

ANNUAL REPORT

1. Introduction:

This report seeks to present a summary of activities carried out by staff of Social welfare and Community Development in Ada-East District Assembly during the period of January - December, 2025.

The Department of Social Welfare and Community Development has a mandate of helping individuals, groups and communities to enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning and to create societal conditions favorable to their goals.

It is also charged with responsibility of facilitating the enhancement of the living standards of communities in Ghana.

Mission

Social Welfare: The unit works in partnership with people in their communities to improve their wellbeing through promoting development with equity for the disadvantaged, vulnerable and the excluded.

Community Development: To mobilize, animate, sensitize and work in partnership with deprived rural and urban communities by using all available resources to improve their living within an effectively decentralized system.

Vision

Social Welfare: To take the lead in integrating the disadvantaged, vulnerable and excluded in mainstream of development.

Community Development: To ensure that community development practices are voluntary and healthy interdependent that will be mutually beneficial with shared response ability to enhance the living standard of both urban and rural communities.

1.1 Staff Information:

Staff Strength: Four (2), Two (2) males, Two (2) females

Serial No.	Name of Officer	Grade	Sex	Area of Operation
1.	Enoch Bampoe Addy	SSDO	M	Head, SWCD
2.	Patience Atipoka Atuah	SDO	F	Unit head , Social Welfare
3.	Jerome Ashie	ASDO	M	Unit head, Community Development
4	Portia Mac-Anku	ASDO	F	Staff

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In line with the Local Governance Act 2016, Act 936 and in fulfilment of its reporting mandate, the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development, Ada East District Assembly presents its 2025 annual report on activities carried out to the Office of the District Chief Executive through the District Coordinating Director.

The report is structured into the following parts.

1. Case Management

- Maintenance
- Child and Family welfare
- Child custody/Access
- Child abuse
- Justice administration
- Child trafficking and Child labour

2. Data on the vulnerable

- LEAP
- PWD
- Orphans

3. Community care

- LEAP
- PWD fund management
- Skills training

4. Hospital Social Welfare

5. Gender (Preventive)

- i. Family planning
- ii. Gender Based Violence
- iii. Rights of the Ghanaian child
- iv. Intestate Succession Law
- v. Child Trafficking and Labour

6. GENDER ACTIVITIES

- i. Teenage Pregnancy and STIs
- ii. Balanced Diet

7. Social Developmental projects

1.2 CHOLERA SENSITIZATION IN SCHOOLS

On the 15th & 16th January 2025 at exactly 10:00 am and 12:00 pm, the department of the Ada East District Assembly in collaboration with the Schools and Hygiene Education Programme (SHEP) and the coordinator visited the Kewunor D/A and Azizanya R/C respectively to sensitize the students on the outbreak of cholera in the district and also teach them how to practice hygiene, that's hand washing.

The children were taken through series of demonstration on how to wash their hands well and they were made to practice also. Some students were recited poems to portray hygiene and cleanliness. The students were advised to make hand washing part and parcel of them, wash hands regularly. Also they were instructed on when and where to wash hands, ie after visiting the toilet , going to eat, after eating , any other time at all the hands must be washed thoroughly.

The table below shows the attendance of participants

S/N	Name of School	Male	Female	Total
1.	Maranatha (Kewunor) D/A	25	37	62
2.	Azizanya R/C	37	43	80





Pupils from the Maranatha D/C school demonstrating sweeping as part of personal hygiene



A teacher sensitizing the pupils at that Azizanya R/C School.

1.3 CHILD/ADOLESCENT PROTECTION AND SENSITIZATION

On the 15th January 2025, the Social welfare and Community Development department of the Ada East District Assembly met with the Community Focal Persons on Leap and sensitized them on Child / Adolescent protection toolkit, the participants from various communities attended in their numbers, during the meeting flash cards used were Good and bad behaviors, Bullying, child labour and Drug Abuse. Using the flash cards. At the end of the engagement the focal persons promised to help check child labour related issues in their various communities. The meeting was done with the Social welfare unit of the department.

Attendance was forty-four (44), males thirty –nine (39) and females five (5)



Section of Community Focal Persons seated during the meeting



Some CFPs listening with rapt attention

1.4 GOOD PARENTING

On **5TH February 2025** a meeting was held with the community members at Otrokpe and Futuenya on how to be a good parent and the rights of parents. Participants were educated on what they must do as parents and how they should shoulder their responsibilities as parents.

