

2008 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

# **EAST GONJA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

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## INTRODUCTION

This M&E Report besides being a requirement for the district is also in itself an important M&E activity for the Assembly, the RCC and the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC). Just as this Report would enable the NDPC to prepare the Annual Progress Report, it is also a tool for the DA to provide information to its people.

### - THE KEY M&E OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

The objectives selected to guide the development of the district within the planned period of 2006 – 2009, the GPRS II in which government sought to propel the nation to achieve middle income status (with a per capita income of at least US\$1000) by 2015 as well as the MDG's which are critical development issues of poverty and hunger, education, health (especially child and maternal mortality), gender equality and women's empowerment, environmental sustainability and global partnership for development were the focus in reaching the following:

#### Private Sector Competitiveness

- To Increase agricultural production and productivity to:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Maize               | 9.33 – ..... tons/ha   |
| Rice                | 4.5 – .....tons/ha     |
| Millet              | 1.83 – ..... tons/ha   |
| Sorghum             | 2.47 – .....tons/ha    |
| Groundnut           | 3.0 – .....tons/ha     |
| Cowpea              | 1.6 – .....tons/ha     |
| Soya beans          | 5.33 – .....tons/ha    |
| Yam                 | 28.33 – .....tons/ha   |
| Cassava             | 3.5 – 8.40 ....tons/ha |
| Vegetables          | increase 25% annually  |
| Post-harvest losses | 30% - 20%              |

- To improve upon general income levels of the people.
- Improve upon the socio economic infrastructure in the district by 30% by December 2009.
- To promote economic activities in the district especially for the vulnerable and the excluded.

#### Human Resource Development

- Improve access to basic social services (quality education, health care, portable drinking water).

Water Coverage from 34% to 58% by 2009  
 Sanitation Coverage from 4.76% to 11.35% by 2009  
 Infant Mortality from 144 per 1000LB (2006) to 100 per 1000LB in 2009  
 Maintain gains made on Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) of 3/982LB (2009)  
 Achieve 95% Penta3 and a 5% Drop out rate (DOR) for all children immunised

Maintain Gender Parity rate of around 1

Improve BECE results from 44.5% to over 50% for both boys and girls.

- To facilitate the use of information, communication and technology in the development in the district.

Good Governance

- Ensure social safety nets for all citizens of the district.
- To ensure the safety, security and integration of all citizens especially the vulnerable and excluded in the district.
- To ensure efficient and effective revenue mobilization and management.
- To improve upon the logistic and human resources of the Assembly.

- PROCESSES INVOLVED AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

- STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DMTDP

The status of implementation of the DMTDP over the past two years is summarised below:

- Safe water coverage has improved greatly; it has improved from 56.77 in 2007 to 62.38% in 2008.
  - One (1) Small Town Systems have been commissioned and serving the people.
  - 91No. BHs fitted with hand-pumps were completed and are in-use.
  - The Distribution of these facilities is skewed towards the Kpandai area where underground water is more accessible.
  - The situation is yet to be improved in the guinea worm endemic areas of Kpariba and Bunjai.
- Sanitation facilities coverage has improved from 4.76% (2006) to 30.36% in 2008
  - Solid Waste Management has also improved greatly even though only a few communities are covered.

| PERFORMANCE  | 2006  |       |        | 2007  |      |        | 2008  |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | M     | F     | T      | M     | F    | T      | M     | F     | T     |
| % JHS students qualifying for SHS (aggregate 30 and below) |       |       | 32.74% |       |      | 32.18% |       |       | 44.5% |
| % JHS students admitted to SHS                             | 39.39 | 20.05 | 32.74  | 37.72 | 21.6 | 32.18  | 53.73 | 30.45 | 44.9  |

Despite these improvements, the education sector is still bedevilled with the following challenges. t

- Acute shortage of trained teachers; 65% of the teachers in the district are untrained.
- Teachers commute long distances to school on daily basis.
- Inadequate supervision of schools
- Inadequate school infrastructure.

