land use planning and zoning are required to protect soils which are suitable for agriculture.

1.2.6 Geology and Minerals

The district is underlain by the Lower Birimian rocks, which consist of phyllites, greywaches, achists and gneiss, and the Cape Coast Granite. Both the Lower Birimian and the Cape Coast Granite are of considerable economic importance since they do bear Gold, and good clay deposit for ceramics and brick making. The Cape Coast Granite is a good potential for the building and road construction industry. The District should continue to provide conducive environment for the full-scale and sustainable exploitation of these rocks, which are mostly found around

Asakraka, Nerebehi, Mfensi, Tabere, Ntensere and Barekese, to create jobs and also provide sources of revenue for the district's development.

1.3 Political Administration

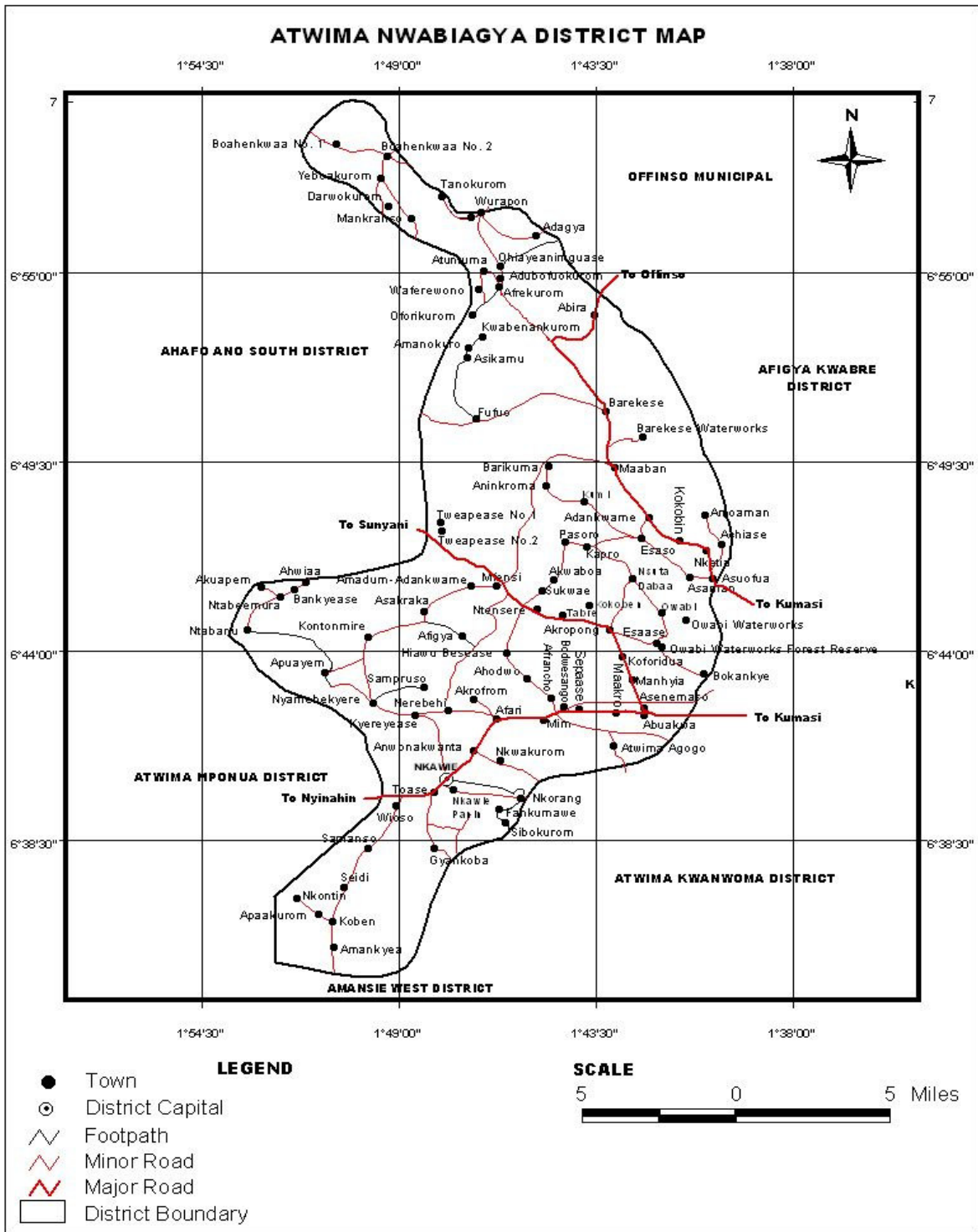
1.3.1 Governance

The District Assembly is the highest decision making body at the local level. The district has two constituencies namely Atwima Nwabiagya South and Atwima Nwabiagya north. The District Assembly has 8 Sub-Committees working up to an Executive Committee and then to the General Assembly where major decisions are made. There are Fifty five (55) Assembly Members, 38 of them are elected, and are responsible for the 38 Electoral Areas while another 17 are appointed by the Central Government.

1.3.2 District Sub-Structures

Below the District Assembly are the District Sub-structures. There are six (6) Area Councils namely Abuakwa, Nkawie-Toase, Adankwame, Afari, Akropong and Barekese and eighty-eight (88) Unit Committees. These sub-structures execute functions such as resource identification/mobilization, registration of births and deaths, mobilization of communities to undertake local development activities, etc. Measures such as the provision of funding, office accommodation, and means of transport, training and logistics are required to make these structures function effectively and contribute to the development of the district.

Figure 1.1: The district map and the neighboring districts.



1.4 Social and Cultural Structure

1.4.1 Population Size, Growth Rate and Sex Ratio

The total population of the district, according to the 2010 Population and Housing Census was 149,025, with an annual growth rate of 1.6%. The male population for the district was 71,948(48.3%) in the year 2010 while that of females was 77, 077(51.7%). The population growth of the district is influenced mostly by its proximity to Kumasi. Most people who work in Kumasi use most settlements in the district as dormitory towns and with the high pressure on land in the Kumasi Metropolis, most people find the district suitable to reside in.

1.4.2 Religious Affiliation

Christianity is the dominant religion in the district (83.2%) followed by Islam (10.3%), No Religion (5.6%), Other Religion (0.6%) and Traditional Religion (0.3%). There is cordiality among the religious groups and this situation provides a good environment for the development of the district.

1.4.3 Culture

The predominant cultural practice in the district is the Asante culture. The main language spoken in the district is Twi, and the most preferred food is fufu. It is prepared with cassava and plantain or cocoyam and it is served with soup. Others include boiled plantain/cocoyam served with 'kontonmire or garden eggs stew and roasted plantain/cocoyam that is served with roasted groundnuts. The cloth is the main traditional attire; it is worn by both male and female to social gatherings like funerals, church, festivals, wedding and naming ceremonies. The main dance is Adowa, Kete, and Nwomkro. There are traditional groups in the district, which perform (sing and dance) during occasional celebrations.

Funerals, Puberty rites, Festivals (Akwasidae and Awukudae) are important cultural practices of the people in the district. The Akwasidae and Awukudae festivals are celebrated every fourth night.

Tuesdays and Fridays are the main sacred days of the people in the district. Some communities take advantage of these days to carry out community development activities. The sacred days are opportunities for the promotion of self-help development activities in the rural communities of the district.

Measures such as cultural education campaigns, construction of cultural village and others are required to promote and preserve the cultural values of the people in the district.

1.4.4 Health Care Facilities/Services

The district has only one (1) Hospital, four (4) Health Centres, six (6) Private Maternity Homes and four (4) private clinics, which are located in Abuakwa, Akropong, Nkawie, Toase, Dabaa, Afari, Adankwame and Barekese. The Hospital is located at Nkawie/Toase. Rural communities such as Kobeng, Wurapong, Bankyease, Abira and Amakye-Bare have been provided with Community Health Planning Services (CHPS) compounds.

1.4.5 Formal Education

There are One hundred and eighty-one (181) kindergarten/nursery schools, one hundred and eighty-three (183) primary schools, one hundred and twenty three (123) Junior High Schools, and five (5) Senior High Schools in the district. There are also four (4) Vocational schools and one (1) Theological University in the district. These schools comprised of public and private Educational institutions that provide human resources development opportunities for children and youth in the district.

1.5 District Economy

The economy of Atwima Nwabiagya District can be classified under four broad categories namely Agriculture, Industry, trading and services. The Service industry employs 31.7% of the labour force, followed by Trade/Commerce which employs 25.9%, Agriculture, 22.8% and lastly Industry employing 19.6%. Although the district is sixty eight percent rural and thirty two percent urban, generally it would be expected that agriculture dominates the economy, however it should be noted that most of the settlements are closer to the urbanized communities and so are mostly engaged in service and trade activities.

1.5.1 Agriculture

The main types of agricultural activities in the district are crop farming and livestock rearing. Fishing is also done, but on a very limited scale. This sector of the economy provides the food and nutrient needs of the population.

1.5.2 Industry

The district's manufacturing sector is dominated by dressmaking, carpentry, metal fabrication, distillation of alcoholic beverages (akpeteshie), leather works, ceramics, quarrying, baking, milling, wood processing (saw mills) and batik / tie and dye making.

These businesses are mostly micro and small-scale enterprises with no permanent employees. The owners usually rely on apprentices to undertake their activities.

1.5.3 Trade and Commerce

About twenty three percent of the working population in the district is engaged in trading/commercial activities (buying and selling).

Types of trading/commercial activities found in the district include trading in; foodstuffs, provisions, spare parts, alcoholic and soft drinks, building materials, cooked foods, wood/ wood products, plastic products, chemicals fuel products and lubricants. Most of the traders are small size retailers, and apart from a few who trade in defined market places, most trading activities in the district are still located along roads, water ways and residential neighbourhoods, thus creating some environmental sanitation problems. These commercial activities sometimes attract children of school going age to attach little importance to schooling.

There are 3 main markets in the district. These are located at Barekese, Abuakwa and Nkawie. The Abuakwa market operates daily, while the Nkawie and Barekese markets operate both daily and weekly.

1.5.4 Services

The district has a number of businesses, which are engaged in the provision of different services to people within and outside the district. Important services available in the district include: hairdressing /barbering, traditional catering (chop bar), automobile repairs, radio / TV repairs, fridge/air-condition repairs, mobile phone repairs, transportation, Information and communication among others.

1.5.5 Tourism

Tourism potentials exist in the district. The Owabi and Barekese Dams continue to attract a large number of tourists into the district. Major forest reserves such as Gyamera Forest Reserve and the Owabi and Barekese Water Works Forest Reserve, Komfo Anokye footprints at Nkakom, are some of the notable tourist potentials in the district. The district can also boast of the presence of an Agriculture Fair site located at Nkawie. It has conference, restaurant and bar facilities. Another important tourist site in the district is a cave located at Barekese, where the 'Golden Stool' is believed to have been hidden at the time the whites wanted to seize it. It is also believed to be the place where war guns of the Asantes were stored in the olden days.

1.5.6 Financial Institutions

There are three commercial banks in the District. These are: Ghana Commercial Bank Ltd. located at Nkawie, Atwima Mponua Rural Bank located at Toase with branches at Abuakwa and Akropong, Nwabigya Rural Bank located at Barekese, with a branch at Abuakwa.

1.5.7 Communication

There are four (4) post offices in the district. These are located at Toase, Abuakwa, Akropong and Barekese. Towns with direct telephones lines are Nkawie, Toase, Abuakwa, Akropong, Barekese and Asuofua. Telecommunication companies such as MTN, Tigo, Expresso, Airtel and Vodafone provide mobile service in most parts of the district.

The district has no FM radio station; however, signals of all the FM stations located in Kumasi are received in most parts of the district. Signals from GTV, TV3, TV Africa, Viasat 1 and Metro TV are also available in most parts of the district. There are also 5 internet cafes located at Nkawie, Abuakwa and Asuofua. These facilities provide important means through which information can be obtained for effective development of the district. Efforts must therefore be made to ensure that the communication service providers improve and sustain the quality of services they provide.

