

OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT

2009 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

DECEMBER 2009

CHAPTER ONE

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Monitoring of activities helps to measure progress and ensure that activities are occurring according to plan and are on schedule. It keeps track of how a project or programme is being implemented and how closely it is matching the set plans and goals. Evaluation however is the periodic assessment of overall achievements and impacts.

Monitoring and evaluation is needed to monitor policy, assess implementation plans, programmes, rules, regulations and processes as contained in the DMTDP **2006-2009** and to determine if the implementation has succeeded, that has had the desired impact and if not why?

Monitoring and evaluation provides the feedback used to correct variations when necessary. It allows judgments to be made on appropriate corrective action to be taken to keep plans operating properly as intended.

It helps to track resources or inputs and outputs to ensure that the programmes/projects are proceeding according to according to plan and designed.

1.1 KEY M&E OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

1. To access whether the whether the DMTDP developmental plans has been achieved
2. To identify achievements, constraints and failures so that proper corrections can be made to the DMTDP and project designs to achieve better impact.
3. To provide information for effective coordination of district development at the regional level.
4. To provide district authorities, the government, development partners, community project management teams and the general public with better means for learning from past experiences
5. To improve service delivery and influence allocation of resources in the districts and demonstrate results as part of accountability and transparency to Ghanaians and other stakeholders.
6. To reinforce ownership of the DMTDP and build M&E capacity within each District.

1.2 PROCESSES INVOLVD AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The processes include both usage of qualitative and quantitative methods of gathering data.

Previous reports and other related documents were also reviewed and parts were given to decentralized department for completion of the report.

Limited time, inconsistency in records kept and delay from decentralized departments are the difficulties encountered.

1.4 STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DMTDP

THEMATIC AREAS INCLUDING OTHER INTERVENTIONS	PROGRAMME/PROJECT STATUS				REASONS FOR DEVIATIONS	ACTIONS TAKEN TO REMEDY THE SITUATION
	Fully Implemented	Partially Implemented	On-going	Not Implemented		
PRIVATE SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS						
Provision of agricultural inputs to farmers			On-going			
Provision of micro-credit to farmers				Not Implemented	DA did not have the resources to undertake that	No actions taken
Provision of adequate extension services			On-going		Provision of extension staff still not adequate as a result of failure of Ministry to post more staff	
Rehabilitation of Akomadan Irrigation Scheme	Fully implemented					
Provision of improved seedlings to farmers(cocoa, citrus and oil palm)	Fully Implemented					
Rehabilitation of markets			On-going			
Extension of Electricity			On-going			

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Rehabilitation of Feeder Roads	Fully implemented					
Construction of 2.5km Akomadan Town Roads	Fully implemented					
Improvement of existing storage facilities/construction of additional facilities				Not Implemented	Resources were not allocated to this intervention area	Farmers still used the traditional methods of storage
Offering employment to the unemployed youth		Partially Implemented			Resource constraints	Limited number of youth were employed under the NYEP
Organisation of Tourism Promotion Education				Not Implemented	Limited tourism potentials exist in the district	No actions were taken
Support to the celebration of National Farmers Day	Fully Implemented					
Construction of 15 Small Scale Irrigation Dams				Not Implemented	Resource constraints	No actions were taken

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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT						
Rehabilitation of 1No.6-Unit Classroom Block at Nyamebkyere No.1	Fully Implemented					
Rehabilitation of 1No. JHS Block at Nyamebkyere No.1	Fully Implemented					
Construction of 1No.6-Unit Classroom Block at Bosomponso				Not implemented	Resource constraints	
Construction of 1No.3-Unit JHS Block at Bosomponso				Not implemented	Resource constraints	Pupils continue their JHS in other towns
Completion of 1No. 6-Unit Classroom Block at Nkenkaasu	Fully Implemented					
Construction of 1No. 6-Unit Classroom Block at Nsenoafie				Not Implemented	Population of children of school-going age not encouraging	They have been absorbed by the Amponsakrom D/A Prim. Sch.
Construction of 1No. 6-Unit Block at Brohoma			On- going		Inadequate funds.	1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block is being constructed. They have already moved in to occupy the building

