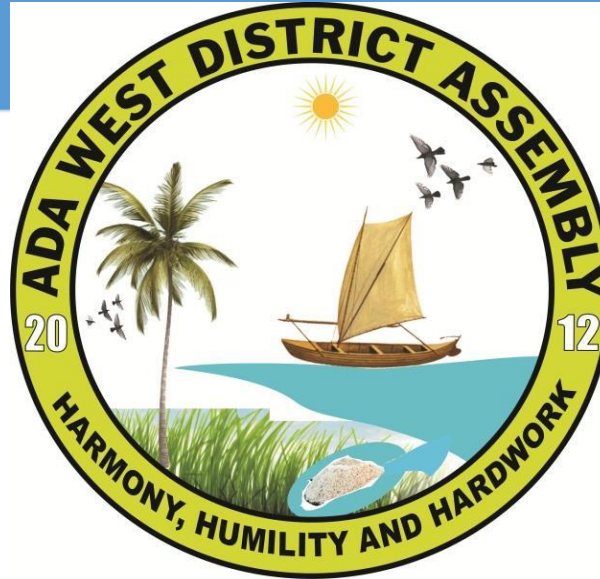


ADA WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



Social Welfare And Community Development Department

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Report highlights the progress, major achievements and challenges of the Department during the year 2023. In fulfillment of the Local Government Service's mandate of rendering quality services, the Department is responsible for the integration of the Disadvantaged, Vulnerable and the Excluded into the Mainstream of Development and to contribute towards the improvement of the standard of living of the people in the District.

Activities undertaken over the last three (3) months include home assessment and reintegration of rescued children, education and sensitization on child labor/ child trafficking, teenage pregnancy, adolescent reproductive health, case work, court work, monitoring of NGOs and CBOs activities, implementation of ISS activities, group monitoring and visits, monitoring and registration of NGOs and associations monitoring of beneficiaries of the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP), group meetings, monitoring of cases, among others.

Challenges

Untimely receipts and release of GOG and UNICEF funds to undertake planned activities of the Department.

Way forward

Funds for the implementation of departmental activities should be released on time.

An office vehicle to facilitate field activities of the Department would go a long way to improve upon services rendered to the citizenry

Staff Strength

S/N	NAME OF OFFICER	GRADE	SEX
1.	Abigail Teye	Ag. Head of Dept. – S.S.D.O	Female
2.	Karimu Sulemana	Ag. C.D.Unit Head. – S.S.D.O	Male
3.	Dotse Philip	S.S.D.O	Male
4.	Abugbilla Samuel Mbagre	S.S.D.A	Male
5.	Simon Osei Addo	P.T. O	Male
6.	Michael Boamah	S.S.D. A	Male
7.	Augustina A. Braimah	S.S.D.A	Female
8.	Isaac Owusu Asante	National Service Personnel	Male
	Leticia Obeng	National Service Personnel	Female

Status of Implementation of Non – Physical Projects/Programs as at December 2023

-	PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION OF POLICY FRAMEWORK	AMOUNT INVOLVED SUM GH¢	SOURCE OF FUNDING	DATE STARTED	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS (%)	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES		REMARKS
										Male	Female	
1	Public education and sensitization on children's Act 1998, (560) Human Trafficking Act, 2005 (Act 694) Labour Act, 2003 (Act 651)	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	3,730.00 / 1,440.00	Donor (UNICEF)/GoG	January 2023	December 2023			100	416	284	Completed
2	Investigate, monitor and supervise cases of abuse, trafficking, child labour, child maintenance, family welfare, juveniles and families under probation.	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	8,500.00	Donor (UNICEF)	January 2023	December 2023			100	17	35	Ongoing
3	Monitor, register and supervise early childhood development and day-care centres.	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	-	IGF/GOG	-	-				10	17	Lack of funds to undertake more monitoring
4	Sensitize 15 schools on teenage pregnancy and its related issues.	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	5,320.00 / 1,800.00	Donor (UNICEF)/GoG	January 2023	December 2023			100	984	607	Completed
5	Register vulnerable groups (LEAP beneficiaries	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	1,400.00	Donor	January 2023	December 2023			100	504	640	Completed