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Total staff Strength as at 31st December, 2014

Sex Distribution

Male		Female	
51		54	
Senior Staff		Junior Staff	
Male	Female	Male	Female
13	17	13	17

Promotion Undertaken

Name	Previous Grade	Present Grade
Dominic Apau Bona	Snr. Revenue Supt.	Prin. Revenue Supt.
Paul Mensah	Records Supervisor	Snr. Records Supervisor
Doris Osei Oforiwaah	Stenographer Gd.I	Stenographer Secretary
Sandra Owusu	Library Asst. Gd.II	Library Asst. Gd.I
Millicent Adjei	Snr. Receptionist	Radio Operator
Justice Frimpong	Technical Officer Gd.I	Technician Engineer
Sheila Rocetta Arthur	Snr. Internal Auditor	Prin. Internal Auditor

Replacement Undertaken

Hakeem Rafika	Typist Gd.I	Anna Frimpong	Typist Gd. I	61217	3 rd March, 2014
Salifu Safiratu	Revenue Collector	Victor Dzormeku	Chief Messenger	8212	1 st Sept., 2013
Haruna Sulemana	Snr. Exec. Officer	Mary Agyeiwaa	Rev. Superintendent	19676	6 th Feb., 2014
Prince Opoku-Agyemang	Asst. Security Guard	Kwaku Mensah	Yard Foreman	19285	1 st May, 2014

New Entrant

NO.	NEW ENTRANT	GRADE
1.	Elizabeth Sarpong	Asst. Dev't. Planning Officer
	Francis Dwomoh Asante	Internal Auditor Trainee

Staff Leaving the Service

- i. Force Retirement - Nil
- ii. Invalidation Retirement - Nil
- iii. Voluntary Retirement - 5
- iv. Premature Retirement - 1

Administrative and Managerial Transfers & Posting

NO.	Name	Grade	Posted from	Posting To
1.	Helen Agyemang	Stenographer Gd. II	Atwima Nwabiagya	K.M.A
2.	David Oppong Darko	Prin. Env. Health Officer	RCC	Atwima Nwabiagya
3.	Baffour Adjei	Asst. Dir. IIB	Atwima Nwabiagya	Asante Akim South
4.	Joseph Frimpong Naayo	Prin. Dev't. Planning Officer	Atwima Nwabiagya	Offinso Municipal
5.	Elizabeth Sarpong	Asst. Dev't. Planning Officer	RCC	Atwima Nwabiagya
6.	Ebenezer Douglas Ntiamoah	Prin. Dev. Planning Officer	Sekyere Central	Atwima Nwabiagya
7.	Emmanuel Amartey Sarpong	Snr. Personnel Officer	Kwabre East Dist. Assembly	Atwima Nwabiagya
8.	Francis K. Dwomoah Asante	Internal Auditor	RCC	Atwima Nwabiagya
9.	Emmanuel Quartey	Asst. Budget Analyst	KMA	Atwima Nwabiagya
10.	Vida Sena Agbetsise	Stenographer Gd.I	Tano North Dist. Assembly	Atwima Nwabiagya
11.	Joachim Kwame Addo	Technician Engineer	RCC	Atwima Nwabiagya
12.	Beatrice Asare	Snr. Rev. Supt.	Sunyani Municipal	Atwima Nwabiagya
13.	Emmanuel Kwabena Gyan	Asst. Director IIB	RCC	Atwima Nwabiagya
14.	Anthony Anaglo	Asst. Chief Env. Health Asst.	Atwima Nwabiagya	Ejura-Sekyereduamse
15.	Mercy Brako	Chief Env. Health Asst.	Atwima	Mampong Muni.

			Nwabiagya	
16.	Marcellanus Naameh	Prin. Env. Health Asst.	Atwima Nwabiagya	Atwima Kwanwoma
17.	Mark Donkor	Technician Engineer	Atwima Nwabiagya	Atwima Kwanwoma
18.	Faustina Asamoah	Snr. Executive Officer	Atwima Nwabiagya	RCC
19.	Faustina Addai	Procurement Asst.	RCC	Atwima Nwabiagya
20.	Kwabena Ansah	Asst. Dev't. Planning Officer	Atwima Nwabiagya	Atwima Mponua
21.	Victoria Osei Mensah	Accounts Technician	Atwima Nwabiagya	Amansie West
22.	Effa Frempa	Chf. Accountant	Adansi North	Atwima Nwabiagya
23.	Christopher Tsetse	Chf. Env. Health Asst.	Ejura Sekyedumasi	Atwima Nwabiagya
24.	Saani Mohammed	Env. Health Asst	Mampong Municipal	Atwima Nwabiagya
25.	Anthony Twenaboah	Technician Engineer	Offinso North	Atwima Nwabiagya

Political and Administrative Heads of Atwima Nwabiagya District Assembly as at 31st March, 2014

District Chief Executive
District Co-ordinating Directors

Name	Status	Date	Remarks	Name	Status	Date	Remarks
Hon. Nana Asare Bediako	District Chief Executive	16 th Aug., 2013	Gov't. Nominee	Mr. Matthew A. I. Tay	District Co-ordinating Director	29 th Aug., 2013	Posting from Obuasi Muni.
				Kaleem Abdallah Adam	Asst. Director I	28 th Nov. 2013	Ahafo Ano South

Training & Development

Capacity Building workshop for District Co-ordinating Director and other Staff.

Name	Gender	Course objectives/ Training Topics	Duration	Institution	Funding
Juliana Konadu Prempeh	Female		March – April, 2014	GIMPA	IGF
Kofi Boadi	Male	Electronic Payment	18 th March,	Controller &	IGF
Gloria	Female				

Arthur		Salary Voucher	2014	Acc't. Gen.	
Sheila Rocetta Arthur	Female				
Matthew A. I. Tay	Male	Human Resource Database Management	27 th March, 2014	Local Gov't. Service	-
Gloria Arthur	Female				
Mabel Asare Kwakwa	Female				
Matthew A. I. Tay	Male	To give participant the space to reflect on and design capacity development activities for their home organizations.	25 th Nov. – 6 th Dec., 2013	Danida Fellowship Centre & Local Gov't. Service Secretariat	Danish Gov't.

Capacity Building workshop was organized by the Planning Department of the Assembly for two groups of people.

1st group – Assembly Members, Areas Council staff and Revenue Collectors.

2nd group – All Heads of Departments

Name	Gender	Course Objective/Training Topics	Duration	Institution	Funding
1 st Group	Females Males	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revenue enhancement Strategies - Implementation of Audit Report - Composite Budget - Risk Management 	01/10/14	ATLANTIC CONSULT LTD.	IGF
2 nd	Females Males	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quarterly Report Collaboration Monitoring and Evaluation Skills 	02/10/14	ATLANTIC CONSULT LTD.	IGF

GHANA EDUCATION SERVICE

Atwima Nwabiagya District

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Vision

The vision of the District is “to provide all children of school-going age equal access and full participation in quality formal education to acquire sound academic and moral education to enable them make meaningful contribution to nation building.”

1.2 Mission

The District has as its mission, “to provide good quality education for every child of school-going age at the pre-tertiary level through efficient management of resources and in collaboration with all stake holders to ensure their retention in schools so as to provide the nation with the requisite human resources for economic and social growth.”

STAFF STRENGTH

2.1 Central Administration (Office)

The current staff strength of the administrative office is detailed in the table below.

Category	STAFF STRENGTH		
	Males	Females	Total
Teaching	34	13	47
Non-teaching	16	9	25
Total	49	22	72

2.2 Staffing in the Public Schools

The table below shows the staff strength in public schools in the District per the data collected from the statistical unit for the period under consideration.

Teaching Staff

Level	Teaching Staff at Post		No. of Trained	No. of Untrained	Total	Remarks
	Male	Female				
KG	9	314	239	84	323	
Primary	323	567	836	58	894	
JHS	516	451	925	42	967	
SHS	348	141	422	67	589	
TVET	-	-	-	-	-	
Special School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Total	1,196	1,473	2,422	251	2,673	

2.3 Non-Teaching Staff in the Public Schools

The table below presents data on Non-Teaching Staff in senior high schools in the District. There are no data on public TVET, Special and Basic schools in the District.

Non-Teaching Staff

Level	Non-Teaching Staff at Post		Total	Remarks
	Male	Female		
KG	-	-	-	
Primary	-	-	-	
JHS	-	-		
SHS	195	145	340	
TVET	-	-	-	
Special School	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Total	195	145	340	

2.4 Teaching Staff in the Private Schools

The table below shows the strength of teaching staff in private schools in the District for the period under consideration according to data from the statistics unit.

Teaching Staff

Level	Staff at Post		No. Trained	No. Untrained	Total	Remarks
	Male	Female				
KG	42	268	14	296	310	
Primary	482	181	26	637	663	
JHS	361	55	64	352	416	
SHS	82	15	47	50	97	
TVET	9	8	11	6	17	
Special School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Total	976	527	162	1,341	1,503	

2.5 Non-Teaching Staff in the Private Schools

Data on Non-teaching staff in private schools in the District is represented in the table below.

Non-Teaching Staff

Level	Staff at Post		Total	Remarks
	Male	Female		
KG	-	-	-	
Primary	-	-	-	
JHS	-	-	-	
SHS	17	16	33	

TVET	-	-	-	
Special School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	17	16	33	

2.6 School/Enrolment in Public Schools

Below is shows a presentation of data on enrolment in public schools in the District for the period under review.

Level	No. of Schools	Enrolment		Total	Remarks
		Male	Female		
KG	88	3,715	3,744	7,459	
Primary	93	12,532	13,018	25,550	
JHS	70	6,515	6,875	13,390	
SHS	4	5,763	3,575	9,338	
TVET	-	-	-	-	
Special School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Total	255	28,525	27,212	55,737	

2.7 School Enrolment in Private Schools

The enrolment in private schools in the District during the 4th quarter is presented in the table below.

Level	No. of Schools	Enrolment		Total	Remarks
		Male	Female		
KG	106	3,783	3,744	7,527	-
Primary	104	8,662	8,237	16,899	-
JHS	63	2,527	2,573	5,100	-
SHS	6	797	772	1,569	-
TVET	2	60	44	104	-
Special School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-
Total	282	15,829	15,370	31,199	-

2.8 Postings

During the period under review, the District received and posted some newly trained Diploma in education teachers from colleges of education who had completed their programmes. Some national service personnel were received who were also posted. The table below provides detailed information.

Type	Number	Remarks
Newly-Trained	41	-
Professional Teachers	nil	-
Graduate/Diplomat	1	-
TVET Teachers	nil	-
National Service	nil	6 failed to report
Others (specify)	19	
	nil	
Total	38	

2.9 Approved Leave

The table below provides information on approved leaves for the period under review.

Type	Number			Remarks
	Male	Female	Total	
Leave with Pay	5	4	9	
Leave without Pay	1	-	1	
Maternity Leave	-	81	81	-
Casual Leave	42	50	92	
Sick Leave	12	36	48	
Others (specify) Annual	5	10	15	

leave				
Total	65	181	246	

2.10a Transfers (Staff released)

The table below shows data on personnel who were released from the District through the Regional Directorate during the 4th quarter. It also involved the transfer of the then District Director of Education.

Level	Number Transferred/Released			Remarks – Reason for transfer
	Male	Female	Total	
KG	-	-	-	
Primary	-	-	-	
JHS	-	-	-	
SHS	-	-	-	
TVET	-	-	-	-
Special Schools	-	-	-	-
Central Administration	-	2	-	
Total		2		

2.10b Transfers (Staff received)

Data on teachers who were transferred into the District during the quarter has also been shown in the table below.

Level	Number Transferred/Released			Remarks – Reason for transfer
	Male	Female	Total	
KG	Nil	Nil	-	
Primary	Nil	Nil	-	
JHS	Nil	1	1	Rationalised
SHS	Nil	Nil	-	
TVET	n/a	n/a	-	
Special Schools	n/a	n/a	-	
Central Administration	2	nil	2	
Total	2	1	3	

2.11 Teacher / Staff Absenteeism

Below is a data on staff/teacher absenteeism for the 4th quarter.

Level	Number of Teachers Involved	Number of non-teaching Staff involved	Range of number of days absent	Sanctions Applied	Remarks
KG	91		1-4 days	Verbal warning	-
Primary	126		1-4 days	"	-
JHS	108		1-5 days	"	-
SHS	-	-	-	-	-
TVET	-	-	-	-	-
Special Schools	-	-	-	-	-
Central Administration	-	-	-	-	-
Total	325	-	-	-	

2.12 Teacher / Staff Supervision and appraisal

Level	Number of Teachers Involved	Number of non-teaching Staff involved	Remarks
KG	248	-	Staff supervision alone
Primary	627	-	-
JHS	692	-	-
SHS	Nil	-	-
TVET	Nil	-	-
Special Schools	N/a	N/a	-
Central Administration	Nil	Nil	-
Total	1567		

2.13 Monitoring and Evaluation

The tabular presentation below shows schools visited by Circuit Supervisors and other officers to monitor the activities of those schools. The focal points of the visits included teacher presence and preparedness as well as other issues relating to the general

administration of the schools. Short comings were discussed to enhance teaching, learning, and better administration of the schools.

Level	Number of Schools covered	Remarks
KG	84	-
Primary	87	-
JHS	68	-
SHS	2	-
TVET	Nil	-
Special Schools	Na	-
Total	241	

2.14 Collation and Submission of Reports

Level	Number of Schools covered	Remarks
KG	80	-
Primary	83	-
JHS	70	-
SHS	Nil	-
TVET	Nil	-
Special Schools	Nil	-
Total	233	

2.15 Payroll Monitoring and Supervision

Payroll analyses for the quarter are as follows:

Level	Number at the end of the Quarter			Remarks – Reason for the difference
	At Post	On Payroll	Difference	
KG	323	323	-	
Primary	894	894	-	
JHS	967	967	-	
SHS	829	829	-	

TVET	Nil	Nil	-	One dead, and the rest on transfer
Special Schools	n/a	n/a	-	
Central Administration	72	77	5	
Total	3,085	3,087	5	

2.12 Other IPPD Activities/Payroll Issues

The following IPPD/Payroll activities and processes were carried out during the quarter.

