

ASUNAFO SOUTH DISTRICT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

2009

DISTRICT PROFILE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Asunafo South District was carved out from the old Asunafo District and is among the new districts that were created by the Government in 2004.

The district has its capital at Kukuom. Other major towns in the district include Sankore, Kwapong, Abuom, Noberkaw and Dantano.

1.1 LOCATION AND SIZE

The District lies between latitudes 6° 27'N and 7° 00'N and longitudes 2° 23'W and 2° 52'W and shares common boundaries with the following:

- To the North: - Asunafo North District
- To the West and south-west: - Sefwi-Wiawso District (Western Region)
- To the East: - Asutifi District; and
- To the South-east: - Atwima District (Ashanti Region)

The total land area of the District is 875 km², with 88 km² covered by forest reserves.

Population

District population is 86,632

- Male 50.2%
- Female 49.8%
- Growth Rate 2.6%

Administration Divisions

District is divided into six (6) Administration Areas

1. Kukuom Area Council
2. Kwapong Area Council
3. Sankore Area Council
4. Kokooso Area Council
5. Abuom Area Council
6. Asarekrom Area Council

Rural Urban Spirit

Proportion of population living in the Rural and Urban Areas in the year 2000

Rural 83.0%

Urban 17.0%

Asunafo South District Assembly is predominantly rural.

Religious Beliefs

Christianity 78.7%, Islam 10% and Traditional religion 4.7%

Education

There are 165 schools comprising 63 kindergarten/Nursery, 63 primary, 37 Junior High Schools and 2 Senior High Schools.

Health

There are ten (10) health facilities operated by the Ghana Health Services and private sector.

There is no District Hospital.

Health Centres (Kukuom and Sankore) = 2

Rural Clinic (Asarekrom, Kokooso, Abuom and Kwapong) = 4

Private Clinic (Noberkaw) = 1

Maternity Home (Noberkaw) = 1

Postal and Tele-communication

There is one post office at Kukuom and three (3) Mobile phones Networks: MTN, TIGO and VODAPHONE.

Agricultural

Agricultural is the dominant sector. It employs 70.1% of the working population and provided 59.9% of household incomes. Major crops are cocoa, oil palm, plantain, cassava, cocoyam, maize and rice.

Industry

Three main industrial types are prevalent in the district. There are agro-based industries e.g. Palm oil extraction, cassava processing, soap making and akpeteshie distilling (44.5%), wood based industries e.g. carpentry and sawmilling (33.3%) and metal-based industries e.g. metal fabrication and fitting (22.2%)

Water

Water coverage in the district is 52.2%. There are two small Town Water Supply systems at Kukuom and Sankore, 55 boreholes and 80 hand-dug wells.

INTRODUCTION

KEY M & E OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

- Update on core District Indicators
- Update on fund sources and disbursement
- Update on District Data Base System
- Promotion of DPCU activities in the District
- Promotion of Community Based Rural Development Projects
- Management of District Education Fund to improve Education delivery in the District
- Provision of Health Infrastructure to improve Health Delivery in the District
- Establishment and Strengthening of Sub-district structures
- Support to community initiated projects
- Construction and Completion of classroom Block in the district
- Support to HIV/AIDS and Malaria promotion programmes in the district
- construction and completion of water and sanitation facilities in the district

Processes Involved

Selection of projects

Tendering process

Contract Awards

Implementation of project

Participatory monitoring and evaluation

Data collection and Analysis

Reporting

Dissemination

DIFFICULTIES

- Lack of understanding and cooperation on the part of various actors and stakeholder.
- Lack of financial support for M & E activities