	OVCs and PWDs) unto NHIS											
6	Facilitate, supervise and monitor disbursement of LEAP grants to beneficiaries	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	500.00	IGF/GOG	January 2023	December 2023			100	466	696	Ongoing
7	Facilitate, supervise and monitor the implementation (Procurement and disbursement) of 3% DACF to PWDs and OPWDs	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	281,553.98	DACF	January 2023	December 2023			100	97	86	Completed
8	Facilitate training for women groups on income generating activities, business management and skill development	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	-	IGF/GOG	-	-	-	-	100	18	204	Completed
9	Sensitize groups on domestic violence and other gender related issues.		1,510.00	IGF/GOG	January 2023	December 2023			100	68	125	Completed
10	Monitor women groups activities		1,800.00	GoG	January 2023	December 2023			100	51	196	Completed
11	Monitor effective implementation of the Ghana School Feeding programme activities in the district.		1,000.00	IGF	January 2023	December 2023			100	5818	5347	Completed
12	Staff training	Social development	9540.00	Donor (UNICEF)/GoG	January 2023	December 2023				33	14	Completed

12	Monitor HIV and AIDS Programs and activities	-	6,265.00	IGF/GoG	January 2023	December 2023	-	-	100	604	549	Completed
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Table 2b performance of national core indicators at the district level

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT		Baseline (2020)		Target 2021	Actual 2022		Target 2023	Actual 2023	
		Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female
1.	Number of recorded cases of trafficking and abuse								
	i. Child trafficking (Sex)	-	1	5	-	1	5	-	-
	ii. Child abuse (Sex)	-	2	5	-	2	5	-	-

SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

CHILD RIGHT PROTECTION AND PROMOTION

During the year, as part of the implementation of the UNICEF ISS programme being undertaken in the district, a one-day training on ISSOP was organized by the department for relevant stakeholders who directly handle issues of children. The training sort to strengthen collaboration and also equip stakeholders on the usage of the child protection tool kit and Standardized forms. It was also a forum for idea and field experience sharing by stakeholders. This training was facilitated by officers of the Social Welfare and Community Development Department of the district and participated by stakeholders from GES, GHS, NCCE, CHRAJ, NGOs, CCPC members, staff of the department, media the district coordinating director among others. A total of thirty -seven (37) persons made up of 12 females and 25 males.

Also, representatives from the MoGCSP and LGS trained staff of the department on the usage of the child protection tool kit application to report all sensitization activities carried out. This application was to give access to the ministry on sensitization exercise to know the progress and number of persons reached for the purpose of data sharing and also to inform subsequent decisions on the issues discussed. A total of 10 persons made up of 2 females and 8 males were trained. SOS Village is also assisting financially to empower families of trafficked children and families at risk of trafficking. In the fourth quarter, 120 families have been vetted and hopefully in the coming quarter, the qualified ones will be supported to empower them economically.

The department also organized sensitization on radio (Okorli FM) and Wokumagbe on child labour, trafficking and also mandates of the department to the citizenry. This sensitization was done in collaboration with the CCPCs and Ghana Survival Network- Ada West Branch members. This exercise was to throw more light on the dangers of trafficking and the relevance of the institution of the department in the district.

Additionally, with collaboration from GES and GHS, there were series of education on teenage pregnancy, child trafficking, child labour and other adolescent reproductive health held in 15 selected schools in the district. This activity was essential as it was to part of strategies to help curb the menace of the increasing number of teenage pregnancy cases in the district. A total of **1,603** pupils made up of **545** females and **824** males were reached during this exercise.

The department in collaboration with S.O.S Village assisted the Lolonya Community (a community that is prone to trafficking) to develop a **community action plan** to guide the community on interventions to undertake on their own to augment the efforts of the department and other collaborating agencies to curb the menace of trafficking in the community. The exercise was successful with the chiefs, opinion leaders, CCPC members, assembly members, unit committee members and community members coming on board to participate in developing the action plan. The department will assist the community in subsequent quarters to implement all activities tabled in the plan. A total of 170 community members made up of 79 females and 91 males were involved.



Sensitization on ARH and teenage pregnancy for Sege Schools



A presentation by the S.O.S Villages Coordinator at the forum.



Discussion on community action plan in groups

The Department also collaborated with the NHIA to enroll 381 OVCs (school pupils) in selected basic schools in Sege. This activity was to enable them gain free access to health care and reduce the financial burden of medical bills on their parents and caregivers.

Monitoring of CCPCS and Home visits of Reintegrated Children

The Department in collaboration with S.O.S and International Needs Ghana (INGH) monitored activities of CCPCs and other Child Protection related activities in some selected communities in the district.