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### - PROGRAMME/PROJECT STATUS FOR THE YEAR

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- i) 13No. 3-unit classroom blocks started in 2007 and completed in 2008.
- ii) 5No. 6-unit classroom blocks started in 2006/7 respectively and completed in 2008
- iii) 2No. irrigation projects were started in 2007 and yet to be completed
- iv) 1No. abattoir started in 2007 and completed in 2008.
- v) Construction of 5no 3-unit classroom block started in 2008 and has seen been completed.
- vi) 2no. 24-unit market shed were started one is completed and the other on-going
- vii) 7No. 24-unit markets were started in 7 communities in 2007 and completed in 2008.
- viii) 7No. Health facilities and structures started in 2007 and completed in 2008.
- ix) 1No Police Station was started 2007and completed in 2008.
- x) Rehabilitation of 3no.3unit bungalow started and completed in 2008.
- xi) 3No. 6 Unit classroom block and kindergarten started in 2008 and yet to be completed.
- xii) Rehabilitation of buildings for health assistant training school at Kpembe-completed.
- xiii) Construction and furnishing of a library complex in Salaga Town started in 2007 and completed in 2008.
- xiv) Construction of Dinning Hall complex at Salaga Senior High School, Started in 2008 and yet to be completed.
- xv) Construction of Office complex for the District Mutual Health Insurance Scheme started in 2008
- xvi) Construction of Eye Clinic for Salaga District Hospital started in 2008 and completed in 2008.
- xvii) 2no units teachers accommodation stated in 2007 and completed in 2008
- xviii) 5No. 6 Seater KVIPs under construction in some communities of the District- started in 2008.
- xix) Spot improvement of sakpaluwa to Bavim started in 2008 and completed
- xx) Construction of 8no Boreholes has been successfully within the year under review with 37 attempts

## **2008 On-GOING PROJECTS**

## - UPDATE ON DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDING SOURCES

## FUNDING BY SOURCES (GH¢)

DISTRICT: **East Gonja**

| SOURCES           | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         | TOTAL |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| DACF              | 615,641.91   | 169,145.64   | 712,361.91   |       |
| IGF               | 28,571.80    | 54,228.59    | 56,183.76    |       |
| HIPC FUNDS        | 259,831.36   | 106,037.00   | -            |       |
| GOG GRANTS        | 76,441.97    | 155,403.12   | 357,000.00   |       |
| DONOR GRANTS      | 881,252.12   | 905,244.76   | 2,342,999.64 |       |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | -            | -            | 576,956.16   |       |
| MISCELLANEOUS     |              |              | 916.56       |       |
| TOTAL             | 1,863,746.16 | 1,390,059.10 |              |       |

Comment on:

- a) Release of funds

Funds do not come as expected; i.e. they are not released in a timely manner

- b) Efforts to generate funds

Strategies put in place to improve the generation of funds include the following:

- ✓ Setting up of revenue task force
- ✓ Ceding of 50% revenue to Town Area Councils to motivate them to work harder.
- ✓ More Commission revenue collectors are being engaged to augment the revenue staff.
- ✓ Continuous education on the need to pay levies.
- ✓ Intensification of monitoring and supervision of revenue collectors.
- ✓ Reshuffling of the revenue staff
- ✓ Involvement of stakeholders such as chiefs, Fulani's, opinion leaders in the revenue collection

- c) Other challenges with regards to generating funds

- ✓ The vastness and the hard to reach nature of parts of the district especially during the rainy season
- ✓ Unwillingness on the part of tax payers to pay levies
- ✓ Lack of commitment on the part of the revenue collectors.
- ✓ Under invoicing by revenue collectors.