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Construction of 1No. 6-Unit Classroom Block at Papasisi				Not Implemented	Inadequate funds.	The existing structure is still being used
Provision of scholarship to brilliant, but needy students	Fully Implemented					
Sponsorship for Teacher Trainees		Partially Implemented			Resource constraints	Teacher Trainees were sponsored without any financial support package
Support to Best Teachers Award				Not Implemented	Resource constraints	No actions were taken
Strengthening PTAs and SMCs	Fully implemented					
Completion of MCH Block at Kobreso	Fully Implemented					
Support to National Immunisation Programme	Fully Implemented					
Organisation of Community Environmental Cleanliness Campaign	Fully Implemented					Used the Environmental officers to educate the people on their normal rounds
Organisation of Public Education on domestic toilets facilities at Asuoso and Nkenkaasu facilities at Asuoso and Nkenkaasu				Not Implemented	Inadequate funds	Used the Environmental officers to educate the people on their normal rounds

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Evacuation of Refuse Dumps at Nkenkaasu, Akomadan and Afrancho				Not Implemented	Inadequate funds	No actions were taken
Purchasing of Sanitary Facilities	Fully Implemented					
Rehabilitation of Toilet Facilities at Akomadan, Nkenkaasu and Afrancho			On- going			
Enforcement of Bye-Laws on Sanitation	Fully Implemented					
Drilling of 4No. Boreholes				Not Implemented	Resource constraints	No actions were taken.
Support for DRI(HIV/AIDS)	Fully Implemented					
Intensification of Public Education on District Mutual Health Insurance Scheme	Fully Implemented					
Completion of Dormitory Block for the Physically Challenged			On- going		Inadequate funds has delayed its completion	
Rehabilitation of 1No.4-Unit Classroom Block at Akomadan DA Prim/JHS" A"			On-going			

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Construction of welded mesh fence wall at Akomadan DA Prim/JHS"A"			On-going			
Construction 1No.8-Seater KVIP FOR Akomadan DA Prim/JHS"A"			On-going			

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GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY						
Disaster Management				Not Implemented		No disasters were reported. There were educational campaigns on fire prevention by the District Fire Service
Organisation of public awareness creation through effective campaigns on the role of women and the vulnerable in society	Fully implemented					
Construction of Law Court at Akomadan				Not Implemented	Inadequate funds	Cases are sent to the Courts at Offinso
Construction of Area Council Office for Nsenoaman				Not Implemented	Inadequate funds	Meetings took place at the Sarfokrom D/A Prim. Sch.
Provision of Permanent Staff for Urban/Town/Area Councils				Not Implemented	Inadequate funds	The Executives of the Urban/Town/Area Councils were used
Equip the police with the necessary logistics		Partially Implemented			Inadequate funds	They were provided with fuel to enhance security patrols
Construction of 1No. 10-Unit Office Block for the District Administration			On-going			

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DMTDP 2006-2009

A. Private Sector Competitiveness

Total No. of Projects: 14(100%)

- Fully Implemented: 5(36%)
- Partially implemented: 1(7%)
- Ongoing Projects: 4(28.5%)
- Not Implemented: 4(28.5%)

B. Human Resource Development

Total No. of Projects: 27(100%)

- Fully Implemented: 11(41%)
- Partially implemented: 2(7%)
- Ongoing Projects: 6(22%)
- Not Implemented: 8(30%)

C. Good Governance and Civic Responsibility

Total No. of Projects: 7(100%)

- Fully Implemented: 1(14.3%)
- Partially implemented: 1(14.3%)
- Ongoing Projects: 1(14.3%)
- Not Implemented: 4(57.1%)

Summary of Status of implementation of DMTDP 2006-2009

Total No. of Projects: 48(100%)