- No vehicle set aside for M & E activities

	16	Conduct revenue sensitization programmes		100					
	17	Construct 40 market stalls		100					
	18	Construction of District Coordinating Director's bungalow		100					
Priorities for Private Sector Led Development	1	Construction of Abuom-Kyenkyesibuoso F/R		100					
	2	Rehabilitate Sankore-Adwuman road		100					
	3	Complete rehabilitation works on Abuom-Wagyakrom road		100					
	4	Construct wooden bridge over river Abonyere		100					
	5	Extend electricity to selected towns							
	6	Facilitate the extension of telecom to selected communities		100					
	7	Provision of motorbikes to extension Agric. Officers		100					
	8	Conduct in-service training workshops for extension service		100					
	9	Formation of farmer cooperatives		100					
	10	Establish demonstration farms		100					
	11	Provide credit to SMEs					-		
	12	Provision of credit to farmer cooperatives		100					
	13	Facilitate the establishment of cassava and palm oil processing industries					-		
	14	Organize training workshops for industrialists							
	15	Train youth in selected vocations		100					
	16	Create farmers information center					-		
	17	Train farmers on improved storage facilities		100					
	18	Identify and educate farmers on animal production		100					
	20	Educate farmers on integrated pest management		100					
	21	Identify and train people in grass cutter rearing		100					
	22	Identify and train people in beekeeping					-		
	23	Create a revolving fund for entrepreneurs					-		

Human Resource Development	1	Mechanisation of 1No. borehole		100				
	2	Construction of 171 borehole	42	100				
	3	Construction of 50 hand dug wells		100				
	4	Expansion of small town water project		100				
	6	Construction of 16 seater WC					-	
	7	Construction of 10 seater toilet		100				
	8	Acquire and construct permanent refuse dump		100				
	9	Form and train WATSAN members in water and sanitation management		100				
	10	Construction of CHIPS Compound		100				
	11	Rehabilitation of Rural Clinics		100				
	12	Construction of DHMT offices				55		
	13	Construction of Doctors bungalow		100				
	14	Construction of Nurses bungalow					-	
	15	Construction of 100 bed capacity ward					-	
	16	Equip health facilities with basic instruments					-	
	17	Carryout health education in all schools		100				
	18	Increase awareness on the NHIS		100				
	19	Request health staff into the district		100				
	20	Construction of Day Care Centre		100				
	21	Construction of 3 classroom block with offices and store		100				
	22	Construction of 3 unit classroom block		100				
	23	Construction of classroom block		100				
	24	Establishment of Sec. Tec. School		100				
	25	Construction of public library					-	
	26	Construction of 2 unit teachers bungalow		100				
					100			

COMMENTS ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
RELATIVE TO EACH OF THE THEMATIC AREAS, REASONS, LESSONS LEARNT
AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR 2010-2013 MTDP

In all you could see that the Assembly was able to implement and complete about 64.2% of the projects earmarked in the 4-year Medium Term Plan. The District Assembly (DA) performed well in the Human Resources Department followed by priorities for Private Sector led Development. The DA rather performed abysmally in Good Governance and Civic Responsibilities.

It is on record that within the last four (4) years the Assembly had built more school blocks and staff accommodation than any other district in the region. But the Assembly did not pay more attention to its Civic Responsibilities, like educating and informing the citizenry, CBO's, CSO's and also upgrading and equipping the lower structures of administration.