Particulars	Number involved	Male	Female	Remarks
Promotions (<i>at all levels/ranks i.e. Supt. II – Director I</i>)	117	51	66	About 70% has been processed by the IPPD Unit, GES, Accra for CAGD for payment
Re-engagement	0	0	0	Nobody applied for it
Salary upgrading	48	19	29	About 75% has been processed for the CAGD by the IPPG Unit, GES, Accra
Salary adjustment	165	70	95	About 74% has been processed for CAGD by the IPPD Unit, GES, Accra
Postings and transfers	86	42	44	About 85% has been processed by the IPPD Unit, GES, Accra
Reactivation	49	23	26	About 90% has been processed for CAGD
Change of bank	18	7	11	About 78% has been processed
Blocking of salary	12	7	5	This include vacation of post and death cases
Deletions	34	22	12	Cases include vacation of post and death and about 60% has been deleted
Deductions from salaries	0	0	0	No teacher was a victim
Others (specify); Returned of unearned salary to government chest	28	18	10	Some letters have been received confirming the action taken by some banks.

SSNIT insertion	54	19	35	Processed – about 90%
Responsibility allowance	11	9	2	Non has been processed by the IPPD Unit, GES, Accra for CAGD yet because of re-activation of newly trained teachers in some districts
Creation of PV	2	-	-	Both schools have been placed on Payroll Vouchers

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Budget, Releases and Expenditures

The only funds that hit the accounts of the District, during the 4th quarter under review, was the Capitation Grant for 3rd term for 2013/2014 academic year. The table below provides detail information.

Source of Funds	Item	Annual Budget	Releases to date	Expenditure to date	Variance
GoG	Compensation	26,925,101.00	No PV	Ni	
	Goods & Services	423,879.00	Nil	Nil	
	Assets	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Donor (DFID)	Good & Services	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Assets	Nil	Nil	Nil	
GPEG	Good & Services	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Assets	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Social Intervention	Capitation	208,795.50	139,197.00	139,197.00	69,598.50
	Free Exercise books	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Free School				

Programme (SIP)	Uniform	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	SHS/TVET subsidy	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Others (specify)	Nil	Nil	Nil	
IGF		810,000.00	5,040.00	5,040.00	4,960.00
Other (specify)	GetFUND, MP's	96,000.00	141,000.00	141,000.00	

3.2 Activities Performed

No activities were recorded for the period under review.

Thematic Area	*Activities/ Projects	Amount Spent GHS	Funding Source	Output/remarks	Unit Responsible
Access	nil	nil	nil	nil	-
Quality					
	nil	nil	nil	nil	
Gender	nil	nil	nil	nil	-
Special Education		nil	nil	nil	
Management efficiency	nil	nil	nil	nil	
Total	nil	nil	nil	nil	

*Activity description should include the beneficiary level of education (e.g. KG, Primary, JHS, SHS, TVET or Special Schools)

3.3 SIP Activities

Item	Amount	Quantity	Number of	Funding	Remarks
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Received			beneficiaries	Source	
nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	No items were received during the quarter for social intervention programme

3.4 Workshops Organized

Description and Type (School based, Cluster based, etc.)	Frequency	Level/Units	Number of beneficiaries	Report>Returns submission date	Remarks
nil	-	-	-	-	

3.5 NGO's Activities

Name of NGO	Activity/Projects	Year of Commencement	Amount Spent to Date	Remarks
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	There was no NGO operation in the Districts during the quarter

OTHER INFORMATION

4.1 School assessment/examination

A common end of term examination was conducted for one hundred and sixty-three (163) public basic schools in the District between 8th and 12th December 2014 for the first term of 2014/2015 academic year. 35,421 pupils took part in the examination.

The result of the 2014 BECE was also released during the quarter and per the analyses done by the Examination Unit, 115 Junior High Schools took part in the 2014 BECE. The table below provides summary information on the performance of the district:

Gender /Grade	6	7-15	16-24	25-30	31+ Fail	Total Passes (6-30)	Percentage Passes
Boys	43	740	1,051	579	424	2,413	85.05%
Girls	36	790	1114	534	381	2,474	86.65%
Total	79	1,530	2,165	1,113	805	4,887	85.86%

4.2 Items received from M.O.E. /GES/ANDA

S/N	DATE RECEIVED	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY RECEIVED	QUANTITY ISSUED	BALANCE	SOURCE
1	16/10/14	Veronica buckets	5	3	2	Atwima Nwabiagya District Assembly (ANDA)
2	29/10/14	RLG Laptops for teachers	99	99	Nil	Regional Education Office
3	11/11/14	Deep freezer (for sale)	14	nil	14	Mega Zillion Ltd
4	11/12/14	RLG Laptops for teachers	30	nil	30	Regional Education Office

One (1) RLG Laptop for the teachers was returned to Regional Education Office. The Deep freezers are for sale to Ghana Education Service employees (staff). The thirty (30) RLG Laptops are in stores yet to be distributed to the list of teachers that came with the computers.

4.4 Special and Inclusive Education

Following the special education co-ordinator's working visit to Church of Christ Preparatory school at Abuakwa, during which he gathered information on a pupil there who wrote with the mouth, the District Director, the PRO and the Special Education Coordinator visited the school again during the quarter and interacted with the class four pupil who suffers from cerebral palsy. The team interacted with the head of the school and the mother of the child and pledged to make contacts for assistance to enable boy continue his schooling.

4.5 Co-curricular activities

The office, public basic and senior high schools, including the private schools in the district took part in the national sanitation exercise which was held on 6th December 2014. Because Friday 5th December 2014 was a public holiday and the 6th was a week end, the office and schools marked the event on Thursday 4th December 2014. It involved trimming of hedges, cleaning of surroundings, offices, dormitories, gutters and other parts of the environment of those institutions to ensure their working and school environment looked hygienic.

The district also organised Inter-school debate competition at the Nwabiagya District Assembly Hall on 13th November 2014 to select a champion to represent the district at the inter-district level. Osei Tutu SHS among three others from the district that took part in the competition emerged first and represented Nwabiagya at the inter-district level; which Nwabiagya hosted on 28th November 2014 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Nkawie. Instead of five (5) districts competing at the inter-district level for Zone E, that is; Atwima Kwanwoma, Atwima Mponua, Ahafo Ano South, Ahafo Ano North and Atwima Nwabiagya, only two Districts; Ahafo Ano North district, represented by Tapa SHS, and Nwabiagya District represented by Osei Tutu SHS turned up for the competition. At the end of the competition, Osei Tutu carried the day as the champion for zone E inter-district competition.

Carol service was also held for basic schools in the district. It was organised at three different centres in the district; Asuofua (on 9/12/2014), Abuakwa (on 10/12/2014) and Nkawie (on 11/12/2014). It was a successful event.

4.6 PTA/SMCs and DEOCs

During the quarter, the Community Participation Coordinator (CPC) visited and monitored Asuofua cluster of schools, Adankwame, Mim and Tabre basic schools. The coordinator also facilitated the establishment of a PTA at Akropong Primary school, Akropong in the District.

4.7 Private Schools:

The private school coordinator together with the CPC and the planning officer also visited and monitored some private schools in the District that had applied during the quarter for registration, renewal of operational certificate and some for establishment of Junior High School. The table below shows information about the school. All their applications are being processed.

S/n	Renewal of operational certificate	Establishment of JHS	Registration of school
1	St. John Bosco's Int. School, Atwima Maakro	Royal Int. School, Atwima Koforidua	Brilliant Academy, Asuofua
2	Ann Vision Preparatory School, Atwima Agogo	St. John Bosco's Int. School, Atwima Maakro	Akadol Standard School, Atwima Achiasse
3	Jesus Int. School, Abuakwa 555 Area	Ercom Int. School, Asuofua	New Angel Academy School, Asuofu Asamang New Site
4	Royal Int. School, Atwima Koforidua	Jesus Int. School, Abuakwa 555 Area	St. Margaret's Happy Home School, Asuofu Asamang
5	Ebenezer Int. School, Abuakwa		St. Paul's Sunshine Preparatory School, Nkawie
6	Honest Nest Care Centre, Esaase		Yaa Akyire Memoria Educational complex, Barekese
7	Clement Int. School, Atwima Agogo		Adventist Preparatory school, Abuakwa
8	Best Quality Int. School, Abuakwa Abakomadi		
9	Ercom Int. School, Asuofua		
10	New Heart Pre. School, Abuakwa		
11	St. Michael's Academy, Sepaase		
12	Precious Pre. School, Abuakwa		
13	The Saint Int. School, Barekese		

4.8 Labour Issues

The strike action by twelve (12) labour unions in the country including GNAT, NAGRAT and CCT between 23rd October and 5th November 2014 was felt in the district. The labour unrest disrupted teaching and learning in schools in the District as schools, especially public basic ones were closed down for the period.

The directorate was hit by the demise of one of its hardworking staff from the office, Olivia Adu Poku, whose funeral was well organised by the office under the auspices of the welfare and culture unit in collaboration with the late colleague's family at Nkawie Panin on 25th October 2014. A male teacher, Kofi Atuahene, who was formally a tutor at Nkawie Senior High Technical School and had been transferred to Maakro D /A JHS in the Nwabiagya District as a result of the rationalization exercise, also passed on on 9th November 2014. Patricia Aryan of Barekese SHS also died on 12 December 2014.

4.9 Audit Issues

The audit unit, during the quarter, audited how schools had disbursed the Capitation Grant released for the 1st and 2nd terms of the 2013/2014 academic year.

4.10 Any additional information

The head of department for education in the District changed hands during the quarter, and Mr. Amadu Abudu officially took over from Mrs. Mary Owusu Achiaw on 30th October 2014 as the current district director of education.

Upon assumption of office, the director held regular general meetings on Mondays with staff. He also held Management meetings during the last quarter of the year. Issues regarding monitoring and supervision to ensure effective teaching and learning was keen on the agenda. He has also, during such meetings talked about the workings of the National Inspectorate Board (NIB).

In order for him to know and be known by stakeholders in education, especially among the teacher population in the district, visits and familiarization tours were organised by the directorate to enable the new director pay curtsey calls on some personalities and tour schools in the district. He called on the District Chief Executive (DCE), the Krontehene and queen mother of Nkawie Kumaa on whose land seated the administrative seat of education in the district. The visit was for the new director to make acquaintance with the leaders. Director visited the Abuakwa Division cluster schools and met with heads and staff of D/A Primary A', B', and C', as well as JHS A', B', and C', which make up the cluster. He also met the staff of Asuofua D/A Primary A', B',

C', and D' and Asuofua JHS A', B', C', and D', and Nkwakom D /A Primary School. In all the visits the point was made about the need to do what was expected of them as headteachers and teachers to ensure effective teaching and learning.

The director also, for the period, attended all three (3) zonal meetings of Conference of heads of basic schools (COHBS) for Nkawie/Toase Zone at Toase R/C basic school on 12 November 2014, Abuakwa/Akropong Zone at Abuakwa R/C basic school on the 14th of November 2014 and Adankwame/Barekese zone at Adankwame Circuit centre on 9th December 2014. The occasions were used to unveil the new district director to the heads. He also used the opportunity to explain issues raised by the heads with regards to the teacher rationalization exercise and answered other questions they asked. He also talked to the heads about the NIB, and the fact that it is an independent body, that they do not need permission or whatsoever from any district director or headteacher to visit a school and that they can visit a school or the office at any time of their chosen. He, therefore, advised all to do the right things.

At a meeting of all heads of private schools in the district at Tweneboa Kodua International School at Abuakwa on 17th November 2014, the district director attended and used the occasion to interact with them as the new district director of education. He asserted that providing quality education to all the citizenry would be very difficult without private sector participation and called for their cooperation to achieve quality education.

The District's 30th National Farmers Day anniversary celebration was held at Barekuma in the Adankwame Circuit on 5th December 2014. The District director attended and made the presentation of an award for the district best cassava farmer to Mr Osei Owusu from Abira and district best pawpaw farmer to Mr James Manu, who also comes from Abira.

The period under review also witnessed the commissioning of a renovated six (6) classroom block including offices and store for Esaase community in the Akropong Circuit by the Nwabiagya district assembly. The ceremony, which was held on 4th December 2014, was attended by many including the DCE and the District Director of education.

On the 9th of December 2014, the director attended a commissioning ceremony of an ICT Laboratory and equipments for Adankwame St. Dominic R/C JHS provided by three (3) expatriate friends of the school. The group furnished one of the school classrooms dedicated and designated as an ICT Laboratory with sixteen (16) brand new desk top computers, 16 Uninterrupted power supply (UPS), a printer, generator, six (6) projectors, six (6) document readers and a wireless internet facility that connected all

the computers. All sixteen (16) teachers in the school were also provided with a laptop each, and were tutored by the group as to how they could use the facility to enhance teaching and learning in the school.

