

SEFWI WIAWSO MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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INTRODUCTION

The Department of Social Welfare and Community Development continued with its mandate in leading the following social protection and vulnerability programmes to help improve the lives of the vulnerable and the excluded in the Municipality.

Mission:

The Department is working in partnership with people in the communities to improve their social wellbeing through promoting development with equity for the disadvantaged, vulnerable and the excluded.

Vision:

The vision of the Department is to take lead in integrating the disadvantage, vulnerable and the excluded into the mainstream of development.

ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS:

- Total number of staff - 6
- New appointment - 0
- Promotion - 0
- Transfer - 0
- Resignation - 0

ACTUAL STAFF AT POST:

- Senior Social Development Officer -1
- Social Development Officer -0
- Assistant Social Development Officer -3
- Senior Social Development Assistant -2
- NABCO -0
- National Service -2

OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES

CHILD RIGHT PROMOTION AND PROTECTION

CHILD PROTECTION CASES MANAGED AT THE OFFICE

During the period under review, a total of twenty-four (24) child and family related cases were received. Fourteen (14) cases were successfully treated at the agency level. Three (3) of the cases were referred and the remaining seven (7) cases are pending. Out of the twenty-four (24) cases, there were a total of forty-two (42) children involved in the cases of which thirteen (17) were boys and twelve (25) were girls. Of these cases, four cases were received from the Domestic Violence and Victims Support Unit of the Ghana Police Service and three cases were referred from the Sefwi Wiawso Government Hospital. The table below is a summary of cases and the number of children involved;

Table 1: Analysis of cases received

TYPE OF CASE	No OF CASES RECEIVED	No OF CASES RESOLVED	No OF CASES PENDING	No OF CASES WITHDRAWN	No OF CASES REFERRED	CHILDREN INVOLVED		TOTAL No. OF CHILDREN
						BOYS	GIRLS	
Non-Maintenance	9	3	3	0	3	9	10	19
Reconciliation	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Paternity	3	1	2	0	0	2	1	3
Custody	6	4	2	0	0	6	10	16
Intestate/Property Dissolution	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abandonment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Protection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SGBV	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Child trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse/Violence	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	3
Child Marriage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Missing child/Displaced Child	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Physical Abuse	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	14	9	0	3	18	26	44

CHILD PROTECTION AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

Sensitization on Menstruation as a Natural Phenomenon to Boys

The effort of the Municipal Assembly to reduce the stigmatization and misconceptions attached to menstruation informed the sensitization of children in six schools at Church of Christ JHS, Tanoso, John Bitar JHS, Dwinase, Okumdom JHS, Wiawso, Bright Life JHS Wiawso, El College JHS, Domeabra, and Rotzel School Complex, Boako. In all, seven hundred and eighty-three (783) boys, and nine hundred and forty-two (942) girls benefited from the exercise. This programme forms part of the GoG-UNICEF Child Protection Programme. The success of the exercise has led to the request for more of such programmes.

MONITORING OF COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES

There was a monitoring exercise undertaken in eight communities on the activities of the community child protection committees set up within them. As part of this exercise the inhabitants were mobilized and the roles of police, CHRAJ, law court, and social welfare were communicated to them. They were also sensitized on child labor issues using the toolkit.

Mobilization and advocacy for children using Child Protection Toolkits

As part of the GoG-UNICEF Child Protection Programme, seven communities were sensitized using the CPTK. These communities are Ahokwaa, Acheachane, Fawoman, Bedii, Kwamebour, Allomum, and Old Adiembra. Sensitization was on child labor, Child protection, adolescent development and education of children. In all, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Eight (758) men One thousand and twenty-eight (1028) women, six hundred and twenty-six (626) boys, and seven hundred and twelve (712) girls were impacted.

Support to Children in need of care and protection

GoG- UNICEF supported the municipality in grants used for the purchase of toners for printers, network data for SWIMS capture of cases and home visits for social enquiries and follow-ups of cases.

COMMUNITY CARE

LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP)

The period saw the 88th Cycle of LEAP payment. There is the ongoing renewal of health insurance membership. Sensitization on judicious use of the LEAP allowance was also done during household visit and payment days at pay points.

Below is a table of the detailed breakdown of the entire programme in the Sefwi Wiawso Municipality within the quarter.