- Fully implemented: 17 (35.4%)
- Partially implemented: 4(8.3%)
- On-going Projects: 11(23%)
- Not implemented: 16(33.3%)

CHAPTER TWO

MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) ACTIVITIES REPORT

PROGRAMME AND PROJECT STATUS OF THE YEAR

No.	Project Description	Thematic Area	Location	Name of Contractor	Contract Sum (GH¢)	Exp. to Date (GH¢)	Date started	Comple tion Date	Status		
									On-going		Completed
									Stage	%	
01	Const. of 1No. MCH Block	H.R	Kobreso	M/S Gyamfi Kumaning	41,869.05	41,869.05	April 2003		Roofed and plastered	95	Work at standstill
02	Const. of 1No. Dormitory Block for the physically challenge	H.R	Nkenkasau	M/S Living Grace	49,119.42	30,000.00	May 2004			75	Work at standstill
03	Const. and compl. of District Administra tion Block(Started with MP's Common Fund)	GGCR	Akomadan	M/S AL-Maweah Ent.	49,601.20	42,409.71	March 2008			100	Completed
04	Reh. Of proposed 3-Bedroom Accomodation for the D.C.E	GGCR	Akomadan	M/S Mumed Ltd	49,904.10	38,000.00	April 2008	July, 2008		100	Completed
05	Rehabilitation of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block at Wiafe Akenten J.H.S	H.R	Nkenkaasu	M/S Living Grace Co. Ltd	22,452.00	9,924.66			Exterior painting done, but interior not done	80	Work at standstill

DACF PROJECTS

No.	Project Description	Thematic Area	Location	Name of Contractor	Contract Sum (GH¢)	Exp. to Date (GH¢)	Date started	Completion Date	Status		
									On-going		Completed
									Stage	%	
06	Rehabilitation of Urban Council office	GGCR	Akomadan	M/S Living Grace Co. Ltd	15,913.80	15,913.80	June 2008		Roofed and plastered		
07	Supply of streetlights and Accessories	Private Sector Competitive	Akomadan Afrancho Nkenkaasu Darso, Kobreso, Asuoso	M/S Prefos	30,000.00	30,000.00	May 2008	May 2008			
08	Const. of 1No. Senior Staff Bungalow A61	GGCR	Akomadan	M/S Living Grace Co. Ltd	82,430.46	40,880.57	2 nd Sept. 2008		Roofed and plastered	75	
09	Const. of 1No. Senior Staff Bungalow A59	GGCR	Akomadan	M/S Otasco Agency	77,500.00	36,958.01	2 nd Sept. 2008	July, 2008	Gable level	30	
10	Const. of 1No. Semi-Detached Staff Bungalow	GGCR	Akomadan	M/S ICKAS Co. Ltd	65,508.67	21,660.73	2 nd Sept. 2008		Gable level	65	
11	Const. of 1No. Semi-Detached Staff Bungalow	GGCR	Akomadan	M/S Manatab Ent.	64,995.24	30,629.58	2 nd Sept. 2008		Roofed	70	
12	Const. of 2No. 4-Bedroom Staff Quarters	GGCR	Akomadan	M/S K. TAC Ent.	124,387.44	45,555.38	2 nd Sept. 2008		Gable level	65	

DACF

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									On-going		Completed
									Stage	%	
13	Construction of 2No. 3-Unit Classroom Block with store. Office and library at Wiafe Akenten Primary School	H.R	Nkenkaasu	M/S KAKAS	13,850.29	15,913.80			Roofed and partly painted. Work is at a standstill	80	

GETFUND PROJECTS

No.	Project Description	Thematic Area	Location	Name of Contractor	Contract Sum (GH¢)	Exp. to Date (GH¢)	Date started	Completion Date	Status		
									On-going		Completed
									Stage	%	
01.	Const. of BS1-6 Classroom Block with facilities at R/C	H.R	Akomadan	M/S SWASCON	60,000.00	35,000.00	April 2003		Roofed and plastered	80	
02	Const. of BS1-6 Classroom Block with ancillary facilities	H.R	Konkon	M/S Samuel & Sons	60,000.00	40,000.00	April 2003			100	Completed

