

ADA EAST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORT ON COMMUNITIES DRAINS
DREDGING AND DESILTING

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COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON DREDGING AND DESILTING OF CHOCKED DRAINS

Introduction

Chocked drains remain a major cause of perennial flooding, mosquitoes breeding, and foul odor in the district. Post-2025 flood assessments by NADMO and EHD identified assessment 22 critical drain segments prone to blockage. In line with District Sanitation Improvement plan and LI 1584, the Environmental Health Officers led a district-wide dredging campaign from January to June 2026 before peak rains

Ada East District Assembly (ADEA) under the leadership of the District Chief Executive Hon. Kenneth Kabu kofi Kanor, continues to implement strategic sanitation interventions aimed at promoting a cleaner, healthier, and flood-resilient municipality. In line with the vision of His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama and the Greater Accra Regional Minister, Hon. Linda O. A. Ocloo, the Assembly has intensified sanitation, desilting, and dredging activities as part of its commitment to environmental management and public health.

This report focuses on sanitation improvement measures, particularly the desilting and dredging of major and minor drains.

The District dredged and desilted 8 major drains across 6 communities in the Ada East District. The exercise removed approximately 1,650 cubic meters of silt, solid waste, and debris. The intervention was aimed at reducing flood risk ahead of the rainy season, controlling mosquitoes, and improving environmental sanitation, 78% of targeted drains were cleared, with 3 drains deferred due to access challenges and heavy encroachments.

The desilting and dredging exercises formed an integral part of the Assembly's Sanitation Management Plan and were carried out through routine operations, National Sanitation Day exercises, emergency response activities, and collaborative community clean-up initiatives involving Assembly Members, Civil Society Organizations, community leaders, and residents.

Objectives

1. Remove silt and solid waste from priority drains to restore free flow.
2. Reduce flood risk and property damage during the rainy season.
3. Control mosquito and rodent breeding site
4. Sensitize communities on proper waste disposal and drain maintenance.

Desilting Activities Undertaken

Following the reintroduction of the National Sanitation Day initiative by His Excellency the President, the Assembly has consistently participated in and organized desilting exercises across the municipality. These exercises have focused on clearing major drains, gutters, and water channels to ensure the free flow of storm water, particularly during the rainy season. The Assembly has also integrated desilting activities into its routine sanitation operations by collaborating with Assembly Members, community leaders, Civil Society Organizations, and residents. This collaborative approach has enhanced community participation and promoted collective responsibility for maintaining clean and functional drainage systems. During the period under review, the Assembly successfully undertook:

- Four (4) National Sanitation Day desilting exercises.
- Three (3) Regional Coordinating Council-directed desilting exercises.
- Six (6) electoral area and emergency desilting exercises.

These interventions targeted heavily silted drains and flood-prone areas within the District, contributing significantly to improved drainage capacity and reducing the incidence of localized flooding.

Impact of Desilting Works

The continuous desilting efforts have yielded notable improvements across the District, including:

- Enhanced flow of stormwater through drainage channels.
- Reduction in the occurrence of flooding in vulnerable communities.
- Improved environmental cleanliness and public health conditions.
- Prevention of drain blockages caused by accumulated silt and debris.
- Increased public awareness and participation in sanitation activities.

Challenges

1. Inadequate equipment for heavy siltation and concrete debris
2. Poor public attitude-waste dumping resumed within 1 week at 4 locations
3. Limited budget for continuous desilting and dewatering
4. Rain interruptions in March delayed work on 3 drains.

Recommendations

1. Funding: Allocation dedication budget line for drain maintenance.
2. Regular maintenance: Institute quarterly desilting for high-risk drains instead of annual.
3. Enforcement: task Assembly court to prosecute persons dumping waste in drains.

Conclusion

The Ada East District Assembly remains committed to sustaining regular desilting operations as a critical measure in flood prevention and environmental management. Through continuous stakeholder engagement, community participation, and enforcement of sanitation regulations, the Assembly will continue to maintain clean and functional drainage systems to promote a healthier, safer, and more resilient District.

PHOTO EVIDENCE OF ADA EAST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY DREDGING OF THE COMMUNITIES DRAINS.

















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