The meeting was held to educate the communities on being a good parents to their children, the parents were advised to take good care of their children since they are the future leaders and assets to them.

The parents also asked how they can nurture and bring up their children well in the fear of the Lord because nowadays the children are very stubborn from one of the parents. But they were encouraged to keep the fight on and never stop or rest.

Total number of participant were 58 made up 10 males and 48 females



Good parenting sensitization at Otokpe



Good parenting sensitization at Futuenya

1.5 HIV / AIDS SENSITIZATION

The department during the period under review, collaborated with the curious minds on **12th March, 2025** and visited the Ada Senior High School to sensitize students and the community members from Azizanya, Ayigbo and Lolonyakope on the above topic.

It visit was aimed at sensitizing the students on the prevalence of the disease in the district and how to handle such unfortunate ones in their homes to curb stigmatization and discrimination.

It was emphasized that the rate of the spread of the disease is higher in the district than the country's average which is very alarming and worrying.

The key message sent across was on knowing their status through testing for the virus, socio cultural practices fueling the spread of HIV and AIDS in our communities.

The following mode of transmission and possible preventive measures were discussed in detail.

Mode of transmission

- Through sexual intercourse with an infected person
- Through blood transfusion with an infected blood
- Through delivery by unsterilized procedures
- Homosexuals or multiple partners

Preventive measures

- The use of condoms
- Abstaining from sex
- Maintaining one sexual partner

Community members were advised to know their status by visiting a clinic or hospital from time to time for a test to be conducted on them with no charge.

The three levels of AIDS control explained as;

- Prevention
- Control/suppression of the virus
- Living on the drug.

It was reiterated that it is dangerous if one does not know his or her status because such carriers can affect a number of people within a very short time. He said those who are on drugs are safe and could even prevent the spread of the disease when the virus is suppressed by adherence to the prescription.

They were also educated on how to handle those identified to be positive after clinical proof so that they can live on the drugs to prolong their lives and prevent possible spread.

Total number of participant were 150 made up 84 males and 66 females



Community members also seated during the programme



Some students seated during the programme



Pictures from the sensitization on HIV/ AIDS at the Ada Senior High School

1.6 GROUP MEETING

On 28th January 2025 there was an engagement with the youth group (those into vocation) in Ayigbo using the maize plant flash card and demonstrated the circle of support to teach and sensitize them on how to take proper care of themselves and caring for their little siblings support and bring up their children since most of them have.

The maize plant which was used to depict the unborn baby and how to nurture it till the baby is born and grow up, the participant enjoyed and welcomed the session with a lot of questions and promised to take good care of their children.

Total number of participant were 40 made up 5 males and 35 females



Circle of support been demonstrated at the Ayigbo sensitization



At Ayigbo participants been showed the maize plant flash cards

1.7 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On the 23rd January 2025 and 20th February, 2025 the department mobilized opinion leaders and community members of Patukope and Elavanyo for a community project from the forestry commission on planting and preserving of Mangroves in their community. The project named West African Coastal Area Resilience Investment Project (WACA RESIP). There was committee made up of assembly members, opinion leaders, chiefs, forestry commission, wildlife, Development planning, Community development department etc. were tasked to embarked on the engagement to brief the whole community and its leaders about the project, and will later set up a watch dog committee called the Community Resource Management Area, (CREMA), Their core mandate is to protect the resource or the biosphere reserve within their communities, resources such as mangroves , water bodies , ramsyer sites etc. but this particular project is into mangroves.

Table below shows the attendance of participants

S/N	Communities	Male	Female	Total
1.	Patukope	39	10	49
2.	Elavanyo	52	9	61



West African Coastal Area Resilience Investment Project (WACA RESIP) engagement at Patukope



The community engagement on the project at Elavanyo

1.8 TRAINING WORKSHOP ON PREPARATION OF NUTRITIONAL FOODS

On the workshop on nutrition, the unit on 9th January, 2025 collaborated with staff of the department of Agriculture to train women in Agriculture on how to prepare potatoes fried rice, potatoes ginger drink, potatoes dough nuts, potatoes chips potatoes baby food, potatoes leaf salad, soya bean drink, soya bean with corn dough (banku), soya bean with dry cassava dough (kokonte) etc. Participants were happy with the new skills they have acquired and was of the view that they will use it alongside their farming work to boost their income to cushion themselves.