MAJOR CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Non-release of funds for administrative functions was a challenge during the quarter.

The government's inability to release funds for smooth running of school and administrative works has affected the effective execution of the duties and functions of the District Education office. Funds to buy stationery such as tonners and printing sheets for office work have been a challenge. Because of lack of funds, purchasing fuel for office vehicles for monitoring and supervision exercises was a difficult challenge during the quarter.

RECOMMENDATION: the government should endeavour to release funds for the District Education Offices to enable them execute their functions effectively.

2. Inadequate and lack of pupils' textbooks and other teaching and learning materials such

as chalks and teachers' notebooks hindered effective teaching and learning in many schools in the District. Lack of computers and inaccessibility of electricity in most school made it difficult in teaching and learning Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in such schools.

RECOMMENDATION: Ghana Education Service Council should prevail on government to procure and supply schools with needed textbooks, chalks, report cards, lesson notebooks in their right quantities and supply them at the right times to enhance teaching and learning in schools. It is recommended also that the government provide schools without computers and access to electricity with those facilities to facilitate the teaching and learning of ICT in those schools.

THE WAY FORWARD

The directorate would adopt diplomacy in its operations and interaction with stakeholders in striving to overcome the challenges militating against the delivery of quality education to the sons and daughters of Atwima Nwabiagya.

The Directorate will continue on its monitoring and supervisory duties to make sure teachers are punctual and regular in schools and do the right things that are expected of them. This is because the directorate believes supervision and monitoring are key ingredients to delivering quality education.

The Directorate will organise School Performance Appraisal Meetings (SPAM) at District, Circuit and school levels to enhance teaching and learning in schools.

CONCLUSION

Though there were challenges during the quarter, the directorate stood its feet to manage them. It is hoped that, though there may be challenges in the ensuing quarter, the directorate would be able to surmount them and champion the course of quality education.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY - DECEMBER, 2014

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION: The Department of Social Welfare in AtwimaNwabiagya District like others in the Ashanti Region is concerned with organized activities aim at helping individuals, groups and communities meet their basic needs and at promoting their well-being in harmony, with the interest of their families within accepted norms for better a standard of living.

The Department in view of the materialization of the aforesaid, offers community Care, Child Rights and protection and Justice Administration Services to cover areas like Education, Health, Control of Deviancy and Registration of Persons with disabilities, Vocational Training of persons with disabilities and their social integration.

However, in reaching the above aims, the Department is saddled with transportation and financial problems as there is no vehicle in the District for the Department in conjunction with insufficient financial allocations.

B. OVERVIEW OF ORGANISATION

The Department of Social Welfare in the District seeks to help individuals, groups, communities and the socially disadvantaged to be fully integrated into Society.

1. **VISION:** The vision of the Department is to take the lead in integrating the disadvantaged, vulnerable and the excluded into the mainstream of development.
2. **MISSION:** The Department works in partnership with people in their communities to improve their social wellbeing through promoting development with equity for the vulnerable and the excluded.

OBJECTIVE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

The main objectives and functions of the Department in the District are as follows:-

1. To provide community care services within the District.
2. To develop and co-ordinate community based rehabilitation programmes for persons with disabilities.
3. To promote access to Social Welfare services for the disadvantaged, the vulnerable and the excluded groups and individuals.
4. To facilitate opportunities for NGOs to develop social services in collaboration with the communities.
5. To carry out DSW Statutory functions in the field of Child Rights and Protection.
6. To secure minimum standard of operation for Day Care Centers through registration, training and regular inspection under the Children's Act 560 of 1998.
7. To provide homes for the Homeless, orphaned and abandoned children, assist in finding fit persons and foster parents to care for children whose mothers are seriously ill, hospitalized, in severe state of depression or incarcerated in prisons.
8. To train and provide probation officers to serve on Family Tribunals and secure maintenance, paternity and welfare and arrange access to the children of the family of contesting parties as per section 47 (3) of Act 459.
9. To establish and regulate institutions for young offenders and other disadvantaged youths for Justice Administration.
10. To investigate all circumstances relating to proposed adoption "*ad item*" on behalf of the courts.
11. To provide supervision to young offender placed under license as per section 349 (2) of Act 30.
12. To establish probation committee in the District to review the work of probation officers and to create a foundation for effective after care for young offender released on license.

ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

1.	Total number of staff on Pay Roll	3
2.	Total staff on study leave with pay	Nil
3.	Total number of NYEP Interns	1
4.	Total number of staff at post	3
5.	Staff on study leave without pay	Nil
6.	Staff on Secondment	Nil
7.	Promotion	Nil
8.	Transfers	Nil
9.	Retirement	Nil
10.	Vacation of Post or resignation	Nil
11.	Serious disciplinary action taken	Nil
12.	Existing vacancies	Nil
13.	National service personnel	2
14.	Absent from duty	NIL

STAFFING POSITION

1.	Senior Social Development Officer	1
2.	Assistant Social Development Officer	2
3.	Social Development Assistant	NIL
4.	National Youth Employment Programme (NYEP)	1
5.	National service personnel	2
6.	Students on Attachment	NIL
7.	Voluntary Service	NIL

NEW APPOINTMENT:

The District Social Welfare Officer received appointment from the Regional Co-ordinating Council as Head of Department for Social Welfare and Community Development

STUDENTS ON ATTACHMENT

The table below details the above subject:

No	Name	Institution	Date At Post	Status
1	Obeng Elliot Jael	Uni Of Sci.& Tec.	9 TH JUNE, 2014	Completed
2	Owusu Mensah Mabel	Uni Of Sci.& Tec.	9 TH JUNE, 2014	Completed
3	Amankwa Eunice	RUDECO	30 TH JUNE, 2014	Completed
4	Zainab Kasim	RUDECO	1 ST SEPTEMBER,2014	Completed
5	Dzubi Millicent	RUDCO	1 ST SEPTEMBER,2014	Completed

NATIONAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

The table below details the above subject:

No	Name	Institution	Date At Post	Status
1	Angelina Boasiako	Baptist Univ. college	Sept., 2013	Completed
2	OppongKyekyekuCastro	Uni., For Dev. Studies	15 th Sept., 2014	Still at post
3	Righteous Asante	Uni., For Dev. Studies	15 th Sept., 2014	Still at post

1 PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

1. JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

A. PROBATION

There was no activity on this aspect of our programme as the magistrate court has been replaced with a circuit court.

B. SUPERVISION

No activity was performed under this aspect of our programme.

C. JUVENILE COURT

No activity was performed under this aspect of our programme

D. THROUGH CARE CASES

There was no follow up in prisons or correctional institution.

E. PRISON AFTER CARE SERVICE

There was no activity on this aspect of the programme during the quarter.

F. REMAND HOME

There was no activity under this subject.

G. PROBATION COMMITTEE

There is none in the District as the magistrate court has been changed to a circuit court.

H. DOVVSU (Domestic violence and Victim support Unit)

During the year under review, the office received Twenty-Nine (29) maintenance cases, Four (4) custody case, Three (3) paternity and Three (3) Family Welfare case from DOVVSU. With the co-operation of both the complainants and the respondents, the cases were successfully handled.

(2). COMMUNITY CARE:

a) **REGISTRATION AND WORKING WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITY**

The Department organized monthly meetings with Persons with Disabilities in the District. They were sensitized on the 2% share of the common fund and the need to engage themselves in profitable ventures in order to enhance their standard of living.

The table below references details of the above activity.

No. of PWDS Registered under the year under review.	Males	Female	Categories Of Assistive Aids	Number
52	33	19	1.Educational Support	12
			2.Apprenticeship and Trading	10
			3.Livelihood	14
			4.Medical Treatment	5
			4.Business	10

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

During the year under review, twelve (12) new persons who have difficulty in speaking and walking were registered in the District. Their parents were counseled to enroll them in schools such as Jamasi / Bechem School to enable them acquire knowledge.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

Five (5) Persons with disabilities were assisted in terms of information, to undergo medical treatment at DuayawNkwanta. Furthering, they were also sensitized on the importance of good health and the need to undertake regular medical treatment.

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADING

During the year under review, ten (10) persons who have difficulty in walking were registered in the district. They were advised to put any fund yet to be given them into effective ventures in order to realize profitable returns in the future.

LIVELIHOOD

During the year under review, Fourteen (14) persons with disabilities who have difficulty in walking were registered in the district with respect to the above subject. They were assisted by

way of sensitization on the importance of good health and the need to undertake regular medical treatment.

BUSINESS

During the year under review, Ten (10) Persons with Disabilities were identified and registered in respect of the above in the District. Their main focus is to be self-employed hence the need to allocate them with funds.

THE 2% SHARE OF THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY COMMON FUND FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

In fulfillment of the 2% component of the DACF meant for PWDs, the district PWD account received payment of an amount of GH¢ 18000 during the year under review. The tranche represented payment of the component for the last two quarters of 2013. Part of this amount was used to finance the participation of the district's PWD association in the celebration of last year's International Day of The Disabled in Kumasi on 3rd December, 2014.

ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

During the year under review, the following activities took place with reference to the above:

- A.** A sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Cedis (GH¢1330) was disbursed to persons with disabilities in the District to undertake the World Disability Day Celebration held in December, 2014 in Kumasi.
- B.** Assisted persons with disabilities in resolving on lucrative investment project regarding their 2% share of the common fund.
- C.** Assisted persons with disabilities to register on the Biometric National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) free of charge.
- D.** Persons with disabilities who visited the office were advised on the need to ensure general regular health checkups.

c) COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION

No activity was done on this aspect of our programme.

d) **HOSPITAL WELFARE SERVICES**

No activity was done on this aspect of our programme

e) **WORK WITH NGO'S**

The table below details the above activity:

NO.	Name Of N.G.O.	Location	Dist. Status: Documentation & Certificate	Nat'nal Status: Documentation & Certificate
1	Northern Youth Ghana Center	AKROPONG	All documents have been prepared and Certificate issued	All documents have been prepared and Certificate issued.
2	Youth For Change	ASUOFUA ASAMANG	All documents have been prepared and certificate issued	All documents have been prepared and sent to Accra pending Certificate.

I.VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

The table below details the above activity

NO.	Name Of Voluntary Association	Location	Dist. Status: Documentation & Certificate	Nat'nal Status: Documentation & Certificate
1	Better Life Fun Club	AtwimaAgogo	The Organization has undergone All necessary documentations.	Issued with District Certificate

2.	Landlords' Association	AtwimaKoforidua	The Organization has undergone All necessary documentations	Issued with District Certificate
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f) **CENTRAL DESTITUTE INFIRMARY**

No person was referred to the central destitute infirmary at Bekwai.

g) **REHABILITATION CENTRE**

One physically challenge person who was admitted at the above centre was visited and enquiry was made from the supervisor of her programmes she is undertaking and her performances.

h) **SOCIAL EDUCATION**

During the quarter under review, Two Hundred and Twelve (212) parents/guardians who reported at the District Social Welfare Office for assistance were sensitized on the rights and care of the children and the role parents should play in the upbringing of their children. This is to ensure that the children they raise will in future give their quota to the socio-economic development of the nation.

LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP)

LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP)

Atwima Nwabiagya is among the Districts on the LEAP programme with Five Hundred and Eighty- Five (585) beneficiaries in thirty- One (31) communities. During the year under review, a total sum of Two hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty- Eighty Cedis

(GH¢ 267588) meant for September to December, 2013 and January to October, 2014 was received. Out of this, Two Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand and One Hundred and Thirty-Six Cedis (GH¢265136) was successfully disbursed to Five Hundred and Seventy Nine (579) beneficiaries leaving an outstanding of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Cedis (GH¢2640) meant for beneficiaries who were reported dead was returned to chest.

Below is the list of beneficiary communities and payment details:

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|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Abira | 2. Adagya |
| 3. Ahodwo | 4. Ahwiaa |
| 5. Amadum- Adankwame | 6. Amanchia |
| 7. Apuyem | 8. Asaamang |
| 9. Asakraka | 10. Asuofua |
| 11. Ataase | 12. Atiwaa |
| 13. AtwimaAkuapem | 14. Bankyease |
| 15. Boahenkwa | 16. Achina |
| 17. Fankamawe | 18. Gyankobaa |
| 19. Hiawu –Besease | 20. Kobeng |
| 21. Kyreyease | 22. Nkaakom |
| 23. Nkontomire | 24. Nkorang |
| 25. Ntabaanu | 26. Nwabi |
| 27. Sawia | 28. Seidi |
| 29. Wrapong | 30. Sewua |
| 31. Aninkroma | |

LEAP PAYMENT CHALLENGE

Difficulty in getting funds/vehicle to move to the thirty-one (31) communities regularly to meet the community Leap implementation committee (CLIC) members and beneficiaries to ensure that best result of the programme is achieved.

RECOMMENDATION

- The community Leap implementation committee (CLIC) members need motivation.