UPDATE ON DISBURSEMENT

DISTRICT: *East Gonja*

|                          | 2006       | 2007         | 2008         | TOTAL        |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Administration           | 275,341.86 | 532,498.96   | 397,159.74   | 957193.56    |
| Service                  | 137,670.94 | 266,249.45   | 198,579.87   | 602,500.26   |
| Investment               | 550,683.73 | 1064997.8    | 794319.48    | 2,410,001.01 |
| Special Projects         |            |              |              |              |
| Miscellaneous            |            |              |              |              |
|                          |            |              |              |              |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> | 963,696.53 | 1,863,746.21 | 1,390,059.09 | 1205000.56   |

Comment on:

a) Adequacy of funds

There are a lot development challenges that need to be tackled but funds are always not adequate as such, there is the need to mobilise extra resources internally to augment the external inflows.

b) Utilisation of funds in accordance with budget

Programmes and projects are planned and budgeted for before disbursements are done. There is the need to strengthen internal control mechanisms so as to follow utilisation of funds in accordance with the budget and order to forestall any diversion.

c) Other challenges with regards to disbursements

Disbursements of funds to the assemblies do not come as stipulated. At times there are accumulated arrears with a lot of strings attached. Projects and programme are affected negatively when disbursements are delayed to the assemblies

## - UPDATE ON INDICATORS &amp; TARGETS

|     | <b>Indicator (Categorised by GPRS II Thematic Areas)</b>  | <b>2008 Target</b>   | <b>2006 Indicator level</b>  | <b>2007 Indicator level</b>   | <b>2008 Indicator level</b>  |
|-----|---|--|--|---|--|
|     | <b>PRIVATE SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS</b>   |  |  |   |  |
| 1.  | Percentage (%) increase in yield of selected crops, livestock and fish<br>Major Food Crops Maize<br>Rice<br>Cassava<br>Yam<br>Sorghum<br>Groundnut<br>Cowpea<br><br>Livestock<br>Cattle<br>Sheep<br>Goats<br>Pigs | <b><u>CROPS</u></b><br>240 kg/pa<br>120kg/pa<br>2,250<br>320 “<br>90 “<br>160 “<br>30 “<br><br><b><u>LIVESTOCK</u></b><br>0.35 ani./pa<br>0.25 “ “<br>0.30 “ “<br>0.24 “ “ | <b><u>CROPS</u></b><br>148.2 kg/pa<br>72.2kg/pa<br>1,450kg/pa<br>198.7<br>198.7kg/pa<br>68.5kg/pa<br>125.4kg/pa<br>20.2kg/pa<br><br><b><u>LIVESTOCK</u></b><br>0.24 Anim./pa<br>0.23 “ “<br>0.20 “ “<br>0.18 “ “ | <b><u>CROPS</u></b><br>155.8 kg/pa<br>73.2kg/pa 1,684<br>kg/pa 218.9<br>kg/pa<br>70.8kg/pa<br>134.7kg/pa<br>21.6kg/pa<br><br><b><u>LIVESTOCK</u></b><br>0.26 Anim./pa<br>0.22 “ “<br>0.21 “ “<br>0.16 “ | <b><u>CROPS</u></b><br>235.8 kg/pa 101<br>kg/pa<br>2,00.1 kg/pa<br>303.1 kg/pa<br>85.9kg/pa<br>157 “ “<br>27.4kg/pa<br><br><b><u>LIVESTOCK</u></b><br>0.30Anim./pa<br>0.22 “ “<br>0.25 “ “<br>0.21 “ “ |
| 2.  | Proportion/length of roads maintained/Rehabilitated<br>- Trunk Roads (in km)<br>- Urban Roads (in km)<br>- Feeder Roads (in km)   |  |  |   |  |
| 3.  | % change in number of households with access to electricity   |  | 2,513 (%)  | 4,018 (59%)   | 4,969 (23%)  |
| 4.  | Hectares of degraded forest, mining, dry and wet lands rehabilitated/restored:<br>a. Forest<br>b. Mining<br>c. Dry and wetland  |  |  |   |  |
| 5.  | % increase in tourist arrivals  |  | 10%  |   |  |
| 6.  | Teledensity/Penetration rate:   | Fixed Line   |  | 1:1275  | 1:2243   |
|     | <b>HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b>   |  |  |   |  |
| 7.  | HIV/AIDS prevalence rate (% of adult population, 15-49 yrs. HIV positive)   |  | 1.6%   | 2.9%  | 2.6%   |
| 8.  | Maternal Mortality ratio (Number of deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth per 100,000 live births)   |  | 144  | 145   | 156  |
| 9.  | Under-five mortality rate (Number of deaths occurring between birth and exact age five per 1000 live births)  |  | 13   | 18  | 42   |
| 10. | Malaria case fatality in children under five years per 10,000 population  |  |  |   |  |
| 11. | Percent of population with sustainable  |  | 34%  | 35.77%  | 56.77%   |