Some women farmers during the training workshop on preparation of nutritional foods

1.8 CHILD RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION

During the first quarter of 2025, the department has recorded 6 cases. 3 child non maintenance cases and 3 child custody cases. 3 cases have been successfully handled and 3 is yet to be handled.

The unit received a case of a malnourished 1 1/2 year old boy child whose mother as a result of financial constraints feeds him only gari. The father of the child has refused to care for him. The child was referred to the Ada East District Hospital for medical examination when the mother visited. After the medical examination, it was realized that the child does not suffer any underlying medical condition and his loss of weight is as a result of malnutrition. He has been put on a diet and requested for constant visits to the hospital to monitor him.

The department called on the Volta Resilient Foundation to support the financial expenses of the child after it had utilized its internal funds.



1.9 JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

For this first quarter 1 case has so far been referred to the legal aid commission and 2 cases from the last quarter of 2024 has also been referred to the Legal Aid Commission.

1.9.1 Community Care

Committee on Headmaster Issue

The unit had engagement with other stakeholders within the assembly to serve as a member of the committee that investigated the issue of the Head teacher of the Kasseh D/A Basic School who made unsavory comments at the President of the Republic of Ghana Hon. John Dramani Mahama in a viral video. After interrogations and examination of the issue, he was asked to desist from going to the school and report himself on a daily basis to the District Education Office for further investigations and way forward by the National Education Office.

Follow up on Reintegrated trafficked Children

The unit with logistical support from the International Justice Mission in February followed up on 3 reintegrated trafficked children.

Luis Amedor is a class 4 pupil of the Gorm Basic School. We visited him in school. He looked unkept and had two open sores one on both knees. He mentioned and we also confirmed through phone call with his mother and a visit to his home that his mother is currently at Anyamaf and he lives with his step father and half sibling. His stepfather is unaware of both sores and as such has done nothing to help it heal.

Luis teacher says he is a brilliant student who pays attention in class, is inquisitive and outspoken. He was the class prefect when he was in class 3.



Luis Amedor, 14years



Discussions with Luis about school



Visit to Luis home

The second visit was to the home of Moses 14years and Martin 17years who live at Futuenya. Moses Abrantier is in class 4 at Ada Foah Presby School. He was smartly dressed and looked presentable at the time of visit. His uniform had some tears around it. He expressed satisfaction in school and being happy at home. His mother who was heavily pregnant at the time of visit lamented she faced financial challenges caring for the children, who are four in number. As a result, Martin who is 17years has been put to apprenticeship training where he is learning tailoring. At the time of our visit to the tailoring shop, he was not around.



Moses Abrantier



Moses, mother and Social Welfare staff

The last visit was to the home of Michael Amanortey a 20year old who lives at Lufuenya. Michael was reintegrated to his uncle but has moved out to live on his own due to misunderstandings with his uncle. He currently lives in his grandfather's house. His biological father has recently passed, and his mother has moved to another community. He feeds himself by carrying salt for people at the salt mine.



Michael Ammartey



Visit to the home of Michael's uncle

Activities carried out on behalf of the Assembly/Agencies (NGO, CBO etc.) or Collaboration.

The department during quarter under took one assignment for the Assembly, which was the national cleaning up exercise on 28th February 2025, the unit collaborated with the Environmental health unit to mobilized community members around the district from Kasseh through to Ada Foah lorry station for the exercise.

The unit was tasked to mobilise all zoom lion workers and community member (Kasseh, Big Ada and Ada Foah area/ zonal councils) within each area council for the exercise.

The community members and the zoom lion workers came out very well to participate in the exercise because "Cleanliness is next to godliness" the exercise was done in the following areas the principal streets , market refuse dump site , lorry station , assembly complex , etc. The exercise started at 7:00am and came to an end at 10:00am, all stores, shops and business centres were locked until the closing time.

Participants expressed joy and the zeal to work and they promised to come in their numbers next time.



1.10 COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION

On the 24th July 2025, the department of the Ada East District Assembly visited with the Aflive community to engage the community members as part our community engagement and on Child / Adolescent protection toolkit, the participants received the team led by Jerome Ashie in collaboration with the Ghana Education Service, Girl-Child coordinator

During the sensitization the team sensitized the community members using flash card for them to determine whether the act on the flash card is good or bad behavior

The participation was great as they were sensitized on the effects of such act on their children and the community at large.