SCHOOLS UNDER TREES PROJECTS

No.	Project Description	Thematic Area	Location	Name of Contractor	Contract Sum (GH¢)	Exp. to Date (GH¢)	Date started	Completion Date	Status		
									On-going		Completed
									Stage	%	
01.	Const. of 1No. 6-Unit Classroom Block	H.R	Onyamebek yere No. 1		73,000.00	Paid from Accra	Oct. 2007				Completed
02	Const. of 1No. 6-Unit Classroom Block	H.R	Nkwankwaa	M/S Living Grace Co. Ltd	73,000.00	Paid from Accra	Oct. 2007				Completed
03	Const. of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block	H.R	Akomadan	M/S K. Asante	38.300.00	Paid from Accra	Oct. 2007			75%	
04	Const. of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block	H.R	Amponsakrom	M/S K- TAC	38,300.00	Paid from Accra	Oct. 2007				Completed
05	Const. of 1No. 6-Unit Classroom Block at R.C Prim. Sch.	H.R	Nkenkaasu	M/S JAKWACO	73,3000.00	Paid from Accra	Oct. 2007				Completed

CBRDP BLOCK GRANT SUBPROJECTS

No.	Project Description	Thematic Area	Location	Name of Contractor	Contract Sum (GH¢)	Exp. to Date (GH¢)	Date started	Completion Date	Status		
									On-going		Completed
									Stage	%	
01.	Const. of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block	H.R	Brohoma	M/S Yusif Ismail	32,700.00	20,592.53	April 2006		Roofed plastered	90	Contractor not on site
02	Reh. Of 1No. 4-Unit Classroom Block	H.R	Nkenkaasu	M/S Atwimaman	28,600.00	11,800.00			Gable level	40	Contractor not on site
03	Reh. Of Market	P.S.C	Afrancho	M/S Living Grace Co. Ltd	25,100.00	6,218.23				5	Contractor not site
04	Reh. Of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block at Methodist PrIm. Sch.	H.R	Akomadan	M/S Appiah Donkor	26,000.00	5,700.00					Completed
05	Const. of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block, office, store and sanitary facilities	H.R	Mantukwa	M/S Emmanuel Const. Co. Ltd.	55,501.80	11,100.36	9/9/09	9/3/2010	Foundation level	10	

CBRDP AREA COUNCIL SUBPROJECTS

No.	Project Description	Thematic Area	Location	Name of Contractor	Contract Sum (GH¢)	Exp. to Date (GH¢)	Date started	Completion Date	Status		
									On-going		Completed
									Stage	%	
01.	Const. of CHIPP Compound	H.R	Amponsakrom	Nsenoa Area Council	-	5,000.00			Roofed	75	Awaiting release of funds
02	Const. of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block	H.R	Darso	Asuoso Area Council	-	5,000.00			Lintel level	65	Awaiting release of funds

DDF

No.	Project Description	Thematic Area	Location	Name of Contractor	Contract Sum (GH¢)	Exp. to Date (GH¢)	Date started	Completion Date	Status		
									On-going		Completed
									Stage	%	
01.	Rehabilitation of 1No. 4 Unit Classroom Block, office and store at D/A school 'A'	H.R	Akomadan	M/S Just Love Constact Work	36,132.60	10,839.78	20/12/09	20/13/2010	Unroofing the existing structure		
02	Const. of BS1-6 Classroom Block with ancillary facilities	H.R	Konkon	M/S Saberto Const.Ltd.	78,033.40	23,410.00	5/1/2010		Site clearing		