M & E ACTIVITIES REPORT

a. PROGRAMME/PROJECT STATUS FOR THE YEAR 2009

NO.	PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	SECTOR	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT SUM GH¢	DATE OF AWARD	PAYMENT TO DATE GH¢	% OF WORK DONE	EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION	SOURCE OF FUNDING
1	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block	SANKORE	EDUCATION	Paul Adjei Ent.						
2	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block	SANKORE	EDUCATION	Jamic Const. Ent.	48,656.12	22/10/09	24,104.71	66	FEB. 2010	DACF
3	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block	SANKORE	EDUCATION	I Belim	47,855.89	16/09/09	16,507.22	70	FEB. 2010	DACF
4	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block	SANKORE	EDUCATION	New Love Co. Ltd	48,833.10	16/09/09	16,892.25	100	FEB. 2010	DACF
5	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block office, store and staff common room	OSEIKROM	EDUCATION	WIRLMRO Const. Limited	48,666.75	22/10/09	9,733.35	42	FEB. 2010	DACF
6	Const. of Clinic	TETTEKWAO	HEALTH	Andy Vero Ent.	59,344.77	8/12/09	-	45	MAY, 2010	DACF
7	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block office, store and staff common room	ANWIAM	EDUCATION	Joshlarbi (GH) Ltd.	49,751.07	22/10/09	-	30	FEB. 2010	DACF
8	Conversion of 20 Seater Aqua Privy into W/C	KUKUOM	SANITATION	Nana Yaw Benkumhene Ent.	28,151.31	22/10/09	-	100	JAN. 2010	DACF
9	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block	ANUM	EDUCATION	AE GRACE CO. LTD	49,094.37	22/10/09	9,818.87	42	FEB. 2010	DACF
10	Outstanding works for 3-unit classroom block	DODOWA	EDUCATION	Co-paradise Works	33,794.80	22/10/09	-	30	FEB. 2010	DACF
11	Outstanding works for completion of Teachers Quarters	ABONYERE	EDUCATION	Sule Sulimane Ent.	27,516.39	22/10/09	7,799.41	100	JAN. 2010	DACF
12	Rehabilitation of Kukuom daily Market	KUKUOM	EDUCATION	Kwabena Asando Co. Ltd	35,113.96	22/10/09	-	30	JAN. 2010	DACF
13	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block	ASUFUFUO	EDUCATION	Groovy land Co. Ltd	47,954.12	22/10/09	-	42	FEB. 2010	DACF
14	Outstanding works for completion of 1No. 3-unit classroom block	ABONYERE	EDUCATION	Kwamus Costruction	35,147.57	22/10/09	-	40	FEB. 2010	DACF
15	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block office, store and staff common room	KUKUOM	EDUCATION	Keneliclis Const. Limited	53,948.64	13/02/10	10,952.64	60	APRIL, 2010	CBRDP
16	Const. of 1No. 3-unit classroom block	Dodowa	EDUCATION	Jomass Const.	53,493.83	4/09/09	170,000.00	70	JAN. 2010	CBRDP

b. UPDATE ON DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDING SOURCES

	2006	2008	2008	2009
ADMINISTRATION	51,385.91	34,347.82	82,571.55	58,254.86
SERVICE	2,361.75	1,337.15	1,609.59	1,972.50
INVESTMENT	713,350.75	815,699.82	1,596,861.40	659,583.22
MISCELLANEOUS	15,390.83	16,824.27	22,626.60	23,704.80

UPDATE ON CORE DISTRICT INDICATORS

NO.	HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	2009 Target	2007 Indicator Level	2008 Indicator Level	2009 Indicator Level
	GROSS ENROLMENT RATE (GER):				
	▪ Pre School	120%	128%	121%	147%
	▪ Primary	80%	80%	80%	80%
	▪ Junior High School	65%	80%	60%	63%
	▪ Senior High School				
	NET ADMISSION RATE (NAR) L 1-6				
	Gender Parity Index:				
	▪ Pre School	1.00	0.98	1.03	1.06
	▪ Primary	0.09	0.09	0.94	0.94
	▪ Junior High School	0.95	0.71	0.79	0.82
	▪ Senior High School		0.41		
	Pupils/Teachers Ratio:				
	▪ Pre School	35.1	46.1	50.1	40.1
	▪ Primary	30.1	36.1	37.1	30.1
	▪ Junior High School	25.1	19.1	219.1	20.1
	▪ Senior High School				
	Percentage Trained Teacher:				
	▪ Pre School	10%	2%	11%	26%
	▪ Primary	50%	32%	30%	50%
	▪ Junior High School	60%	52%	565	75%
	▪ Senior High School				
	Gross Admission Rate (GER)		95%	88%	98%
	HIV/AIDS prevalent rate (% of adult population 15-49 years HIV Positive)				18

	Maternal Mortality ratio (Number of deaths due to pregnancy and child birth per 100,000 live birth)				1:100,000 live birth
	Under Five mortality rate (Number of deaths bearing between birth and exact age live per 1,000 live births)				0.2:1,000 live birth
	Malaria case fatality in children under five year per 10,000 populations.				0.4:10,000 population
	Percentage of population with sustainable access to safe water sources				52%
	% of population with access to improved sanitation (flush toilet, KVIP, household latrine.				25%

PRIVATE SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS	2009 Target	2005 Indicator Level	2006 Indicator Level	2007 Indicator Level	2008 Indicator Level	2009 Indicator Level
Percentage (%) increase in yield of selected crops, livestock and fish						
▪ Plantain	9.5	48.4%	52.7%	100%	100.1%	97.04%
▪ Maize	1.97	91.4%	96.4%	100%	98.93%	99.94%
▪ Cassava	15.61	119.66%	121.6%	100%	99.93%	102.63%
▪ Cocoyam	7.70	113.4%	100.97%	100%	102.35%	106.49%
▪ Yam	-	85.64%	65.25%	100%	100.32%	-
▪ Rice	1.06	135.92%	155.3%	100%	104.85%	102.91%