The Aflive community island community is part of the 47 island communities within the Ada East District

The participants together asked questions, and it was responded to by the team.

The total attendance for the programme was twenty (20), Male- 15, Female-5





1.11 COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION

On the 14th August 2025 at exactly 10:00 am the department in collaboration with Community Based Organization (CBO) organized a community engagement in Azizanya and Ayigbo respectively to sensitize the community members using Child / Adolescent toolkits to sensitize them on the some children protection topics such teenage pregnancy, child trafficking, child labour, drug abuse, verbal abuse, flogging, domestic violence etc.

The department undertook this sensitization program because normally after the Asafotufiam festival that where relatives comes to seek permission from parents to send their children away to the urban areas.

During the sensitization at Azizanya, the Methodist Church hall, the tug war illustration was demonstrated to the women to know the extend at which the children suffers when entangled or faced with the above mentioned challenges or vices.

The women were excited to witness the tug of war and how the demonstration was related to the child protection.

The sensitization program went well and participants were very happy and asked the unit not to stop visiting them with such programs.

Below is the table that shows attendance

S/N	NAME OF COMMUNITIES	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1.	AZIZANYA	7	47	54
2.	AYIGBO	6	25	31



1.12 Child Rights Promotion and Protection

For the third quarter of year 2025, the Department recorded a total of Twelve (12 cases). Nine (8) were successfully handled, one referred to the Legal Aid commission and three are pending. Of the twelve cases recorded, eight were child maintenance cases.

1.13 JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

Apart from the one case that was referred to the district court, the department has undertaken three social enquiring from the District Court, which involves Communities like Teilapem of Ada and Kade, Kpotame of Kasseh and Korle Bu and Tamale is ongoing, all the cases were on divorce and custody.

1.14 COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION

On the 14th of August 2025 at exactly 10:00am the Social Welfare department of the Ada East District Assembly in collaboration with Community Development department (CBO) organized a community engagement in Ayigbo and Azizanya respectively to sensitize the community members using child/ Adolescent toolkits on child protection topics such teenage pregnancy, child trafficking, child labour, drug abuse, verbal abuse, flogging, domestic violence etc.

The unit undertook this sensitization program because parents are always highly likely to give their wards to relatives who visited for the Asafotufiam festival.

The head of the department also threw more light on child's right with illustration; he further went on to caution parents to desist from the act of trafficking and using their child for labour and financial gains. It is therefore compulsory for every child to be enrolled in a school. He encouraged participants to work hard and take care of their children. He also directed them to report all social welfare issues such as denials, child drug abuse, trafficking and child labour etc. to the department of social welfare office. They were excited and raised questions relating to their peculiar issues and these questions were addressed. We also finally shared the office contact to the participants.

Again, we continued the sensitization engagement at Azizanya, at the Methodist Church Hall, the tug of war illustration was demonstrated to the women to help them understand the extent at which the children suffer when entangled or faced with the above-mentioned challenges and vices. The women were excited to witness the tug of war and how its demonstration was related to the children safety and protection. Additionally, the above activities at Ayigbo were also shared with the participants accordingly.

Categories and number of persons at the training

S/N	NAME OF COMMUNITIES	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1	AYIGBO	5	25	20
2.	AZIZANYA	7	47	60

Pictures of Engagement with Community Members at Ayigbo





1.15 MONITORING OF TRAFFICKED VICTIMS (SURVIVORS)

On the 11TH August, 2025, the department of the Ada East District Assembly collaborated with the Engage Now Africa an NGO who are into rescuing of trafficked victims around the Volta lake and environs and gives them future.

This exercise was done to see how some rescued victims (survivors) who were enrolled into vocation such as tailoring and seamstress were faring, these victims now called survivors have graduated after undergone three years apprenticeship after which the NGO supported them with equipment and items that they will need to set themselves up as master craft persons too.

During the monitoring exercise its was found out that these survivors were doing great with work, some have started putting up containers to starts the work , others were doing it in their homes while the seek financial help to set themselves up.





1.15 TRAINING ON HOW TO MAKE SOME SIMPLE DIETS AND DRINKS

On the 28th August 2025, the Social welfare and Community development department of the Ada East District Assembly collaborated with an NGO called Ada development group to organized a one day training for some selected stakeholder in some institution to training them on how to prepare simple diets and drinks which they can also use to training others where they find themselves. The venue for the training was at the Kasseh first start hotel.