- The office need funds to run programmes for the community Leap implementation committee (CLIC) members / beneficiaries for the achievement of good results.
- Officers on the LEAP programme should be paid risk allowance.

LEAP WORKSHOP:

During the year under review, the District Leap Implementation Committee members met in Kumasi to undertake a capacity building programme on the ongoing Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) programme nationwide. Below is the details of the undergone activities:

PERIOD: THREE DAYS (2ND JUNE-4TH JUNE, 2014)

TARGET: DISTRICT LEAP IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**DISTRICT
DETAILS:**

ATTENDANCE

TOTAL NO. IN ATTENDANCE	FEMALE	MALE
6	3	3

AIM OF THE WORKSHOP:

The main purpose of the workshop was to equip members of the various DLICs with some much-needed capacity boost after an earlier nationwide assessment of the LEAP programme was said to have revealed some massive capacity gaps in its implementation in some districts around the country.

The DLICs are central to the implementation of LEAP as they are the bodies that assist District Assemblies in the selection of the various communities and settlements eligible for the LEAP intervention. It is a cardinal requirement of LEAP that strict objectivity prevails in the selection of beneficiaries for the programme so as to ensure that, at all times, only genuinely needy individuals, households and communities benefit from the programme and that such a privilege be bestowed devoid of any prejudice.

For the 3 days that the workshop lasted, participants were taken through a series of lectures, exercises and tasks all of which were geared towards providing them with additional know-how on how to improve upon the LEAP programme in their various districts. This was conducted under such broad topics as:

1. The Design Parameters of LEAP
2. The LEAP Project Cycle
3. The LEAP Targeting Process
4. The LEAP Enrolment Process
5. Payment Process
6. Case management and Exit
7. Internal/External Monitoring and Evaluation

CONCLUSION

While all participants at the workshop recognized the fact that the LEAP programme alone cannot eliminate poverty in Ghana, all also agreed that LEAP , if properly and judiciously implemented, could go a long way in helping to fight the prevalence of extreme poverty in the country. At the end of it all, participants went away in appreciation and firm in the belief that not only had the workshop been extremely worthwhile but timely as well.

ELIMINATION OF WORST FORM OF CHILD LABOUR IN COCOA

No activity was done on this aspect of our program

3) CHILD'S RIGHT AND PROTECTION

A total number of One and Thirty (130) cases were registered by the agency during the year under review. The cases registered were in the areas of Child Maintenance, Paternity, Custody and Family Reconciliation.

The table below is a comprehensive summary of the activity above.

NO OF PERSONS		FAMILY WELFARE	MAINTANANCE	CUSTODY	PATERNITY	TOTAL	REFERRAL TO COURT	SOLVED
M	F	24	79	5	16	130	1	121
28	102							

MAINTENANCE

A total number of Seventy-Nine (79) child maintenance cases were properly investigated and handled by the agency, the remaining Six (6) were not resolved but referred to 1st quarter of 2015.

PATERNITY

Sixteen (16) paternity cases were registered, properly investigated and handled by the agency. The respondent of the complainant accepted responsibility for pregnancy. The remaining one (1) case was referred to 1st quarter of 2015.

FAMILY WELFARE/RECONCILIATION

Twenty-Four (24) family welfare cases were investigated and the families were reconciled by the agency during the quarter. The remaining one (1) case was referred to 1st quarter of 2015.

CHILD CUSTODY

Five (5) custody cases were investigated and handled by the agency during the year. The remaining one (1) case was referred to 1st quarter of 2015.

DAY CARE CENTERS

In the year under review, fourteen (14) daycare centres were visited and consequently advised on the need to uphold the appropriate daycare standards established by the Department with regard to their operations in the District. In addition to this, a list of Fifty (52) names of day centres were compiled and e-mailed to the Regional Office.

More so, The Department visited and undertook inspection of three day care centers; Tesscourt International School at Tabere, Corpus Christi at Abuakwa and Praise Jah Day Care/Creche at Achiase during the last quarter 2014. The visits were to enable officers to examine/scrutinize whether facilities at the three centers were of the approved/required standard. After the visits, the facilities at Tesscourt were found to be of an exceptionally high standard and a general report for the certification of the institution will be forwarded to the appropriate quarters. The assessment of Praise Jah Day Care/Creche and Corpus Christi are however yet to be completed.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	PROPRIETOR/PROPRIETRESS	PUPIL POPULATION		
			M	F	Total
1. Tesscourt International School	Tabere	Akua Yiadom Boakye	2	2	4
2. Praise Jah Day Care/Creche	Achiase	Florence Boadaa	10	8	18
2. Corpus Christi	ABUAKWA	Miriam Boateng	6	10	16

ABANDON CHILD

An abandoned child was found on the premises of Divine Grace Ministry, Apatrapa owned by a couple, Rev. and Rev. Mrs. Appiah, in the early hours of 4th December, 2014. The couple reported the baby's discovery to the DOVVSU unit at the Nkawie District Police HQ who also, subsequently, forwarded the case to the district office of the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development. The baby, together with the couple and a social worker, Afua-Konadu, was sent to the Nkawie-Toase District Hospital for screening. The doctor who conducted the screening concluded that the baby was healthy and confirmed the office's initial

belief that the baby was about 3 days old. Since the doctor further advised that the baby at that point in time required one-on-one care, the couple were allowed to take the baby home that day and asked to report back to the office on Wednesday, 10th December, 2014 for the necessary arrangements could be made for the baby to be transferred to the Children's Home. The agreed date came and went without them showing up and, unfortunately, up till today all efforts to get them to comply have proved futile. The office has therefore decided to solicit assistance from the Nkawie Police DOVVSU department to help in the baby's retrieval.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Firstly, the department of Social Welfare during the year under review, took records of Abdul Balik, on the 19th of May, 2014. Abdul Balik is a missing child, reported by the Abuakwa Police to have been missing at Abuakwa Market, upon interrogation. The department, after all requisite documentations got him admitted at the Kumasi Children Home for care and protection.

Secondly, the Department on the 30th April, 2014 also took records of another missing baby named by the Department as Betty Twum (1 ½ years). She was reported to have been involved in a vehicular accident with her grandmother at AbuakwaAsenemanso. Conversely, the child survived the ordeal and was treated and subsequently discharged at KATH and was released to the Abuakwa Police for further action. She was as a result referred to the agency and subsequently admitted at the Children's Home. On the 14th of May 2014, the child's family members from Nyinahin informed the office of their relation with the child. The family in view of this was advised to give the office sometime to do some consultations in order to ascertain the truth before any further action. Later, the office delegated an officer on the 12th of June, 2014 with the family for identification of the child at the Kumasi Children's Home. The officers at the Kumasi Children's Home therefore advised that they should prepare and come for the child as soon as possible.

Thirdly, on the 22nd of May, 2014 the child Akwasi Adu (three weeks old) in the custody of his biological mother Adwoa Rose (16 years) was also reported unsafe. In respect of the aforesaid, Adwoa Rose, very down-at-heel, was found with Akwasi Adu (son) at Kejetia begging for alms. The case was then reported to the Nkawie DOVVSU for necessary action. The Unit later referred the case to the agency. The department after further interrogations underscored the need to admit the child at the Kumasi Children's Home. This was because, the mother is a minor and not in the position to provide the appropriate care needed for the child.

Penultimately, on the 5th of June, 2014, one woman by name Mari Boatson was alleged to have sold her child to some sisters and the case was reported to DOVVSU. The Unit therefore charged the parties involved before court for arbitration while temporal custody reserves with the Kumasi children's Home. Later, a court order was given importing that, custody be transferred to the child's biological mother. Accordingly, custody was transferred as instructed on the 19th of June, 2014 at the Home in the presence of the Social Welfare Officer.

Lastly, the department of Social Welfare, took records of Yaw Ampofo (Named by the Department), on the 19th of May, 2014. He was founded by Akua Ampofo at the Nkawie Market Place and as a result referred to the Nkawie Police Unit. He was later referred to the Department for further action. Consequently, the department, after all requisite documentations got him admitted at the Kumasi Children Home for care and protection pending further probes by the Nkawie police unit and possible unification with his parents or any relative(s).

CHILD PANEL

There is none in the District

CHALLENGES:

INADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION

With reference to the above, the office is apparently confronted with the problem of inadequate office. Currently, the office staff capacity stands twenty-one (21) with only Two (2) inadequate offices making it very difficult for staff of the office to work productively in the face congestion.

WAY FORWARD

- An establishment of family tribunal to assist in resolving cases that the social welfare office find difficult in settling.
- The District Assembly should assist the Social Welfare Department to open an account and provide funds for implementation of social welfare services.

INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

GENERAL: There is the saying that anything that has a beginning has an end as well, and the year 2014 was no exception. Slow as the days moved along the year, it finally ended and thank God the New Year has dawned on us.

WEATHER AND FARMING ACTIVITIES: The weather conditions were traditional from January to December. To wit, climatic conditions known to be typical of the months did not change in the year under review.

ADMINISTRATION: Staff relations during the year remained cordial as they embark on their normal duties.

Miss Kate Hayfron-Benjamin as usual exhibited leadership by example, whilst her subjects followed similar in performing their daily duties.

MAJOR EVENT: Below were salient events recorded in the year:

ANDA HEALTH DIRECTORATE EVALUATES PERFORMANCE

The District Director of Ghana Health Service, Dr. Samuel Osei Somuah expressed worry over delay in the payment of health insurance claims by National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) to service providers in their part of the Region.

Dr Osei Somuah disclosed this at a meeting meant to assess and evaluate the performance of the directorate in 2013 fiscal year as well as to plan for 2014.

At the meeting held in January 23, 2014, Dr Somuah hinted that the directorate was faced with myriad of challenges including insufficient supply of HIV Test Kits, inadequate staff and lack of electricity power supply to outskirt facilities in the area.

The sub-districts were Abuakwa, Nkawie, Akropong, Barekese and Asuofua in particular order presented their reports at meeting.

Nana Asare Bediako and Mr Benito Owusu Bio, DCE and MP for Atwima Nwabiagya North constituency respectively were present at the meeting and expressed their preparedness in ensuring quality health delivery in the district.

The MP for Atwima Nwabiagya South, Mr Anthony Osei Boakye was not present but in his speech read by his colleague MP, promised to purchase a fully equipped ambulance for the Abuakwa Sub-district of the directorate.

Not to outdone, Mr. Benito Owusu also promised to purchase generate for Barekese Sub-district and fund the construction of mechanized borehole for Abira CHPS compound.

STREET NAMING PROGRAMME

In fulfilment of the government's directive to name every street in the country, the ANDA under the leadership of Nana Asare Bediako, the DCE has assigned a team to ensure implementation of the directive.

The move to name every street of communities with population of 5000 and above in the Atwima Nwabiagya District begun in December 18, 2013, and continued unabated on January 14-21, 2014 with visit to about 30 communities.

The street naming and property addressing team is made up of staff from departments such as Town and Country Planning, Works, Planning, Budget and Information Services. As part of elementary works, the team met opinion leaders in the communities to discuss the idea and the benefits thereafter the exercise. Some communities they visited include Nkawie, Afari, Mim, Sepaase, Abuakwa, Manhyia, Koforidua, Maakro, and Asamang just to mention few.

On January 31, 2014 at the Assembly Hall, Nkawie, the committee met to brainstorm ideas as well as assess the progress of the programme. In their estimation the future of the programme looks bright and successful implementation was assured. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Francis Danso, District Officer of Town and Country Planning Department. Representatives from departments such as the Information Services, Budget, Planning and Account were present at the meeting.

MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION: A deputy Information Minister, Felix Oforu Kwakye held a marathon meeting with District Information Officers and the Regional Office staff of the Information Services Department in the region at Kumasi office on the 8th February 2014. He disclosed that the ISD was faced with so many challenges yet vibrant in discharge of core duties of disseminating information of government to the public particularly those in the rural areas of the country.

He enumerated policies of the government such as free text books supplies to Basic schools assess to potable water, rural electrification by year 2015 as among the achievement and focus of the government.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PLANNING AND CELEBRATION: In the Assembly's bid to organize the 57th Independence Day Anniversary Celebration in the district very well, the ANDA formed a committee to take up the responsibility of ensuring that the day is observed

successfully. The committee consisted of the D I O, District NCCE officer, District Commander of Police, District Officer for Centre for National Culture, District Human Resource Officer, District Engineer, and District Cultural Officer of GES. The committee was headed by Mr Kaleem Adam Abdallah, a DDCD. The committee met on 13th February, 20th and 27th February before the day of celebration.

A traditional day of national unity and patriotism characterized by huge enthusiasm and euphoria could best narrate district parade for 57th Independence Anniversary Celebration on March 6, 2014 at the Kufuor Park, Nkawie.

An impressive attendance of students, teachers and the general public dressed in their occasional clothes to show their total solidarity to befit the ceremony which is the number one event on the national calendar.

The clergy, traditional leaders and security personnel in attendance at the gathering were also in their full regalia to grace the occasion.