UPDATE ON CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ISSUES

1. SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

Statistics showing improvement in Enrolment Levels

SCHOOL			NO. OF PUPILS SEPT. 2006	NO. OF PUPILS DEC. 2009
1.	Pafo	L/A	215	300
	Primary		240	350
2.	Ntonso	R/C	108	250
3.	Sikafrebogya		400	510
	L/A		440	620
4.	Kukuom	R/C	330	400
5.	Siana	L/A		
6.	Atotrom	L/A		

Interesting Development

- Pupils who stopped schooling have now returned to school
- The introduction of the programme has improved upon the academic performance of pupils, they now stay at school for the whole school hours.
- The retention rate has increased from as low as 2.5% to 10%
- It has reduced the risk of pupils trying to cross the streets to and from during break time.

Challenges

- Delay in release of funds
- Lack of proper supervision and monitoring due to transport problems.

2. NATIONAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

NO.	Module	No. Registered	Placement	Backlog
1	Sanitation	120	46	74
2	Agric – Business	600	355	245
3	Education	420	200	220
4	Security	350	-	350
5	Trades / Vocations	400	203	197
6	Health	180	70	110
7	Internal Revenue	30	-	30

8	Tree Planting	30	-	30
9	N.H.I.S	20	-	2
	TOTALS	2150	874	1276

EVALUATION AND PARTICIPATORY M & E
SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY
COMMUNITY FOR A REPORT

ISSUES RAISED	RESPONSE/REACTION	RECOMMENDATION
Involvement/Participation		
	Community members are not directly involved. We only go to the project site to see the progress of work	Community members must be part of the process from day one
Transparency/Information Sharing		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procurement ▪ Meetings 	<p>Procurement is done by service provider</p> <p>No meetings</p>	There should be transparency promoting stakeholders should meet periodically to assess progress of work
Use of Materials & Quality of Works		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cement ▪ Wood ▪ Quality of blocks and concrete ▪ finishing 	<p>The right quantity not used always.</p> <p>Generally, wood not of high quality</p> <p>We are not technically qualified to determine the right quantity and quality.</p> <p>Finishing seems good initially but deteriorates fast</p>	Service providers should be advised to use the right quantity of cement quality wood and blocks and the right concrete mixture
Use of Funds		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amount used Vrs work done ▪ Cost at which materials are purchased ▪ Credibility/acceptability of purchased items 	<p>Cannot determine</p> <p>Cannot determine</p> <p>We don't have any choice but accept them</p>	Funds must be put in good use, should not go into the drain.
Others		

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POVERTY STATUS OF THE DISTRICT

The economy of the district is dependant on Agricultural. Agriculture employs 70.1% of the working population and provides 59.9% of household incomes. High inequality exists in the distribution of the district's income.

The disparity in income distribution shows that the bottom 20% out of the district population enjoys 9% percent of the district income while the top 20 percent enjoys as much as 41 percent of the district's income. Farmers in the district are confronted with a problem of storage of their farm produce. Most of the food crops such as maize and cassava that are harvested by farmers are not properly stored because most of the farmers are not quite conversant with modem forms of storage facilities or do not have enough resources to construct improved storage structures. They are therefore compelled to dispose greater portion of their farm produce at a farm gate price. So most of their profit goes to enrich the middle men whilst the real farmers continue to wallow in poverty.

THE WAY FORWARD

Key Issues Addressed

- Thirty-two (32) 3-unit classroom blocks completed within the last four years
- Thirty (30) Teacher Trainees sponsored by the District Assembly and now teaching in our schools.
- Five Nursing Trainees sponsored by the District Assembly and now serving in our health institutions.
- Thirteen (13) staff Accommodation completed.
- 80% of Roads in the District now motorable

Issues not Addressed Include

- About 47.8% of the District Population don't have access to portable water
- There is no district hospital
- District Data Base System not updated for the past four (4) years.
- Political conflict in the District unresolved especially in Sankore

Recommendation

- M & E activities in the District needs to be given the needed attention
- District Data Base System need to be updated immediately
- A District Hospital needed so that we can work on health indicators.