The NGO's aim, was to give stakeholders an idea and a skill of making simple diets and drink with the little one have and also to teach their members within their catchment areas.

During the training they advised everyone to avoid spending so much on diets and drink which are expensive but rather resort to learning all the simple way of doing the simple things.

Attendance during the training. Was twenty (20), five (5) males and fifteen (15) females



1.16 LEAP PAYMENT

❖ 97th Cycle Payment

The department supervised the 97th cycle payment of the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty. Payments took place on the 19th, 20th and 25th August 2025 to 37 Communities on the mainland and overbank communities. 2 officers from the Regional Office of Social Welfare joined the team on the 25th August 2025 to monitor the process.

Challenges faced during this cycle included some beneficiaries' cards being inactive, others were too weak to visit meeting grounds themselves, and also for those who had made new cards their funds did not reflect on it.





Leap payment in the district while a monitoring team from the regional office looks on

1.17 Follow-up on Reintegrated Trafficked children

The Department in partnership with the International Justice Mission, IJM undertook a follow-up visit to the homes of 2 reintegrated trafficked children, Luis Amedor at Gorm and Moses and Martin Abrantier at Futuena.

Luis was at home with his stepfather, his mother had gone to the market. He looked well taken care of and happy. He was the 5th in class for the just ended academic term and excited for the next term. He still holds the passion of being a footballer. The sores around his knees from our previous visit had healed. Luis was presented a set of school shoes and sandals during the visit.

The department also visited the home of Moses and Martin Abrantier. Micheal is under a tailoring apprenticeship and will be graduating this September 2025. Moses performed poorly this academic

term but blamed it on being always late for school. He appealed to the department and IJM to support him with a bicycle to be able to get to school on time as he walks about 20minutes to get to school. He however looks well cared for and happy with his mother and siblings. He was also given a pair of shoes for school.



1.18 GROUP MEETING

10th September 2025 and 11thSeptember 2025 the department mobilized opinion leaders and stakeholders from

Ocanseykope and Patukope for a community project from the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources being sphere head by the forestry commission on planting and preserving of Mangroves in their community. The project named West African Coastal Area Resilience Investment Project (WACA RESIP), to meet with consultant on the project at the MAKS guest house. Their core

mandate is to protect the resources and understand the blue carbon which will serve as a sources of income to the community if they are able to plant and preserve more mangroves. Community mobilized for these project were Azizanya, Obane, kwalapoyom, Ayigbo, Luhese, Elavanyo, Totopey, Pute, Patukope and Lolonyakope etc.

The forestry and wildlife commission Ada, in collaboration with the Ministry of Lands and Natural resources making sure natural resources such as mangroves are preserved and grown on larger quantities



West African Coastal Area Resilience Investment Project (WACA RESIP), some opinion leaders and stakeholders Patukope and Ocanseykope at the workshop.

1.19 Trainer of Trainee Workshop in Aburi

The department took part in a trainer of trainee workshop in Aburi, organized by the joint collaboration of the International Justice Mission, IJM and the Regional coordinating council.

Social workers who are always at the forefront on issues regarding children such as trafficking, defilement, and other forms of abuses, sometimes have difficulty in dissociating from the emotional stress and wellbeing their clients suffer. To support them, some select social workers were trained on Trauma Informed Care, providing strategies to unburdening stresses that come along with the work they do on a daily basis. Additionally, on enhancing their suitable way of writing reports (Social Enquiry Reports) to stakeholders (court, local authority, department and agencies) within their jurisdiction. Participants are to hold training sessions for other social workers in their various offices on the two key areas.





Trainer of Trainee workshop on Trauma Informed Care and Social Enquiry Report

2.0 Hospital Welfare

The department for this quarter attended to one case from the District Hospital, Faithkope. We were called on the 3rd day of September by the Sege District Police on a case that involved an elderly woman Madam Yaba believed to be in her early sixties, she was found by the roadside on the 28th of August 2025 bleeding from the lower limb, forehead and abrasion on the lower right eyelid and her left leg was broken. She was medically examined and treated at the Ada East District Hospital. She has been reunified with her family in Central Region when she shared contacts of her relatives.





Relatives of Madam Grace Yaba and the director of nursing at the district hospital

2.1 NHIS ENROLMENT SYSTEM

The department with the District NHIS office renewed the cards of One Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven (1,787) indigenes on the scheme. One Thousand six hundred and ninety-four (1694) were variance beneficiaries who had more than enough legibility (their cards were active).