3. UPDATE ON DISBURSEMENT FROM FUNDING SOURCES

DISTRICT: OFFINSO NORT H

	2007	2008	2009	TOTAL
DACF		756,018.85	467,660.35	1,223,679.20
IGF		153,736.79	117,986.79	271,723.58
HIPC		20,000.00	25,000.00	45,000.00
GOG GRANTS		-	-	-
DDF			219,911.31	219,911.31
DONOR GRANT		4,500.00	18,963.00	23,463.00
TOTAL REVENUE		934,255.64	849,521.45	1,783,777.09

a. Releases of Funds

Releases of funds have been irregular. The quantum of funds has also kept dwindling as a result of so called statutory deductions especially from the DACF. The result is that a lot of programmes/projects remained uncompleted.

b. Efforts to Generate Funds

- i. A number of in-house trainings have been organised for the revenue staff in a bid to increase revenue
- ii. Some of the revenue collectors have been transferred internally to make them more effective because they have overstayed at their stations
- iii. A property revaluation exercise has been undertaken to get the rateable property database right
- iv. A Revenue Task Force has been formed to assist in revenue mobilisation

c. Other Challenges with regards to generating revenue

The bulk of the IGF is from market tolls which are collected on farm produce. This is seasonal and tends to affect the size of the IGF particularly in the dry season.

4. UPDATE ON DISBURSEMENT FROM FUNDING SOURCES

DISTRICT: OFFINSO NORT H

	2007	2008	2009	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION		47,130.56	46,157.18	93,287.74
SERVICE		13,011.40	4,249.05	17,260.45
INVESTMENT		-	-	-
SPECIAL PROJECTS		39,143.90	4,159.60	43,302.90
MISCELLANEOUS		27,663.79	20,645.58	48,309.37
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		126,949.65	75,210.81	202,160.46

d. Adequacy of Funds

Funds have not been adequate as a result some programmes/projects are ongoing whilst others could not be started.

e. Utilisation of funds in accordance with the budget

The budget was adhered to in the utilization of funds. However, deductions at the Common Fund Secretariat caused distortions.

f. Other Challenges with regards to disbursements

Some Programmes/projects could not be initiated as a result of due to inadequacy and irregular inflows which affected disbursement.

UPDATES ON CORE DISTRICT INDICATORS (Categorised by GPRS II Thematic Areas)

	PRIVATE SECTOR COMPETITVENESS	2009 Target	2007 Indicator level	2008 Indicator level	2009 indicator level
1.	Percentage (%) increase in yield of selected crops, livestock and fish				
2.	Proportion/length of roads maintained/rehabilitated -Trunk Roads(in km) -Urban Roads(in km) -Feeder Roads(in km)				
3.	% change in number of households with access to electricity				
4.	Hectares of degraded forest, mining, dry and wetlands rehabilitated/restored: a. Forest b. Mining c. Dry and Wetland				
5.	% increase in tourist arrivals				
6.	Teledensity/Penetration Rate				
	HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT				
7.	HIV/AIDS Prevalence Rate(5 of adult population 15-49 yrs HIV positive)				
8.	Maternal Mortality Ratio(Number of deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth per 100,000 live births)				
9.	Under – five mortality rate(Number of deaths occurring between birth and exact age five per 1000 live births)				
10.	Malaria case fatality in children under five years per 10,000 population				
11.	Percentage of population with sustainable access to safe water sources				
12.	% of population with access to improved sanitation(flush toilets, KVIP, Household latrine)				
13.	Gross Enrolment Rate(indicates the number of pupils/students of a given level of schooling-regardless of age-as proportion of the number of children in the relevant age group) -Primary -JHS				

	-SHS Net Admission Rate in Primary Schools(indicates primary one enrolment of pupils aged 6 years)				
14	Gender Parity Index(Ratio between girls and boys enrolment rates, the balance of parity is 1.00)				
15	Proportion of unemployed youth benefiting from skilled/apprenticeship and entrepreneurial training				
	GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY				
16	Total amount of internally generated revenue				
17	Amount of Development Partner and NGO funds contribution to DMTDP implementation				
18	% of DA expenditure within the DMTDP Budget (How much of DA's expenditure was not in the annual budget?)				
19	Number of reported cases of abuse(children, women and men)				
20	Police citizen ratio				

* As a new district there is no M&E Plan and this has made it difficult to obtain the information.