At exactly 8:00 am, about 50 schools comprising of SHS, JHS, primary and kindergartens selected across the district were already in parade anxiously waiting for the arrival of the DCE and his entourage before the commencement of March past.

In his concise and precise address at the august occasion, the DCE, Nana Asare Bediako appealed to both parents and students to make education the topmost priority on their scale of preference.

Lending credence to the old maxim, 'Education is the key to success', the DCE said ensuring quality and affordable education was the only legacy that could stand the test of times hence the president Mahama- led government was leaving no stone unturned in providing that.

Spectators witnessed over an hour of theatrics march past from students in kindergarten and primary schools, nevertheless those in the JHS and SHS were composed and showed maturity.

Osei Tutu Senior High, Kufuor D/A School and Abraham Lincoln School emerged victors in SHS, JHS and Primary categories during the march past whilst Nkawie Islamic and Grace Second Home tied in the kindergarten categories. All the winners as well as first runners up and second runners up were rewarded with certificate, computers sets and a trophy.

Nana Asiamah Poku Afrifa II, a member of council of state and chief of Toase was flanked by his chieftains to grace the occasion.

Also in attendance were Mr. Joseph Frimpong Naayo, stop-gap DCD and District Planning Officers, Mrs Mary Owusu Achiaw, District Director of GES, Mrs. Josephine Amo, District Director of Agric and Dr Samuel Osei Somuah, District Director of Health Service –DDCD Abdallah Kaleem Adam.

There was also an impressive presence of other heads of department, security services, assembly members at this particular pomp and circumstance.

FIRST QUATER DPCU MEETING: The District Planning and Coordinating Unit (DPCU), a development component within the ANDA held their quarterly meeting on Thursday 27th March 2014 at the Assembly hall, Nkawie.

Representatives of departments took turns in the presentation of programme, projects and activities formulated and executed for 2014. They also discussed the revised work plan for 2014-2017 District Medium Term Development Plan and the way forward for the district.

The meeting was chaired by Ruth Abena Badu, Acting Planning Officer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of ANDA met on the 17th of April, 2014 at the District Assembly Hall to discuss recommendations from the various sub-committees and other developmental issues in the district.

The meeting was chaired by the District Chief Executive, Nana Asare Bediako.

Present were the DCE, Nana Asare Bediako, District Coordinating Director, Mr. Mathew A.I Tay and the Deputy District Coordinating Director, Mr. Abdallah Kaleem Adam.

All heads of Departments were in attendance.

KEEGAN MEETS WITH THE STAFF OF ANDA

As part of Keegan's Resource (Ghana) Limited effort to improve on community relations with its host communities it held a durbar at ANDA conference room on Thursday, 10th April, 2014 to update the staff about acquisition of PMI Adansi Gold and its development as well as management plans.

According to Mr. Samuel Kobina Saim the Unit Manager, Community Development who chaired the occasion, the company has managed to build schools, reshape roads, drill boreholes, offer employment opportunities and organize artisan training for the youth in their catchment area.

DISTRICT CONSULTATION FORUM ON DRAFT CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE POLICY.

Staffs from the various department of the Atwima Nwabiagya were invited to attend the forum to bring to bear their opinions and approval on the draft Child and Family Welfare Policy at the Assembly Hall on 12th May, 2014. The event was jointly organized by the department of children and community development.

The forum allowed for ideas, contributions and view on the policy that is being put together by the government to help bring sanity to the Ghanaian home.

The meeting was chaired by the DCE, Nana Asare Bediako and was also attended by Mr Stephen Ofosu Darfour, Ashanti Regional Director for Department of Children.

NWABIAGYA CLOGSAG ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE

Members of Civil and Local Government Staff Association, Ghana (CLOGSAG) in the Atwima Nwabiagya District of Ashanti met on May 28, 2014 at the Assembly Hall, Nkawie to elect executives to man the Association for the next four years.

At the end of voting on Wednesday, Frank Gyasi polled 72 votes to beat his only contender, Kaleem Abdallah Adam, who garnered 30 in the chairmanship race.

Thomas Awuah Asem, who was elected secretary, garnered 75 votes to defeat Ibrahim Salifu who secured 18 votes.

Nobody contested the incumbent organiser, Charlotte Appiah.

Mr. Paul Mensah, with 63 votes, was elected the savings and loans coordinator after beating Carlito D. Airkins Mawulorm, who had 19 votes and Francis Kwadjo Asempah, 18 votes.

The poll was organised in a free and fair manner. The regional executives of Organised Labour and other top dignitaries were in attendance.

The District Chief Executive (DCE) for Atwima Nwabiagya, Nana Asare Bediako swore the newly elected into office.

He urged them to work diligently to uplift the image of CLOGSAG in the district, adding that, that was the only way to justify the confidence reposed in them by members of association. Mr Gyasi, on behalf of the new executives, promised to work to enhance the well-being of members of the group in the district.

WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING IN WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE IN GHANA

A one day workshop organised by the Water Resources Commission was held on Thursday, 29th May, 2014 at the Sunset Hotel, to build stakeholders capacities in water quality monitoring and surveillance in Ghana, Ashanti region to be precise.

In his speech, Hon. Samuel Sarpong the Ashanti Regional Minister made it known to participants that “government considers the management of our water resources and will continue to engage all stakeholders in ensuring prudent measures of water resources management for sustainable ecosystem stability and conservation”.

He urged the Water Resources Commission and other state actors to scale up their water quality monitoring and surveillance measures in collaboration with communities and stakeholders in the affected areas. Technocrats from district such as Atwima Nwabiagya, Offinso, Kwabre, Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly and the Regional Coordinating Council were select to be part of the crusade on ensuring water quality monitoring and surveillance in Ghana. The event was chaired by Nana Prof. Agyewodin Wireko Ampem, Board Chairman of the Water Resource Commission and the Paramount Chief of Acherensua.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT MEETING: Heads of department in the Atwima Nwabiagya District met the DCE, Nana Asare Bediako and DCD, Mr Mathew Tay at the Assembly Hall on June 4, 2014 to discuss how best they could contribute to turn the fortunes of the district round. The Movers and Shakers of the district had observed some lapses in the development of the area hence the need to meet technocrats to bring their expertise on board. The meeting was chaired by the DCE and about 30 heads of department were present.

NEWLY ELECTED CLOGSAG EXECUTIVES MEETS MEMBERS: Civil and Local Government Staff Association, Ghana (CLOGSAG) had their first general meeting after new officers held the fort as leaders in the district on Wednesday 11th June, 2014 at the District Assembly Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for inter-departmental games slated July 1, 2014 at Kufuor Park, Nkawie.

Members were impressed about objective and the vision the new executives had for them. Members were advised to attend meetings in their numbers since they could use the platform to air their views and opinions as well as getting abreast with current happenings in Association. The meeting was chaired by Mr Frank Gyasi, chairman, and was flanked by Mr Thomas Awuah Asem, secretary, Mrs Charlotte Appiah, organizer and Mr Paul Mensah, savings and loans coordinator.

DISTRICT FORESTRY MEETING: Stakeholders in the forest business met on the June 25, 2014 at the Agric Fair Site, Nkawie to share ideas on how best they could help preserve the green vegetation in the Atwima area of Ashanti. The forum was organised by Civic Response, an NGO whose core responsibility is to ensure conservation of forest areas and protection of lives therein. About 100 participants from Atwima Nwabiagya, Atwima Mponua and Ahafo Ano South districts of Ashanti comprising of farmers, chainsaw operators, small scale miners and traditional leaders were in attendance. Preservation of the natural resource, the forest and how to inculcate the habit of replacing legally permitted tress after cutting them down was major issue under consideration. Mr Mark Aidoo, Assistant Forest Manager, Atwima Forest Division was in attendance as well as Mr Kofi Nsiah, and Mr Samuel Brenya, chairman and secretary respectively of Atwima Forest Forum and Hon Francis Kuma, Assemblyman, Nkawie-Panin.

Participants were mandated to join anti-tree cutting campaign by educating family members and peers to stay away from the bad practice of destroying the forest.

REGIONAL COMMANDER OF POLICE VISIT NWABIAGYA: The Ashanti Regional Commander of Police, DCOP Nathan Kofi Boakye on July 10, 2014 paid a working visit to Atwima Nwabiagya District for the first time after assuming office barely five months ago. He

was met in his arrival by police personnel in Abuakwa and Nkawie Commands. DCOP Kofi Boakye also had a chat with the DCE, Nana Asare Bediako at the latter's office where he expressed the police preparedness to combat crime and ensure that there was law and order within the region and the district in particular. He also stated that under his supervision as the regional capo, the police would discharge her duties without fear or favour. The DCE in his turn pledged to work in close collaboration with the police to enhance their performance in the district. The DCE was flanked by PM, Mr Stephen Boateng and heads of department in the district.

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON E-SPV: The Controller and Accountant –General's (CAG) Department in the its effort to introduce and implement the Electronic Salary Payment Voucher (E-SPV) system, organized a two-day training programme for Heads of MDAs in Atwima Nwabiagya District Assembly on July 22 and July 23, 2014 at the Assembly hall of Toase Senior High School, Toase near Nkawie. With the E-SPV implementation, all Heads of MDAs and MMDAs would access Government Salary pay voucher electronically.

When the Ashanti Regional Rollout which is expected to begin in August, 2014 meet the time line without fail, the manual payment voucher would cease, according to the CAG department. Over 200 people participated in the two days training programme.

WORKER DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HARDSHIP: Organized labour groups in the district join their colleagues across the region to demonstrate peacefully against the unbearable economic and social hardships in the country on July 24, 2014. Thousands of workers around 8: am converged at Kumasi Central Post Office square to begin the protestation.

At the end of barely three hours demonstration, the petition was handed to the Regional Minister at the Regional Coordinating Council. The deputy Regional Minister, Hon. Joseph Yamin receives the petition on behalf of the Minister Hon. Samuel Sampson.

CLOGSAG MEETING: Following the deduction on the salaries of CLOGSAG fund which every member surprise, the executive of the association organized an emergency meeting at the Assembly Hall, Nkawie where members registered their displeasure and disapproval over the said deduction which took effect July, 2014.

At the end of meeting, members unanimously resolved that, deduction on the fund should stop immediately without fail, adding that failure to do so would cause them to resort to all legal means available to them to retrieve their monies.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Frank Gyasi. With him were Mr. Thomas Awuah Asem, Secretary and Mrs Charlotte Appiah, organizer.

DFMC MEETING: Members of the Disable Fund Management Committee on August 4, 2014 met to discuss issues bordering on the welfare of persons with disabilities in the district.

Major issues that took centre stage in the meeting that started around 10am and lasted for barely two hours were progress report from District Engineer on works on shed to be used as site for PWD fund and visit to the Agric Fairs Site to inspect status of the stated shed.

The meeting was chaired by District Social Welfare/Community Development Co-ordinator, Mrs Rosemond Apea Owusu. Present were DCE, Nana Asare Bediako, DCD, Mr. Mathew IA Tay and Ms. Kate Hayfron- Benjamin, DIO.

FOAT ASSESSMENT OF THE DISTRICT: : Personnel assigned by the Functional Organization Assessment Tool to assess the district's collaborative performance to help benefit from the District Development Fund (DDF) on 11th and 12th August 2014 engaged with authorities of the assembly. The end of the two-day exercise yielded a positive result.

NWABIAGYA BANK PROVIDES HEALTH POST TO ADANKWAME: Nwabiagya Rural Bank has inaugurated and handed over a health centre to chief and people of Adankwame in the district on August 15, 2014 at a colourful but short ceremony. An estimated GH 200,000 health post with equipment has consulting room, a dispensary and records office. The inauguration coincided with the 26th Annual General meeting of the Bank. Present at inauguration were the DCE, Nana Asare Bediako and District Director of Health, Dr. Samuel Osei-Somuah.

BAMBOO AND RATTAN WORKSHOP: A three-day workshop was once again organised for some selected Bamboo and Rattan entrepreneurs to enhance their quality of work to meet international market demand. About 31 entrepreneurs participated in the workshop which began on the 27th and ended on the 29th of August 2014.

During the workshop, participants were taken through better ways of Bamboo and Rattan treatment, quality finishing of products from material selection, branding and good marketing strategies.

The workshop was successful through the selfless effort of Dr. Rudolf Steiner, Senior Lecturer/Consultant (KNUST), and Mr. Frederick Asamoah and Mr. Michael Kweku - facilitators.

Also present were the District Cultural Officer, Miss Doreen Aba Mensah, District Information Officer, Miss Kate Hayfron-Benjamin, Commentator (ISD), Mr. Louis Nuamah. Also present were Mr. Samuel Opoku and Mr. Adu Harrison, secretary and chairman respectively (Bamboo & Rattan Workers Group).

Participants were grouped in pairs to put to practise what they learnt during their three- day school as bamboo and rattan students.

DFMC MEETING: Members of the Disable Fund Management Committee on September 5, 2014 met to discuss issues about the welfare of persons with disabilities in the district.