No	Name of Officer	Sex	Seminars/Conference/ Workshop	From	To	Institution	Funding
1.	Jerome Ashie	M	stakeholders consultation	10 th September 2025	11 th September 2025	Forestry /wildlife commission	Ministry of Land and Natural Resources Wildlife and Forestry commission
2.	Enoch Bampoe Addy	M	One day workshop on Health insurance	24 th July 2025		National Health Insurance Scheme	National Health Insurance Scheme
3.	Enoch Bampoe Addy	M	Emergency preparedness plan	31 st July 2025		Volta River Authority	Volta River Authority
4.	Patience Atuah Atipoka	F	Social protection and Social enquiry	25 th August 2025		International Justice Mission	International Justice Mission
5.	Jerome Ashie	M	Sensitization workshop on the procedures case reporting	8 th August 2025		Volta Resilience Foundation	Volta Resilience Foundation
6.	Enoch Bampoe Addy	M	Advocacy capacity enhancement for CSOs , protection children at risk of losing parental care	30 th September 2025		SOS	SOS

2.2 Activities carried out on behalf of the Assembly/Agencies (NGO, CBO etc.) or Collaboration

The Department during quarter under took one assignment for an NGO called Volta Resilience foundation and SOS children’s village which was the selection of vulnerable person within the following communities , Otrokpe ,Ocanseykope, Futuenya, Ada Foah , Totimekope, Azizanya, Lolonyakope, Ayigbo , Songutsokpah, Elavanyo , Totopey, Pute and Patukope.

These selected person will be supported with some funds to start some businesses and make sure they take care of orphans in their care and also to improved their living standard. The project called “**protecting children who are at risk of losing parental care**” which seeks to reduce poverty in vulnerable person ,set them up into income generating activities which will earn them good profit to take care the orphans and children.

These women were taken through financial management and how to turn small supports into a huge funds.

The department mobilised the women and did the selection through all the above mentioned communities for the project.



Some women at the financial management training on the project “protecting children who are at risk of losing parental care”

2.2 SCHOOL SENSITIZATION

On the 15th October 2025 at exactly 7:00 am the department in the Ada East District Assembly organized school sensitization at the Anyakpor R/C Basic School to sensitize the students and teachers using Child / Adolescent toolkits to sensitize them on the some children protection topics such teenage pregnancy, child trafficking, child labour, drug abuse, verbal abuse, flogging, domestic violence etc.

The unit undertook this sensitization program to welcome the students back to school and to the child protection program.

Also to find out which them experienced or went through any form of abuse, labour or vices during the vacation.

Also students were caution about the use the technology to abuse people (cyber bullying) which is gradually becoming the order of the day.

The sensitization program went well and the students and teachers were very happy and asked the unit not to stop visiting them with such programs.

Attendance was one hundred and seventy participants (107) made up sixty-one (61) male and forty-six (46) female



2.4 97TH CYCLE PAYMENT

The department of social welfare and community Development supervised the 97th cycle payment of LEAP within its 25 communities. The exercise commenced on the 19th to 29th October 2025. 98 people were served.



2.5 GROUP MEETING

20th October 2025 the **department of social welfare and community Development** in collaboration with Ghana Health Service, Public Health Units and some stakeholders in the child protection campaign such as CHRAJ, NCCE and GES , girl-child coordinator mobilized the Ghana National Tailoring and Seamstress Association, Ada Chapter both Master craftspeople's and apprentices.

The month of October is always set aside as the breast cancer awareness month so the master craft person and the apprentices were sensitized and screen as well.

The Nurses from the Public health Unit sensitized the participants on the need to take proper care of their breast and taught them how to do the self-examination , also encouraged them to frequently visit the health facility any time they notices any changes in their breast.

The program was held at the Roman Parish Hall which happens to be the meeting place of the group.

Participants were one hundred and two (102) made up of ninety eight (98) female and four (4) males.





Pictures from the Breast cancer awareness and screening at the Roman Catholic Parish Hall with the master craft persons and apprentices

2.6 COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION

❖ Eye Screening for Basic School Learners

There was an eye screening and treatment for learners who have difficulty seeing in class by the department. This exercise is in line to detect early blindness and provide the necessary support and medical attention for learners who have or be developing eye related conditions. The department undertook the exercise in partnership with the Special Education Department (SPED) of the district Ghana Education Service and the Ada East District hospital (Faithkope). A total of 22 children (16 boys and 6 girls) were screened and medications administered accordingly.