Below is a table of home visits and activities undertaken during the year

No	Name of Community	No. of Homes Visited	Audience Reached			Activity
			Male	Female	Total	
1.	Sege	25	67	94	161	• Home assessment for economic support • Education on: - Home management - Sanitation - Child Care - Home tracing

2.	Wokumagbe	17	23	29	52	• Education on support for reintegrated children • Sensitization on child rights promotion and Presentation of educational materials to reintegrated child
3.	Kablevu	3	5	11	16	• Home assessment • Child Rights • Monitored reintegrated child
4.	Addoadjikope	2	3	5	8	• Education on child protection and promotion • Monitoring of CBAs •
5.	Lolonya	12	4	28	32	• Home assessment for economic support • Education on support for reintegrated children • Sensitization on child rights promotion and Presentation of educational materials to reintegrated children
6.	Nakomkope	5	18	31	49	• Home assessment • Child Rights • Monitored reintegrated child
7.	Bornikope	6	24	35	59	• Education on child protection
8.	Anyamam	3	5	11	16	• Home assessment for economic support
9.	Goi	2	4	5	9	• Home assessment • Reintegration
Total		75	153	249	402	

Case Work

The Department during the quarter received cases of family welfare, child maintenance missing children among others.

Below is disaggregated data on number of cases handled in the quarter.

NATURE OF CASE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES RECORDED	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES SUCCESSFULLY HANDLED	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES PENDING	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES REFERRED TO THE GHANA POLICE SERVICE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES REFERRED TO THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE COURT	GENDER	
						Male	Female
Maintenance	16	12	2	-	2	-	16
Family welfare	35	29	5	-	1	7	9
Missing children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Custody	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abandoned children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hospital social welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Delinquents	3	2	-	-	1	3	-
Reintegrated children	4	4	-	-	-	4	-
Referral from GES	2	2	-	-	-	-	2
Referral from GHS	3	3	-	-	-	-	3
Grand total	63	52	9	-	1	19	30

JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

Final judgement on the juvenile who stole bags of pepper in the previous quarter was passed during first quarter. He is currently serving a six months' probation period in the district. Monitoring will be done by the department to ensure other rulings from the court with regards to his probation would be followed accordingly to enable him become a better version of himself.

During the year, the department received three letters from the Magistrate court to conduct a Social enquiry on three juveniles. One who had stolen some items, the other being part of adults who had stolen items while the third involved a juvenile who murdered another child respectively. Social enquires reports on these cases were duly prepared with necessary recommendation in the best interest of the juveniles made, awaiting subsequent hearings and final judgment from the court while the other involving a juvenile who is murdered another child.

After three court hearings of the murder case, the juvenile offender has been granted bail to appear in court again on 22nd January 2024 by which the court would have received the autopsy report from the Ghana Police Service to assist in the case. The unit visits the home of the juvenile to counsel her as it was noticed in court that she was psychologically affected by the incidence.

COMMUNITY CARE

Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)

During the year, 81st and 82nd, 83rd and 84, 85th and 86th payment cycles grants were paid to a total number of four hundred and thirty - two (435) households at the 10 designated pay points in the communities within the district. There was a 3 member team from the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection to monitor the payment and interact with beneficiaries and focal persons to ascertain the impact of the grant. The Honorable Lariba Zuweira, Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection was in the district and monitored the 85th and 86th cycle payment exercise. Due to the ezwich device developing a fault, the 87th cycle payment was put on hold.

The head of Management Information System Unit at LEAP Secretariat, Mr Jerry Yarney joined staff of the department in monitoring beneficiary households in the districts to assess the impact of the programme on the livelihood of the beneficiaries and challenges of the LEAP programme.

The department collaborated with the District NHIS to renew the cards of 372 beneficiaries to enable them have access to free medical health care.



The Ag. HoD sensitizing beneficiaries during payment



The Hon. Minister observing payment at Lolonya



Payment at Salom



Payment at Nuhalenya



A visit to a cassava farm by a beneficiary



Provision store operated by a beneficiary

EDUCATION AND SENSITISATION

The Department collaborated with the HIV Focal Person of the Ada west District Assembly and Ghana Education Service to embark on HIV/AIDS education, adolescent and reproductive health issues and teenage pregnancy at Anyamam Community Junior High School, Anyamam Presbyterian No.2 Basic School, Adjumanikope D/A Basic School and Agbedrafor D/A Basic School. This exercise was to conscientize the pupils on the existence of HIV/AIDS and the need to keep good personal hygiene as well as some preventive methods to curb teenage pregnancy.