Issues that took centre stage include latest report from District Engineer on works on shed to be used as site for PWD fund and visit to the Agric Fairs Site to inspect status of the stated shed.

The meeting was chaired by District Social Welfare/Community Development Co-ordinator, Mrs Rosemond Apea Owusu. Present were DCE, Nana Asare Bediako, DCD, Mr. Mathew IA Tay and Ms. Kate Hayfron- Benjamin, DIO.

ANDA STAFF EDUCATED ON EBOLA DISEASE: The Ministry of Health and the Government of Ghana in their effort to reduce the panic and scare of Ebola disease in the district, organized a day sensitization event at the Assembly Hall, Nkawie for heads of department and staff of the Assembly. The one day programme was held on 17th September, 2014. Dr Samuel Osei-Somuah, District Director of Health Service led a team of health personnels to educate a gathering of about 80 staff on the origin of Ebola, symptoms, causes, transmission and its prevention. He however advised that persons with signs and symptoms per his description of the disease should be reported to the nearest health centre, adding that the Government has prepared adequately to prevent and combat the disease.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINS COMMITTEE MEETING : A committee of the assembly assigned to make sure that there is mutual understanding between the assembly and the public met on 18th September, 2014 to do justice to issues that had come to their notice. The meeting was chaired by Mr Stephen Boateng, the Presiding Member of the Assembly. Settlements of differences between some unit committee and assembly members took centre stage at the periodic meeting which lasted for barely three hours.

EXECUTIVE COMMITEE MEETING: The executive committee of the assembly met on Tuesday November 4, 2014 at the Assembly Hall, Nkawie to transact business relating to the forward march of the district. Issues under discussion were including review of DDF projects, fee fixing resolution, budget for 2014 and improving the revenue drive of the Assembly. The meeting was chaired by DCE and flanked by Matthew I.A Tay, DCD. All heads of department, agencies and institutions stationed in the district were present at the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: The ANDA met on the November 7, 2014 at the Assembly Hall to discuss how best they could contribute and share ideas that would best serve the interest of the populace. Ensuring quality education, improving sanitation, security and creating enabling environment to boom private businesses in the district took centre stage of the meeting. About 50 out of 56 Assembly members were in attendance. All departments, agencies and institutions where fully represented at the meeting chaired by Mr. Stephen Boateng,

Presiding Member. With the PM were Nana Asare Bediako, DCE; Mr Matthew AI Tay, DCD and Mr. Boadi, District finance officer.

CLOGSAG MEETING: The leadership of the district branch of the Civil and Local Government staff Association, Ghana (CLOGSAG) met at the Assembly Hall to inform their members of the progress report on the last strike action by 12 labour unions over their pension scheme in which they were part. They also used the occasion to deliberate on their welfare issues. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Frank Gyasi, Chairman. With him were Mr. Thomas Awuah Asem, Secretary and Mrs Charlotte Appiah, Organizer of CLOGSAG.

FARMER'S DAY COMMITTEE MEETING: A committee charged to see to the successful organization of the 30th District level farmers Day celebration met for the first time on 20th November, 2014 to plan for the event. The meeting was held at the conference Hall of MOFA, Toase near Nkawie. The meeting was chaired by Mrs Josephine Amoh, District MOFA Director. On the 27th November, the committee met for the second time to assess themselves on the task given them. All the ten members were present at the meeting chaired by the District MOFA District, Mrs Josephine Amoh.

30TH NATIONAL FARMERS DAY CELEBRATION: The annual national farmer's day celebration took place at Amakye Bare on Friday December 5, 2014, under the theme "Eat what you Grow" in the Atwima Nwabiagya District.

At about 8:00am, school buses from the various Senior High Schools within the district were dispatched to communities to convey people especially farmers and their exhibits to the celebration grounds. Present to grace the occasion were the Honourable Anthony Osei Boakye, MP Atwima Nwabiagya South, Honourable Nana Asare Bediako, DCE, the MOFA Director, Mrs. Josephine Amoh, Honourable Assembly members and Nana Kyeretwie Gyamera II, Amodum-Adankwamehene who chaired the function.

Also present were some traditional leaders, Chief Supt. Benjamin Wordui, District Police Commander and Heads of Department.

Consar Limited, Atwima Mponua Rural Bank, Atwima Rural Bank, Nwabiagya Rural Bank-Barekese and Hon. Anthony Osei Boakye, MP partnered the ANDA in financing the occasion.

As the hamarttan was fast approaching, the Ghana Fire Service advised the public to desist from all practices likely to lead to bushfires hence the launch of anti-bush fire campaign.

Mr. Boakye Duah from Manhyia emerged the overall Best Farmer of the district in 2014 taking home table top fridge, motorize sprayer, Napsak sprayer, a piece of cloth, Williston boot and three machet and a certificate of honour. About 30 farmers were also awarded in various farming categories and took home prizes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: The executive committee of the assembly met on Monday December 22, 2014 at the Assembly Hall, Nkawie to transact business relating to the forward march of the district. The meeting was chaired by DCE and flanked by Matthew I.A Tay, DCD. All heads of department, agencies and institutions stationed in the district were present at the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: The ANDA met on the December 23, 2014 at the Assembly Hall, Nkawie at 10:00am to transact business specified below. Discussing the executive committee report. Discussing Reports from public relations and complaints committee. Discussion of Assembly member's ex-gratia. All departments, agencies and institutions were fully represented at the meeting chaired by Mr. Stephen Boateng, Presiding Member. With the PM were Nana Asare Bediako, DCE; Mr Matthew AI Tay, DCD and Mr. Boadi, District finance officer.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

1.1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is a comprehensive report that combines all the activities carried out in the year 2014 (1st Quarter to the 4th Quarter 2014) by the Environmental Health and Management Department of the Assembly.

It is also about the reports from the Environmental Health and Management Department activities from the various six (6) Area Councils in the District namely;

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| 1. Nkawie /Toase Area Council | 2. Afari Area Council |
| 3. Abuakwa Area Council | 4. Akropong Area Council |
| 5. Adankwame Area Council | 6. Barekese Area Council |

On the developmental agenda of the Atwima Nwabiagya District Assembly, the Assembly is greatly poised to improve upon sanitation in the communities to promote the lives of its people for increased productivity through the prevention of diseases.

Even though, there were a lot of sanitation challenges in the immediate past year, it is hoped that the ensuing years will bring good fortunes for the Assembly to implement the numerous sanitation programmes it has on its developmental agenda such as evacuation of other hilly refuse dumps, piloting and full implementation of door to door refuse collection programme.

1.1.1 DISTRICT PROFILE

CLIMATE

The District lies within the wet semi-equatorial zone marked by double maximum rainfall ranging between 170cm and 185cm per annum. The major rainfall season is from Mid-March to July and minor season is between September and Mid-November.

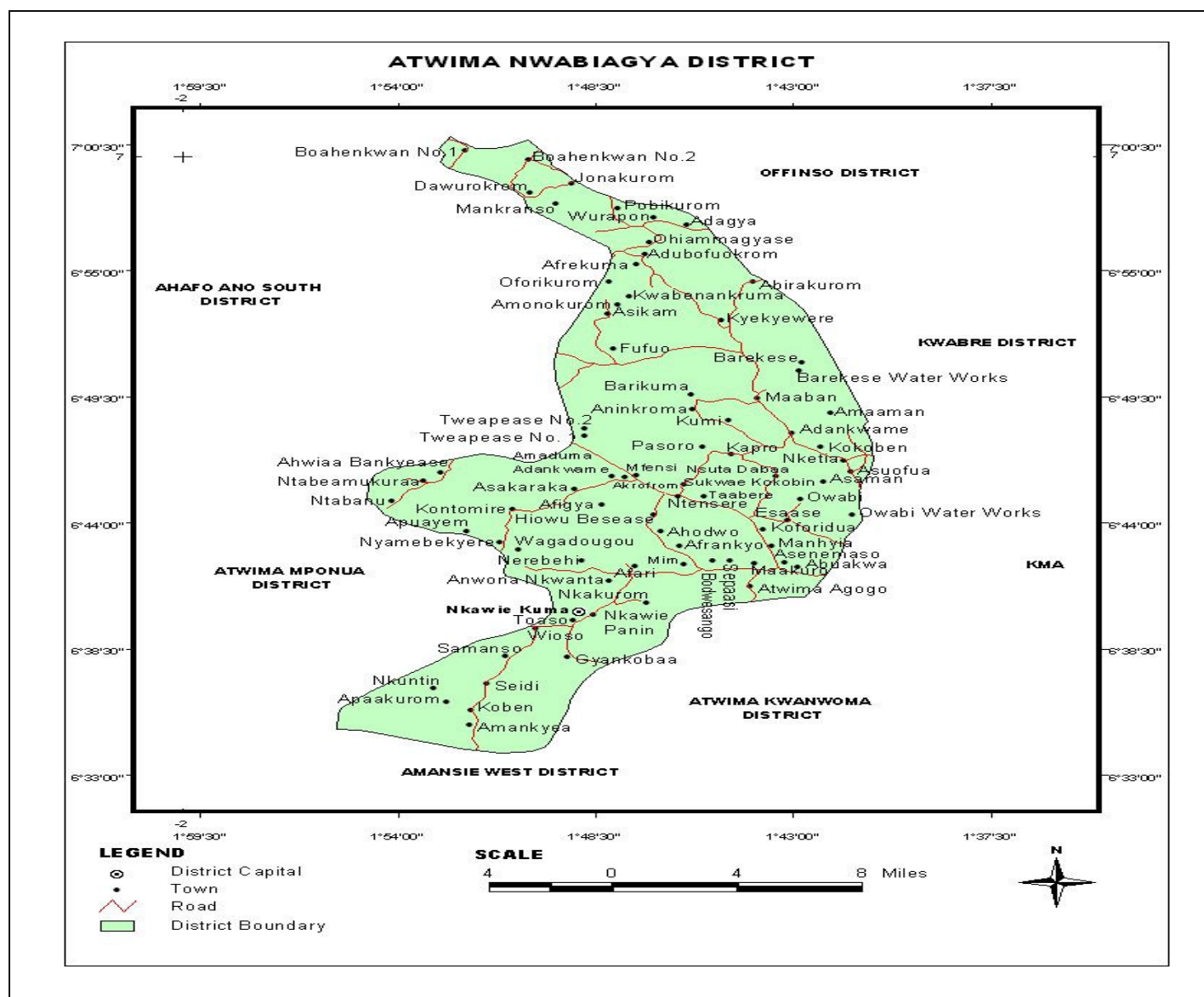
Temperature is fairly uniform ranging between 27°C (August) and 31°C (March). Mean West, Offinso Municipal to the North, Amansie West and Kwanwoma Districts to the South and Kumasi Metropolis to the East. It covers an estimated area of 294.84 sq.km with a relative humidity of about 87 to 91 percent. The District capital is Nkawie.

1.1.2 BOUNDARIES

The Atwima Nwabiagya District lies approximately on latitude 6° 75'N and between longitude 1° 45' and 2° 00' West. It is situated in the western part of the region and shares

common boundaries with Ahafo Ano South and Atwima Mponua Districts (to the West), Offinso Municipal (to the North), Amansie–West and Atwima Kwanwoma Districts (to the South), Kumasi Metropolis and Afigya Kwabre Districts (to the East). It covers an estimated area of 294.84 sq km. The district capital is Nkawie.

Figure 1 shows the district map and the neighboring districts.



Source: District Development Planning Unit

1.1.3 POPULATION

The Atwima Nwabiagya District has 6 Area Councils. The District has a total population of about 164,494 as at the 31st December 2014

The breakdown of the Area Council population is as follows;

- 1) Abuakwa Area Council : 40,663
- 2) Nkawie/Toase Area Council : 23,736
- 3) Afari Area Council : 10,544
- 4) Akropong Area Council : 41,650
- 5) Adankwame Area Council : 23,967
- 6) Barekese Area Council : 23,934

Source: District Development Planning Unit

1.1.4 ECONOMY

- a. Agriculture:** The main types of agricultural activities in the District are farming (including poultry farming in most of the communities like Akropong and Sepaase where Darko Farms is located,Mfum Farms at Mim,etc. and livestock rearing.
- b. Industry:** Main industries in the District include the manufacturing sector dominated by Dressmaking, Carpentry, Metal fabrication, Alcoholic beverages distillation, Leather works, Ceramics, Quarrying, Baking, Wood processing, Batik/tie and dye making.
- c. Trade and Commerce:** About 12% of the working population in the District is engaged in trading/commercial activities. Types of trading/commercial activities found in the District include trading in foodstuffs, provisions, spare parts, building materials, cooked foods, Wood and wood products etc.

Most of the traders are small size retailers and apart from a few who trade in defined market places, most trading activities in the District are located along roads, water ways and residential neighborhoods, thus creating a lot of environmental problems.