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|   |  |                          |              |             |              |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|   | access to safe water sources   |                          |              |             |              |
| 12.   | % of population with access to improved sanitation (flush toilets, KVIP, household latrine)              |                          | 4.7%         | 8.8%        | 15.38%       |
| 13.   | Proportion of unemployed youth benefiting from skills/apprenticeship and entrepreneurial training        | Absolute figures         | 90           | 81          | 25           |
| <b>GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY</b> |  |                          |              |             |              |
| 14.   | Total amount of internally generated revenue (GH¢)   | 47,120.00                | 17,580.09    | 28,571.80   | 54,228.59    |
| 15.   | Amount of Development Partner and NGO funds contribution to DMTDP implementation                         | 1,011,281.76             | 319,764.22   | 881,252.12  | 2,106,261.10 |
| 16.   | % of DA expenditure within the DMTDP budget (How much of DA's expenditure was not in the annual budget?) |                          |              |             |              |
| 17.   | Number of reported cases of abuse (children, women and men)  | Men<br>Women<br>Children | 3<br>7<br>10 | 0<br>7<br>8 | 2<br>6<br>8  |
| 18.   | Police citizen ratio   |                          | 1:4118       | 1:4588      | 1:3814       |

| S# | EDUCATION INDICATORS                        | 2007 |     |       | 2008 |     |       | 2009 |     |       |
|----|---|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|
|    |   | Prv. | Pub | Total | Prv. | Pub | Total | Prv. | Pub | Total |
| A  | Number of schools by category               |      |     |       |      |     |       |      |     |       |
| 1  | Total                                       | 11   | 214 | 225   | 15   | 214 | 229   | 20   | 317 | 337   |
| 2  | ECD (KG & Nurseries)                        | 6    | 19  | 25    | 9    | 74  | 83    | 8    | 116 | 124   |
| 3  | Primary                                     | 5    | 140 | 145   | 15   | 147 | 162   | 10   | 152 | 162   |
| 4  | JHS   | 0    | 36  | 36    | 0    | 36  | 36    | 2    | 46  | 48    |
| 5  | SHS   | 0    | 3   | 3     | 0    | 3   | 3     | 0    | 3   | 3     |
| B  | Number of schools with permanent structures |      |     |       |      |     |       |      |     |       |
|    | Total                                       | 1    | 185 | 186   | 1    | 185 | 186   | 1    | 185 | 186   |
|    | ECD (KG & Nurseries)                        | 1    | 114 | 115   | 1    | 114 | 115   | 1    | 114 | 115   |
|    | Primary                                     | 1    | 58  | 59    | 1    | 58  | 59    | 1    | 58  | 59    |
|    | JHS   | 0    | 10  | 10    | 0    | 10  | 10    | 0    | 10  | 10    |
|    | SHS   | 0    | 3   | 3     | 0    | 3   | 3     | 0    | 3   | 3     |