The following table indicates the list of schools visited and the number of pupils reached.

S/N	SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	ATTENDANCE		
			Male	Female	Total
1.	Anyamam Community JHS	Anyamam	83	75	158
2.	Anyamam Presby No.2 Basic School	Anyamam	46	37	83
3.	Adjumanikope D/A Basic School	Adjumanikope	55	57	112

4.	Agbedrafor D/A Basic School	Agbedrafor	48	29	77
	TOTAL		232	198	430



HIV Education at Ayamam Community JHS



Madam Erica's presentation at Ayamam Community JHS

DISABILITY

During the year, funds, items and equipment were disbursed to over 108 beneficiary PWDs in areas of economic and business, health, assistive devices (wheel chairs), cash, education, apprenticeship and equipment. Beneficiaries were educated and cautioned to put into good use the support received so it would serve its purpose of equipping them and improve upon their living standards.



The D.C.E with HoD inspecting the items



A beneficiary presented with a wheelchair by the Hon DCE



A beneficiary presented with a complete industrial sewing machine and an overlook machine



A beneficiary with a deep freezer

The department monitored **10** beneficiaries of the fund from the previous quarters (from Lolonya, Sege, Amuyaokope, Caesarkope, Anyamam, Amuyaokope, Koluedor) to find out whether they were judiciously making use of the resources they were equipped with. At the end of the exercise, it was recommended that suggestions should be made to the common fund administrator to release the funds on a quarter base consistently to serve beneficiaries and meet their needs on time. Fourteen (14) members of the Ghana federation of the disabled (GFD) in the district were also supported to participate in the national disability day celebration that took place at the Accra Rehabilitation Centre on 23rd June 2023.

The Department during the year partook in one meeting of the Physically Challenge Persons with Disability in the District. Members of the Association were taken through the right process seeking financial support from the assembly by writing to the District Disability Fund Management Committee. They were also educated on the need to put the fund into a productive venture to enable them to be self-reliant.

The secretary of the association in addressing the members admonished them to take their lifestyle serious as some of them are fond of living lifestyles characterized by drunkenness. Also, participants were encouraged desist from seeking alms but rather venture into businesses like learning a trade, petty trading or crop or animal farming.

A total of 88 persons were present at the meeting. Out of this number, fifty (50) twenty – three (23) males and twenty – seven (27) females NHIS membership numbers were taken, forwarded to District Office of NHIA and have been renewed.

GENDER EQUITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

During the year, the Business Resource Centre in the district collaborate with the department to organize week long trainings on business management and entrepreneurship for women groups in the distinct. The training was participated by women traders, entrepreneurs, dressmakers, hairdressers, beauticians, and apprentices, small scale manufactures, farmers among others. The training was to equip them on how to manage their businesses and improve upon their services to maximize profit. A total of 150 women participated in this training.

The department also participated in some of the weekly meeting of the Anyamam Branch of the Tailor and Dressmakers Association and the Beauticians and Hairdressers Association, Sege Branch respectively.

Below is a tabular presentation

Name Of Group	Activities	Male	Female	Total
Tailors and dressmakers' association	Dressmaking, Tailoring, Pattern designing	18	24	42
Beauticians and hairdressers' association	Hair styling, hair braiding, pedicure, manicure, makeup.	-	34	34
Total		18	58	76

Home Visits

No	Name of Community	No. of Homes Visited	Audience Reached			Activity
			Male	Female	Total	
1.	Wokumagbe	9	15	23	38	- Home management - Malaria sensitisation - LEAP
2.	Akplabanya	5	6	17	23	- Interacted with LEAP beneficiaries. - Community Sensitization on Teenage Pregnancy
3.	Anyamam	7	14	14	28	Malaria sensitisation
4.	Badzoohe / Amuyaokope	15	37	37	74	- Home management - Community sensitization on Child Labor/ Trafficking - Monitored reintegrated child
5.	Sege	14	15	42	57	Interacted with LEAP beneficiaries.
6.	Lolonya	2	3	8	11	Interacted with LEAP beneficiaries

Total	52	90	141	231	
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Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) / Community Based Organizations (CBOs)

Monitoring of Reintegrated Children/ Follow - ups

The department with support from International Justice Mission (IJM) monitored some reintegrated children in some communities in the district. The department also conducted home assessment of some of the families these children have been reintegrated into and made recommendations to the District Assembly and the IJM for support to these families to enable them take good care of these children.