There are three (3) main markets in the District. These are located at Barekese, Abuakwa and Nkawie. There are relatively smaller markets at Akropong, Atwima Koforidua, Asuofia, Achiase, Maakro, Sepaase, Besease, Fufuo and Agogo.

1.1.5 TOURISM

The District can boast of the Tourism potentials such as the Owabi and Barekese dams which continue to attract a large number of tourists into the District. Other areas of tourist attraction are the KomfoAnokye footprints at Nkwawkon and the Gyamera Forest Reserve.

1.1.6 VEGETATION

The vegetation found in the District is predominantly the semi-deciduous type.

1.1.7 DRAINAGE AND WATER RESOURCES

The Offin and Owabi are the main rivers which drain the surface area of the District. There are however, several streams in the District. These include Kobi and Dwahen. Two (2) major dams Owabi and Barekese have been constructed across the Owabi and Offin rivers respectively and are sources of pipe borne water supply to residents of the District as well as Kumasi.

2.1.1 STAFFING

The staffing situation as at 31st December, 2014 is as indicated in the table below:

a. NUMBER AND GRADE OF TECHNICAL STAFF

AREA COUNCIL	CEHO	PEHO	EHO II	CEHA	ACEHA	PEHA	SEHA	EHA
Abuakwa	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Adankwame	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Afari	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Akropong	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Barekese	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Nkwie- Toase	-	1	-	-	1	-		1
TOTAL	-	1	1	4	2		3	4

SUMMARY: PEHO-1 / EHOII-1 / CEHA-4 / ACEHA-2 / SEHA-3 / EHA-4

MALE: FEMALE RATIO

8: 7

2.1.2 **TRANSFERS**

- a. During the year 2014, the following Environmental Health Assistants were transferred from the

District;

1. Anthony Anaglo
2. Lenius Naameh
3. Mercy Brako

- b. During the year 2014, the following Environmental Health Assistants were transferred to the District;

1. Christopher Tsetse – November 2014
2. Seidu Saani Mohammed - November 2014

c. **RETIREMENT**

Mr. E. Martin Yeboah – Chief Environmental Health Officer retired.

2.1.3 a. **NUMBER OF LABOUR STAFF**

AREA COUNCIL	REFUSE LABOURER	SCAVENGER	SWEEPER	CONSERVANCY LABOURER	MESSENGER
Abuakwa	1	-	-	-	-
Adankwame	-	-	-	-	-
Afari	-	-	-	-	-
Akropong	1	-	1	-	-
Barekese	-	-	-	-	-
Nkawie-Toase	2	3	5	1	-
TOTAL	7	3	6	1	-

b. **NUMBER OF SANITATION GUARDS**

Abuakwa	Adankwame	Afari	Akropong	Barekese	Nkawie-Toase	T O T A L
3	1	3	3	1	4	15

c. **NUMBER OF DISTRICT OPERATIONS SUPERVISORS**

Abuakwa	Adankwame	Afari	Akropong	Barekese	Nkawie-Toase	T O T A L
-	-	-	-	-	1	1

d. **NUMBER OF TRICYCLE RIDERS**

Abuakwa	Adankwame	Afari	Akropong	Barekese	Nkawie-Toase	T O T A L
5	3	1	6	2	8	25

e. **NUMBER OF NAMCOP WORKERS**

Abuakwa	Adankwame	Afari	Akropong	Barekese	Nkawie-Toase	T O T A L
6	-	-	3	-	6	15

3.1.1 **SANITARY FACILITIES**

The existing sanitary facilities during the quarter under review are shown below:

a. **Refuse Dumps and Communal Containers**

AREA COUNCIL	NO. OF APPROVED REFUSE DUMPS	NO. OF NON APPROVED DUMPS	NO. OF COMMUNAL CONTAINERS
Abuakwa	10	117	3
Adankwame	3	13	3

Afari	4	18	1
Akropong	9	91	4
Barekese	6	56	-
Nkawie-Toase	18	123	2
T O T A L	50	418	13

b. NUMBER AND TYPES OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN THE DISTRICT

AREA COUNCIL	WC	STL/AQUA PRIVY	KVIP/VIP	PIT	PAN	OTHER
Abuakwa	9	2	4	-	-	-
Adankwame	1	2	6	-	-	-
Afari	1	3	5	-	1	-
Akropong	2	1	9	17	1	-
Barekese	-	4	5	6	-	-
Nkawie-Toase	2	6	1	20	-	-
T O T A L	15	18	30	43	2	-

c. Household Toilets

The number and types of household latrines in the various Area Councils in the District are shown below:

AREA COUNCIL	WC	KVIP/VIP	PIT	PAN	OTHER
Abuakwa	237	155	23	-	-
Adankwame	197	236	15	-	-
Afari	73	81	9	-	-
Akropong	123	201	19	-	-
Barekese	92	55	5	-	-
Nkawie-Toase	199	129	-	-	-
T O T A L	921	857	71	-	-

d. Institutional Toilets

Number and types of institutional latrines in the various Area Councils in the District are shown in the table below:

AREA COUNCIL	WC	KVIP/VIP	PIT	PAN	OTHER
Abuakwa	5	6	-	-	-
Adankwame	3	11	-	-	-
Afari	-	5	-	-	-
Akropong	4	13	-	-	-

Barekese	1	9	-	-	-
Nkawie-Toase	2	21	-	-	-
T O T A L	15	65	-	-	-

3.1.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT

a. Solid Waste / Dumpsites Management

In the District, refuse dumpsites are in the hands of Assembly men who charge fees before people are allowed to dump their waste but they do not pay any fee to the Assembly to support sanitation activities. This makes it very difficult for the department to manage these refuse dumpsites.

During the period under review, the Assembly was able to conduct two (2) successful refuse evacuation exercise at Abuakwa dadease and behind the Abuakwa Health Center. There are over heaped refuse dumps in some of the communities such as Atwima Koforidua, Asenemaso, Manhyia, Akropong.

The Assembly has plans to get rid of the remaining refuse heaps as soon as possible.

The District has 13 refuse centralized collection points with 13 communal containers with 2 Zoomlion refuse trucks. According to the Zoomlion Zonal Supervisor, their outfit collects about 800Tons of solid waste every month in the district.

b. Public Toilets

Apart from the privately owned public toilets which were constructed by private individuals, the District Assembly's public toilets are poorly managed by Assembly members within the various Area

Councils. Most of these toilets however, are not in good sanitary condition and the department is seriously considering recommendations to management to let these toilets out to individual private stakeholders. The number and types of public toilets in the Area Councils are indicated below:

c. The Maiden National Sanitation Day

The Maiden National Sanitation Day was celebrated at Abuakwa on the 3rd December 2014 and it marked the awakening of the call to environmental cleanliness throughout the country. The main activity marking the celebration was the evacuation of one of the mountainous refuse dumps behind the Abuakwa Health Centre which a great threat to the health of the people in the community. Whenever it rains, this dumpsite get washed and join storm water that is carried to other places especially to people's homes with a high pathogenic density.

The people in the community were highly amazed as they held their brooms for the clean-up exercise and witnessed the clearing of the old aged refuse dump.

4.0.1 PREMISES INSPECTIONS

a. Domiciliary Inspection

This table below shows domiciliary inspections that were carried out at the various Area Councils during the year 2014;

AREA COUNCIL	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES	NUMBER OF HOUSES INSPECTED	% OF HOUSES INSPECTED
Abuakwa	4,129	2,044	54.92 %
Adankwame	2,300	1,120	48.70 %
Afari	980	701	71.53 %
Akropong	3,560	1,873	52.61 %
Barekese	2,100	1,447	68.90 %
Nkawie-Toase	2,840	2,033	71.58 %
T O T A L	15,909	9,218	57.94 %

b. TEN COMMONEST NUISANCES

During the period under review, these were the 10 commonest nuisances detected;

- a. Stray animals
- b. Indiscriminate dumping of solid waste
- c. Insanitary bath house drains
- d. Insanitary household latrines
- e. Insanitary drains
- f. Unswept backyards
- g. Overgrowth of weeds
- h. Unkept pens
- i. Open defaecation
- j. Accumulation of waste in open containers

c. Eating Premises Inspection

To control the outbreak of food borne infections, inspection of food premises was carried out routinely throughout the year. A breakdown of inspections carried out is outlined in the table below:

AREA COUNCIL	TOTAL NUMBER OF EATING HOUSES	NUMBER OF EATING HOUSES INSPECTED	% OF EATING HOUSES INSPECTED
Abuakwa	81	81	100 %
Adankwame	34	34	100 %
Afari	7	7	100 %
Akropong	78	78	100 %
Barekese	19	19	100 %
Nkawie-Toase	45	45	100 %
T O T A L	264	264	100 %

d. Drinking Bars Inspection

This activity was very vital as it has the potential to safeguard customers from contracting infection through drinking. This is the breakdown of the inspections conducted in the various Drinking Bars in the Area Councils in the District

AREA COUNCIL	TOTAL NUMBER OF DRINKING BARS	NUMBER OF BARS INSPECTED	% OF BARS INSPECTED
Abuakwa	78	78	100 %
Adankwame	62	62	100 %
Afari	25	25	100 %
Akropong	25	25	100 %
Barekese	49	49	100 %
Nkawie-Toase	101	96	95.05 %
T O T A L	340	335	98.53%

e. Hotel/Guest House Inspection

The table below shows inspections conducted on hotels and guest houses during the period under review;

AREA COUNCIL	TOTAL NO. OF HOTELS/GUESTHOUSES	NUMBER INSPECTED	% INSPECTED
Abuakwa	12	12	100 %
Adankwame	1	1	100 %
Afari	1	1	100 %
Akropong	3	3	100 %
Barekese	2	2	100 %
Nkawie-Toase	2	2	100 %
T O T A L	21	21	99 %

f. Market Sanitation

Good Environmental sanitation practices in all the main markets in the Area Councils were carried out to rid the markets of filth. This was mainly sweeping done on daily basis. This was to ensure that the markets were quite clean at all times during business hours.

It is the Nkawie market that lacks an effective refuse conveyance equipment to transport refuse to the final dumpsite at Nkawie. Wheelbarrows are used to convey a large volume of refuse from the market to the Nkawie refuse disposal site which is very far away from the market, this requires an engine driven machine like the 'Aboboyaa' to effectively manage waste in that market.

The table below shows how market inspection activities were carried out:

AREA COUNCIL	TOTAL NO. OF MARKETS	NO. OF MARKETS INSPECTED	% OF MARKETS INSPECTED
Abuakwa	3	3	100.0
Adankwame	1	1	100.0
Afari	1	1	100.0
Akropong	4	4	100.0
Barekese	1	1	100.0
Nkawie-Toase	2	2	100.0

TOTAL	12	12	100.0
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5.1.0 PROSECUTIONS

Sanitary cases sent to Court for various sanitary offences during the year under review and their outcomes are shown in the table below:

AREA COUNCIL	NO. OF CASES SENT TO COURT	NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL CASES	NUMBER OF BENCH WARRANTS
Abuakwa	18	9	9
Adankwame	5	3	2
Afari	8	5	3
Akropong	10	4	6
Barekese	-	-	-
Nkawie-Toase	14	8	6
TOTAL	55	29	26

6.1.0 STRAY ANIMALS

There were no arrests of stray animals during the year 2014 due to the absence of a pound at the District Assembly to keep stray animals.

7.1.0 HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

During this period, the following Health education and promotion activities were embarked upon;

- i. Personal and environmental hygiene Education
- ii. Food Safety Education
- iii. Medical examination of food vendors to ascertain their fitness.
- iv. Clean-up exercises including the National Sanitation Day Clean ups

8.1.0 CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

- a. Inadequate tools and equipment for sanitation activities.

- b. Fewer sanitary labourers than required.
- c. Lack of transport for field inspections.
- d. Lack of motivation for staff e.g. on the job training, uniform for technical staff etc.
- e. Interference from influential persons especially on Court issues.

9.0 THE WAY FORWARD

Intensification of health education and promotion activities to reach most community members in 2015 and beyond.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is my belief that if the following recommendations are put in place, it would go a long way to improve sanitation in the district:

- i. The Assembly should construct a public pound to manage the stray animals menace.
- ii. Three (3) more sanitary labourers should be employed by the Assembly to assist in environmental sanitation activities.
- iii. Means of transport should be made available to the Department for field inspection.
- iv. Adequate tools and equipment should be procured for the Department.
- v. Training programmes such as workshops, seminars etc. should be organized regularly for the technical staff.
- vi. Assembly members and other private individuals who are managing public toilets and refuse dumpsites should be made to sign franchise agreements, and also pay monthly fees to the Assembly to finance sanitation activities.
- vii. The Nerebehi pan latrine should be immediately demolished to prevent any possible outbreak of diseases in the District.

11.0 CONCLUSION

During the period under review, there were no outbreak of any diseases although the year was filled with challenges like the outbreak of cholera in some parts of the country that led to the death of many people. However a lot has to be done by the District Assembly to avoid any possible filth related disease outbreak by committing resources to support the Environmental Health Department to perform its mandated duties.