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|          |   |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |       |        |
|----------|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| <b>C</b> | <b>Number of schools with Temporary structures</b>          |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |       |        |
|          | Total   | 19     | 108   | 127    | 19    | 108   | 127    | 19    | 60    | 79     |
|          | ECD (KG & Nurseries)  | 7      | 116   | 123    | 7     | 116   | 123    | 7     | 18    | 25     |
|          | Primary   | 10     | 122   | 132    | 10    | 122   | 132    | 10    | 28    | 38     |
|          | JHS   | 2      | 38    | 40     | 2     | 32    | 34     | 2     | 14    | 16     |
|          | SHS   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0      |
|          |   |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |       |        |
| <b>D</b> | <b>% of schools with Temporary structures</b>               |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |       |        |
|          | Total   | 52.50  | 68.26 | 120.76 | 52.50 | 66.34 | 118.84 | 33.33 | 56.80 | 90.13  |
|          | ECD (KG & Nurseries)  | 12.50  | 94.95 | 107.45 | 12.50 | 99.90 | 112.40 | 33.33 | 99.90 | 133.23 |
|          | Primary   | 40.00  | 48.07 | 88.07  | 40.00 | 29.60 | 69.60  | 33.30 | 29.80 | 63.10  |
|          | JHS   | 100.00 | 40.42 | 140.42 | 40.48 | 40.30 | 80.78  | 33.30 | 40.30 | 73.60  |
|          | SHS   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   |
|          |   |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |       |        |
| <b>E</b> | <b>No. of schools without sanitary and water facilities</b> |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |       |        |
|          | Total   | 20     | 160   | 180    | 19    | 155   | 174    | 19    | 152   | 170    |
|          | ECD (KG & Nurseries)  | 18     | 115   | 133    | 7     | 116   | 123    | 7     | 116   | 120    |
|          | Primary   | 10     | 138   | 148    | 10    | 145   | 155    | 10    | 152   | 160    |
|          | JHS   | 2      | 38    | 40     | 2     | 43    | 45     | 2     | 46    | 48     |
|          | SHS   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0      |
|          |   |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |       |        |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Transition Rate</b>                                      |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |       |        |
|          | KG to Primary   |        | 67.33 |        |       | 64.32 |        |       | 56.72 |        |
|          | Primary to JHS  |        | 53.35 |        |       | 53.19 |        |       | 62.17 |        |
|          | JHS to SHS ( Aggragate 360 and below)                       |        | 69.50 |        |       | 76.41 |        |       | 74.27 |        |
|          | School drop out   |        | 30.50 |        |       | 23.59 |        |       | 25.73 |        |

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|          |   |       |        |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|----------|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|          | No. of students sponsored by DA, NGOs                         |       | 57     |       |        | 53     |        |        | 53     |        |
| <b>G</b> | <b>Gender Parity index</b>                                    |       |        |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|          | Pupil/teacher ratio   | 46:1  | 86:1   |       | 26:1   | 45:1   |        | 35:1   | 40:1   |        |
|          | Total teachers  | 40    | 870    |       | 56     | 840    |        | 56     | 873    |        |
|          | Trained teachers  | -     | 261    |       | -      | 252    |        | -      | 263    |        |
|          | Untrained teachers  | -     | 609    |       | -      | 588    |        | -      | 610    |        |
|          | % of JHS students qualifying for SHS (aggregate 30 and below) | -     | 32.18  |       | -      | 44.90  |        | -      | 45.18  |        |
|          | % of JHS students admitted into SHS                           | -     | 72.50  |       | -      | 79.50  |        | -      | 85.30  |        |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Gross enrolment/Completion/Transition</b>                  | Male  | Female | Total | Male   | Female | Total  | Male   | Female | Total  |
|          | Gross primary enrolment rate                                  | 1,764 | 1,592  | 3,356 | 15,021 | 14,296 | 29,317 | 16,877 | 14,731 | 31,608 |
|          | JHS school completion rate                                    | 1,722 | 805    | 2,527 | 2,987  | 2,095  | 5,082  | 3,567  | 2,534  | 6,101  |

PARTICIPATORY M&E AND OTHER STUDIES

East Gonja District Assembly was assisted by IBIS West Africa under their African Environmental Facility to undertake a water quality assessment study facilitated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tamale. This study is being done together with Environmental Health Unit.