	COMMUNITY	MALE HOUSE HOLD HEADS	FEMALE HOUSE HOLD HEADS	TOTAL HOUSE HOLD HEADS	TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED GH¢
1	Aboboyaa	3	10	13	2132.00
2	Aboduam	1	13	14	2320.00
3	Abonse	7	6	13	2216.00
4	Abuokrom	1	2	3	432.00
5	Acheachane	0	1	1	212.00
7	Allomum	7	22	29	4468.00
8	Amafie	1	21	22	3680.00
9	Amankwakrom	10	4	14	2092.00
10	Ampabame	1	2	3	552.00
11	Anglo	4	7	11	7,849.00
12	Anwiam	1	6	7	1172.00
13	Aprompe	2	3	5	892.00
14	Atta Cump	3	13	16	2408.00
15	Attorkrom	1	0	1	212.00
16	Ayirekrom	4	4	8	1444.00
17	Baakonka	2	9	11	2104.00
18	Bedii	15	13	28	4220.00
19	Brekuline	4	7	11	1780.00
20	Datano	9	18	27	5172.00
21	Fawoman	1	1	2	388.00

22	Futa	1	11	12	2472.00
23	Gyatokrom	7	7	14	2452.00
24	Kessikrom	0	1	1	212.00
25	Keteboi	23	8	31	5120.00
26	Kojina	2	2	4	536.00
27	Kokokrom	4	22	26	4492.00
28	Kunuma 82	1	5	6	1044.00
29	Kwadwo Hunu	4	5	9	1872.00
30	Kwamebour	15	8	23	3672.00
31	Kwanane	3	5	8	1360.00
32	Kwasiaddekrom	0	4	4	620.00
33	Larwehkrom	4	8	12	2196.00
34	Mile 3	16	9	25	3824.00
35	Nkonya	11	7	18	2916.00
36	Nsuonsua	1	5	6	1008.00
37	Ojobikrom	8	9	17	2884.00
38	Old Adiembra	1	2	3	600.00
	Grand Total	181	287	468	78,756.00

FREE NHIS REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FOR INDIGENTS

As part of the efforts to ensure good health for all vulnerable persons including Persons with Disability (PWDs) in the Municipality, a total of Five Hundred and Sixteen (516) persons were supported to either register or renew their NHIS cards in order to access health free of charge.

Out of the total number, Two Hundred and Thirty-One (231) were males and Two Hundred and Eighty-Five (285) were females.

Table 2: Analysis of Indigent registration on NHIS

Community	Male	Female	Total
Wiawso	231	285	516
TOTAL	231	285	516

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

There are early morning talks on food and nutrition by the Municipal Nutrition Officer from the Municipal Health Directorate.

The office however prays for the handing over of the School Feeding Programme to give it a proper monitoring as a social protection programme.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

Registration of persons with disability for the first quarter of 2024 was done in some communities in the Sefwi Wiawso Municipality as indicated in the table below. The gender disaggregation can also be found in the table below.

As at the time of preparing this report, twelve (12) PWDs had been registered. This was due to outsourcing registration to the disability associations at the community levels. This move is very beneficial to persons with disability and is planned to be upheld.

The attached table indicates the persons covered in a disaggregated data.

Table 3: Registration of PWDs by communities

NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY REGISTERED			
COMMUNITY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Dwenase	4	1	5
Anwiam	1	0	1
Tanoso	1	0	1
Appiahkrom	0	1	1
Boako	1	0	1
Ahwiaa	0	1	1
Kessikrom	0	1	1
Datano	0	1	1
TOTAL	7	5	12

Support to Persons Disability (PWDs)

There was a disbursement of funds during this period. A total of Fifty Thousand and Three hundred Ghana Cedis (Gh¢50,300.00) was disbursed to meet the needs of persons with disability as shown in the table below:

Type of Support	Amount (Gh¢)	Male	Female	TOTAL
Health	2,000.00	3	1	4
Education	2,300.00	4	0	4
Income Generation	45,000.00	19	11	30
Apprenticeship	1,000.00	1	0	1
TOTAL	50,300.00	27	12	39

The municipal Assembly has secured airtime on Faith FM on Thursdays at 7:00pm dubbed “Disability Corner”. This one-hour session is used for advocacy for persons with disability by persons with disability.

DAY CARE CENTRES:

Some early childhood development centers were visited. Two schools have renewed their applications for this quarter.

Non-Profit Organizations:

One NGO; Resource Foundation has duly registered with the department.

JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION:

FAMILY TRIBUNAL SITTINGS

There were sittings on Tuesdays.

CITIZEN ADVICE BUREAU (GENERAL ADVICE):

Two (2) clients from the public also came to the office to receive general advice on all sorts of issues from social, psychological, education, and employment, among others. Notably of these was access to various services.

LOGISTICS

The office needs a laptop to aid in entering cases on the SWIMS platform.

CHALLENGES:

- Inadequate staff
- Inadequate office supplies and logistics

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES:

There was a General Assembly meeting in the period under review.

CONCLUSION:

The Office wishes to extend its greetings and gratitude to all its collaborators whose efforts helped the department to chalk these successes in the quarter under review.

Thanks to UNICEF and all stakeholders and wish same cooperation will be extended to the Office in the ensuing quarter for it to effectively and efficiently discharge its mandate to improve the social wellbeing of people especially the disadvantaged, vulnerable and the excluded in society.