The table below indicates the communities and the activities monitored.

S/N	COMMUNITY	PURPOSE	COLLABORATING AGENCY	No. OF OFFICERS
1.	Sege	Follow – up on home assessment on the family of 1 victim of child trafficking.	International Justice Mission (IJM)	2
2.	Goi	Reintegration of child	IJM	2
3.	Wokumagbe (Lekpowonor)	Monitored reintegrated child	International Justice Mission (IJM)	2



Staff of the Department with the grandmother of the reintegrated child at the Goi community during home visits and assessment,



Reintegration at Sege with the support of social welfare officer from
Krachi East District Assembly



Reintegration at Goi

The Department in collaboration with Dream Weaver Organization and Ghana Health Service, Ghana Education Service held a number of sensitisation activities on malaria. These activities included malaria sensitisation in nineteen (19) schools two monitoring exercise of eighteen *community-based agent* (18 CBAs) in their respective communities of volunteering work a review meeting held at the District Health Directorate. A two – day malaria sensitisation in ten (10) communities using mobile van. This was done in collaboration with Ghana Health Service and National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE)

Below is disaggregated tabular presentation

S/N	Name of School	Facilitators	Topics Treated	No. Of Pupils	No. of Teachers
1.	Madavunu Basic School	Ms Jennifer Adubea – GHS Madam Gladys Kwame – GES Madam Erica Senanu - GES Philip Dotse – S.S.D.O Mr Samuel Teye	• What is malaria? • Causes of malaria • Mode of transmission • Signs and symptoms • Treatment • Who is at risk? • Preventive measures and • The use of bed net	205	10
2.	Tehey Basic School			153	7
3.	Mangoase Kenya Basic School			200	10
4.	Caesarkope Basic School			150	8
5.	Afiadenyegba			118	3
6.	Wokumagbe Basic School			380	9
7.	Aklpabanya D/A Basic School			644	11
8.	Anyamam Presby No. 2 Primary			435	9
9.	Lolonya D/A Basic School			445	9
10.	Nakomkope D/A Basic School			268	4
11.	Songorkope D/A Basic School			157	6
12.	Agbedrafor Presby Primary			196	7
13.	Toflokpo Presby Primary			446	16
14.	Salom D/A Basic School			424	11
15.	Ayisah D/A Basic			225	10
16.	Luta D/A Basic			148	14
17.	Amuyaakope D/A Basic School			285	9
18.	Koni D/A Basic			185	8
19.	Sege Presby No. 1 Primary School			776	7
Total				5,840	168



Demonstrating the folding of the bed net by Ms Jennifer



Education at led by Mad. Erica

S/N	Community	Facilitators	Community Member	Gender	
				M	F
1.	Lolonya	Samuel Apeankrah Mad. Grace Dzormeku Philip Dotse	Pregnant women CBAs	9	44
2.	Kportitsekope				
3.	Toflokpo				
4.	Akplabanya				
5.	Anyamam				
6.	Wokumagbe				
7.	Agbedrafor				
8.	Sege				
9.	J.J. Farms				

10.	Amuyakope/Badzoohe				
11.	Luhuor				
12.	Mangoase Kenya				
13.	Tugahkope				
14.	Tehey				
15.	Madavunu				
16.	Addodoadjikope				
17.	Afiadenyigba				



Education at Lolonya



Education at Anyamam

Also, a monitoring team consisting of the Regional Malaria Focal Person and two officers from National Malaria Control Programme (NMPC) conducted a monitoring exercise to assess the impact of these volunteers and interact with some opinion leaders and pregnant women in three communities namely Sege, Lolonya and Anyamam. A breakdown of community members interacted with is given below.

No. people interacted with

S/N	PARTICIPANT	SEX	
		M	F
1.	CBA	2	1
2.	Pregnant women	-	14
Total		2	14



The team interacting some pregnant women and a community member at Sege



The monitoring addressing the volunteers at the review meeting



Education at Sege Market using mobile van



Education at Toflokpo Motto (Okada) Station

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