## - UPDATE OF CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ISSUES

## a) THE NATIONAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

The National Youth Employment Programme started in 2006 and runs the following models (indicated in the Table below) in the East Gonja District.

| S# | Model/Sector                   | 2007 |    | 2008 |    | 2009 |    |
|----|--------------------------------|------|----|------|----|------|----|
|    |                                | M    | F  | M    | F  | M    | F  |
| 1  | Community Protection Unit      | -    | -  | 111  | 19 | 110  | 15 |
| 2  | Health Extension Officers      | -    | -  | 48   | 68 | 44   | 55 |
| 3  | Teaching Assistants            | 256  | 61 | 203  | 77 | 203  | 77 |
| 4  | Paid Internship D A            | -    | -  | 167  | 25 | 137  | 32 |
| 5  | Sanitation Workers (Zoom lion) | -    | -  | 29   | 21 | 67   | 23 |
| 6  | Trade facilitation centre      | -    | -  | 12   | 5  | 11   | 5  |
| 7  | Salaga Hospital interns        | -    | -  | 17   | 10 | 29   | 11 |

Source: NYEP Office, Salaga

New modules to be enrolled:

- ❖ Youth in ICT
- ❖ Youth in Agriculture
- ❖ Youth in Prison service
- ❖ Youth in police Service
- ❖ Youth in fire prevention
- ❖ Eco Brigade
- ❖ Soil module on Volta lake

Challenges:

- Poor loan recovery from Youth in Agriculture
- Delay in the release of monthly allowances.
- Untimely release of farm inputs to youth in agriculture

Prospects

- Some of the Youth are able to go for further education
- The personnel are able to meet most of their needs.

## b) FREE RIDE MASS TRANSIT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

This activity does not take place in this district since the only bus we do have moves between Tamale and Salaga.

## c) INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT

Some of the incentives available for business development in East Gonja District has to do with the following:

- ✓ Abundance of land for any type of investment
- ✓ Availability of a large unskilled labour force
- ✓ Availability of water resources that could be harnessed for various uses.

The Youth under Apprenticeship Training being undertaken by Business Advisory Centre of the Rural Enterprise Project conducted a number of training between 2006 and 2008.

| S# | Trainees | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|----|----------|------|------|------|
| 1  | Male     | 39   | 9    | 2    |
| 2  | Female   | 51   | 81   | 23   |
| 3  | Total    | 90   | 90   | 25   |

## d) THE CAPITATION GRANT IMPLEMENTATION IN THE DISTRICT

The implementation of the Capitation grant started in 2004 and a total of three Hundred and Fourteen (314) schools are currently benefiting from the capitation grant. The breakdown is indicated in the table below:

| Level           | No. | Remarks                  |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------------|
| 1. Kindergarten | 116 | JHS's were added in 2006 |
| 2. Primary      | 152 |                          |
| 3. JHS          | 46  |                          |

The yearly releases of the grant are indicated in the table below:

| YEAR | AMOUNT (GH¢) |
|------|--------------|
| 2005 | 79,515.00    |
| 2006 | 110,223.00   |
| 2007 | 88,076.99    |
| 2008 | 196,824.30   |
| 2009 | -            |

- The implementation of the Capitation grant improved enrolment levels in schools greatly.
- It has facilitated the purchase or supply of teaching & learning materials for schools.
- It has also contributed to improvement in sports and cultural activities in schools.

The main challenge is delay in the disbursement of funds.

## e) THE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

The Ghana School feeding programme and the World Food programme (WFP) started in the district at the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term of the 2006/2007 academic year; effective 7<sup>th</sup> May 2007. There were 3No beneficiary schools and currently three (3) more schools have been added as indicated in the table below:

| S# | Name of School             | Previous enrolment | Current Enrolment | % Change in Enrolment |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Kpembe Primary School      | -                  | 455               |                       |
| 2. | Janton Primary             | 218                | 240               | 10.09%                |
| 3. | St Anthony Primary, Salaga | 1241               | 1117              | -9.99%                |
| 4. | Sakafatu Islamic School    | 468                | 512               | 9.40%                 |
| 5. | Kpalbe                     | -                  | 357               |                       |
| 6. | Kulpi                      | -                  | 353               |                       |
|    | TOTAL                      | 1,927              | 3,034             | 57.45%                |

Monitoring of the school feeding programme is jointly undertaken by GSFP, IBIS West Africa, GES, the DA as well as SMC's of the beneficiary schools.