5. UPDATE ON CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ISSUES

a. The National Youth Employment Programme

The National Youth Employment Programme which was started in 2006 employs 322 people. Out of this figure, the male constitute 54.9 % whilst the female constitute 45.1%. The table below outlines the number of people in each module.

Module	Male	%	Female	%	Total
Teaching Assistants	138	42.8	57	17.7	195
Sanitation Aids	38	11.8	50	15.5	88
Auxiliary Nurses	1	0.3	38	11.8	39
Total	177	54.9	145	45.03	322

The programme has led to the following;

- It has also contributed to improved environmental sanitation in the district
- It has further contributed to improve health delivery in the district
- It has again contributed to improving the staffing situation in our schools particularly the rural schools where trained teachers refuse postings. However, the quality of their delivery is suspect.

b. Implementation of the District M&E Plan

The district has no M&E Plan because it did not inherit one from its mother district.

c. The Capitation Grant Implementation in the district

Capitation Grant Received for 2008/2009

<u>Terms</u>	<u>Net Deduction</u>	<u>Amount (GHC)</u>	<u>Deposit Schools Account</u>
1 st Tranche	Sports Levy	2,302.50	10,418.54
	Culture Levy	1,343.13	
	Exams Levy	4,796.75	
	Zonal Levy	325.18	
Total		8,768.56	
2 nd Tranche	Sports Levy	3,481.56	18,278.19
	Culture Levy	1,934.20	
	Exams Levy	4,835.50	
	Zonal Levy	483.58	
Total		10,734.84	
3 rd Tranche	Sports Levy	3,481.56	18,278.19
	Culture Levy	1,934.20	
	Exams Levy	4,835.50	
	Zonal Levy	483.58	
Total		10,734.84	
GRAND TOTAL		<u>30,238.24</u>	<u>46,974.92</u>

d. The School Feeding Programme

Receipts and Payment Accounts for 2009

		GHC	GHC	GHC
1	Balance B/fwd 2009	330.77		330.77
	RECEIPTS B/FWD 2008			
2	1 st Release			
3	2 nd Release			
4	3 rd Release			
5	4 th Release			
6	5 th Release			
7	6 th Release			
8	7 th Release			
9	8 th Release			
10	9 th Release			
11	10 th Release			
12	TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2009(Add 2-11)	156,019.60		<u>156,019.60</u>
13	TOTAL RECEIPTS(1+12)	156,350.37		156,350.37
	PAYMENTS FOR 2009			
14	Bank Charges	190.14		
15	School Feeding Expense	131,913.60		
16	Refund of 2008 balance to GSFP			
17	Others(Specify)			
18	TOTAL PAYMENT (Add 14-17)	132,103.74		<u>132,103.74</u>
19	BALANCE C/FWD(13-18)			24,246.63

Releases of School Feeding Programme are mostly in arrears. This has resulted in undue pressure on the Assembly and its attendant problems. The delay also affects the smooth running of the programme. Caterers have in some instances written to the Assembly to support them financially which is not feasible.

e. Livelihood Empowerment Projects

UNDP/Africa 2000 Network are currently providing community support packages under the Sustainable Rural Livelihoods Project (SRLP) to four (4) communities in the district towards the attainment of the MDGs. These communities are Dwenedabi, Afrancho, Mpaepaem and Asempanaye. The support is in the form of a gari-processing machine, improved maize and vegetable seeds, and bicycles for the Village Development Committees (VDCs). These have brought relief to the beneficiaries.

Hitherto, the UNDP had provided a corn mill and cashew nut cracker to Dwenedabi and Nyamebekyere No.1. It had also supported some communities such as Afrancho and Dwenedabi in grasscutter rearing, snail rearing, mushroom production as well as small ruminants' production. However, the latter have not been sustainable because they are run on group lines. The care and management have suffered.