❖ Capacity Building Workshop in Kumasi on Disability Inclusion

The department engaged in a capacity building workshop in Kumasi organized by the Ghana Federation of Disability Organizations to educate and strengthen disability inclusion in the activities of the department. Anecdotal evidence showed that the department lacks knowledge on disability and related issues and as such is unable to serve this population respectfully and accordingly. The workshop therefore took participants through understanding disability and the reasonable accommodation needs of the disability types to enable them to perform their roles in that regard. The training seeks to build and strengthen collaboration of stakeholders in the delivery of services to promote disability rights and regional and District level.

2.7 Hospital Welfare

The office for this quarter attended to one case from the District Hospital, Faithkope. We were asked to support in tracing the family of Mr. David Tetteh about a 50-year-old, who had been on admission at the hospital for 2 weeks with no trace of a family member. He was brought to the hospital unconscious by a supposed relative who gave wrong contact information. The man had suffered a mild stroke and had a high blood pressure. For the 2-week period he was undergoing treatment, no relative visited.

After our visit and interactions with the man, we were able to trace his brother who operates a corn mill at Big Ada but upon our return the following day with the brother for him to be discharged, he was nowhere to be found. Search around the hospital proved futile with a security man saying he had sighted him moving in a wheelchair towards the hospital gate area. A formal complaint of a missing person was made at the police station, accompanied with a radio announcement at Ada Radio to inform the public to notify social welfare, the hospital or his brother should he be sighted anywhere.



2.8 STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON CHILD PROTECTION

On the 10th November 2025, the department of social welfare and community Development of the Ada East District Assembly in collaboration with the Volta Resilience Foundation (VRF) organized a one day workshop at the MAKES resort to dialogue with opinion leaders (**Assembly members**) within the Ada East jurisdiction, these opinion leaders include the community leaders, assembly members, unit committee and some selected stakeholders

(Domestic violence and victim support unit, commission on human rights and administrative justice, Ghana education and service, the girl-child coordinator) within the district.

The unit was invited to during the workshop to sensitize the participants on the some child protection program.

Other stakeholders were also given slots to address the participants on what they actual in connection with the child protection cases that comes to their outfit.

Attendance were fifty-five (55) made up fifteen male (15) and forty females (40)



Pictures from the one day child protection sensitization workshop involving the opinion leaders (Assembly members and their unit committee members)

2.9 TRAINING ON HOW TO MAKE SOME SIMPLE DIETS AND DRINKS

On the 20th November 2025, the department of social welfare and community Development of the Ada East District Assembly collaborated with an NGO called Ada development group to organized a one day training for some selected individuals on how to preparing liquid soap. During the training facilitator advice the participant that they should venture into activities that will is used every day because whatever happens people will patronize them.

She went ahead and told the participants to also learn how to brand or package their products to attract customers.

Later she mentioned some of the ingredients been used to prepare the liquid soap such as soda, colour, perfume etc.

The total number of participants were twenty (20) made up of five (5) males and ten (10) females



Some participants at the one day training.

2.10 COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION

On the 9th October 2025, the department of social welfare and community Development of the Ada East District Assembly visited with the Alorkpem community to engage the community members as part our community engagement and on Child / Adolescent protection toolkit, the participants received the team led by Jerome Ashie in collaboration with the Commission on Human Right and Administrative Justice and Community Based Organization

During the sensitization the team sensitized the community members using flash card for them to determine whether the act on the flash card is good or bad behavior

The participation was great as they were sensitized on the effects of such act on their children and the community at large.

The Alorkpem community is an island community and is part of the 47 island communities within the Ada East District

The participants together asked questions, and it was responded to by the team.

The total numbers of participants were fifty (50) made up twenty male (20) and thirty (30) females.





Pictures from the community sensitization at the Alorkpem

2.11 SENSITIZATION ON MENTAL HEALTH

On the 26th November 2025, the department of social welfare and community Development of the Ada East District Assembly in collaboration a Non-governmental Organization called Emerge New Woman mobilized and organized a durbar for some women from the following communities, Big Ada, Agornya, Gorm, Luhese and Obane etc. these women were empowered to take up and venture into income generating activities which will cushion them in their lifetime.