Some challenges faced by the programme include:

- Irregular supply of water to schools
- Irregular supply of food items
- Inadequate cooking utensils
- Insufficient quantity of food prepared sometime leading to shortages.
- Lack of plates for feeding in some of the school
- Inconsistent menu in some of the schools

Some recommendations needed to improve on the programme include:

- Increase number of schools on the programme. Currently, only six schools out of 152 are benefiting from the school feeding programme.
- Regular and timely transfer of funds.

## f) LAND UNDER IRRIGATION (ESPECIALLY FOR DISTRICTS WITH LONG DRY SEASON)

The District so far had 144 acres of arable land used for irrigation activates in the district, out of the 243450 hectares of arable land under cultivation. The farmers were provided with irrigation pumps

and seeds such as tomatoes, hot pepper, okro and onion. Although there exist vast water bodies, most farmers in the area are not utilizing it for dry season farming.

g) GUINEA WORM INFESTATION (FOR DISTRICTS WITH THIS PROBLEM)

| Guinea worm                            | 2007   | 2008   | 2009 |
|--|--------|--------|------|
| Number of new guinea worm cases        | 123    | 27     | -    |
| Number of cumulative cases             |        |        | -    |
| No. of guinea worm endemic communities | 50     | 52     | -    |
| Containment rate of affected persons   | 71.20% | 91.92% | -    |
| No. of Filters Received                | 56,439 | 58,000 | -    |
| No. of Filters distributed             | 56,439 | 58,000 | -    |
| No. of Filters Utilized                |        |        | -    |
| No. of Dams/Dugouts                    | 82     | 83     | -    |
| No. of Dams abated (proportion)        | 56.10% | 25.30% | -    |

h) PROVISION OF MICROFINANCE

The provision of microfinance in the East Gonja District has been very challenging owing to the fact that loan recovery rate has been poor. Nevertheless, the District Agricultural Development unit disbursed some funds as indicated in the table below:

|  | 2007   | 2008   | 2009  |
|--|--------|--------|-------|
| Total amount disbursed as credit (Gh¢) | 19,800 | 35,400 | 9,785 |
| Number of beneficiaries                | 85     | 170    | 42    |
| 1. Men                                 | 38     | 119    | 32    |
| 2. Women                               | 47     | 59     | 10    |

i) NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

|   | 2007   | 2008   | 2009   |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| No. of people registered with the scheme          | 55,548 | 65,928 | 73,871 |
| No. of NHIS Beneficiaries                         | 10,286 | 34,062 | 99,534 |
| No. of NHIS Service Centres (Health Service)      | 18     | 21     | 20     |
| No. of NHIS Service Centres (Registration Points) | 62     | 63     | 63     |

Challenges

- Misuse of facilities by clients
- Inadequate education to people especially in a district where there is no FM Station.
- Inadequate staffing
- Improve equipment levels in Health facilities.
- Insufficient office accommodation
- High hospital tariff against low premium both at the local and national level.

## THE WAY FORWARD

### - KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED AND THOSE YET TO BE ADDRESSED

Staffing situation in the departments of the Assembly lead much to be desired. There are many departments that are man by one person who hardly undergo any refresher training of a sort. These departments lack virtually everything including budget and logistics to support the work more effectively.

- ✓ Budget line
- ✓ Logistics
  - ↳ Means of transport
  - ↳ Computer and accessories
  - ↳ Stationery
  - ↳ Incentives

Aspects of the decentralisation action plan including the absorption of Area Council staff pursued more vigorously to facilitate effectiveness at the sub-district level.

### - RECOMMENDATIONS

Limited avenues are opened for the recruitment of some staff for these departments at the district level. Some capacity improvement programmes should be provided for the few staff at the district level in the short term.