The women were sensitized on mental health which is very important to everyone, the women were taken through the causes of mental health and how to prevent or managed mental health when one goes through that, they were asked not to think too much about what others say about them, also must go to bed with free minds.

Mental health in simple terms is referred to as, how one behave or over thinking of issues etc.

The total number of participants were one hundred and seventy-seven (117) made up of twenty (20) males and ninety- seven (97) females



Pictures from the mental health sensitization with the women from the Big Ada and its environs at the Lenorbinaya

2.12 Common Fund Disbursement

A total of 24 persons with disabilities have been vetted to benefit from the common fund disbursed this December. Of the total 19 are males and 5 females with the categories outlined.

Gender	Economic empowerment	Education	Organizational development
Male	8	8	
Female	16	4	
Total	24	12	3







Pictures of some beneficiaries who were supported in during the 2025 disability common fund disbursement.

2.13 Inauguration of Community and District Child Protection Committee

The department attended the inauguration of the community and district child protection committee. The committee comprise key stakeholders within the health, education, social welfare, the security service and local leaders who will have the responsibility of putting strategies in place to curb school dropout, and child labour within the district.



No	Name of Officer	Sex	Seminars/Conference/ Workshop	From	To	Institution	Funding
1.	Jerome Ashie	M	Education workshop on natural resource management in Songhor	18 th February 2025		Water Resource Commission	Water Resource Commission and Dutch water Authority
2.	Jerome Ashie	M	stakeholders consultation	14 th October 2025	15 th October 2025	Renal Ghana Foundation	Renal Ghana Foundation
3.	Enoch Bampoe Addy	M	LEAP	14 th October 2025	16 th October 2025	LEAP	LEAP
4.	Enoch Bampoe Addy	M	Ghana Federation for Disability National , regional and district level inclusion programme	10 th November 2025	11 th November 2025	Ghana Federation for Disability	Ghana Federation for Disability
6.	Enoch Bampoe Addy	M	Ghana Federation of Disability	12 th November 2025	13 th November , 2025	Ghana Federation for Disability	Ghana Federation for Disability

2.14 Activities carried out on behalf of the Assembly/Agencies (NGO, CBO etc.) or Collaboration

The department of social welfare and community Development of during quarter under took one assignment for an NGO called Volta Resilience foundation and SOS children's village in collaboration to select competent community members who will form part of the Community Child Protection Committee (CCPCs) and District Child Protection Committee (DCPCs) to help the office in the child protection fight, these community members were selected from the following communities Ocanseykope, Pute, Anyakpor and Elavanyo.

Their duties are to see to it that children are protected and also everything concerning child protection goes on well very, they are to also report to the office in case they chance on any worst of abuse against children and other people.

The committee was inaugurated on the 2025 at the Ocanseykope D /A Basic School and was charged with duties above and them to liaise with unit in performing their mandate.

The department helped in the selection and mobilization of the community members for the inauguration.





Pictures from the inauguration of the DCPC and CCPCs at the Ocanseykope D/A Basic School

2.15 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Despite the challenges mentioned above, the department have diligently handled most of the cases referred to it and the rest are in various stages of resolution and in necessary action.
- The department has been able to uphold an enviable appositive image for itself and has gained increased awareness of its existence and functions whereas it has enjoyed a continuous support and cordial working relationship with management and staff of the hospital as well as the District Assembly. This has accounted for the increase in the number of cases and the unit has been able to work effectively.

2.16 CHALLENGES

The department had no representation at the family Tribunal to oversee to cases of children in contact with the law and also family and child welfare cases making it challenging to keep such records and provide requisite assistance and also lacks funds to undertake demonstrations, education and sensitization programs which are all part of its mandated duties

The department also at the moment does not have a stationed social worker at the hospital to provide needed assistance to needy patients.

There is also the challenge of logistics in the office with regards to stationery. The assembly is not forthcoming with releasing stationery for performance of duties.

2.17 THE WAY FORWARD

The department will continue to provide social services to people especially the under-privileged and advocate for them. Public education on the mandate of the department will continue on radio, at public gatherings, in the office and any time there is an opportunity to do so.

2.18 CONCLUSION

Despite the constraints and challenges confronting the department, officers did not relent on their efforts but put up their best to make sure the marginalized, the disadvantaged and the excluded are mainstreamed into the society. A lot has been done by the staff, but a lot more needs to be done given the needed logistical and financial supports.