

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-three (23) child and family related cases were received. Twelve (12) cases were successfully treated at the agency level. Nine (9) of the cases were referred and the remaining pending (2) cases are pending. Out of the twenty-three (243cases, there were a total of fifty-three (53) children involved in the cases of which thirty (30) were boys and twenty-three (23) were girls.

Of these cases, three cases were received from the Domestic Violence and Victims Support Unit of the Ghana Police Service. 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TYPE OF CASE	No OF CASES RECEIVED	No OF CASES RESOLVED	No OF CASES PENDING	No OF CASES WITHDRAWN	No OF CASES REFERRED	CHILDREN INVOLVED		TOTAL No. OF CHILDREN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	12	4	2	0	6	19	13	32
Reconciliation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paternity	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Custody	7	6	0	0	1	8	6	14
Intestate/Property Dissolution	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse/Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Marriage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Missing child/Displaced Child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physical Abuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Delinquency	3	2	0	0	1	3	3	6
Teenage Pregnancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	23	12	2	0	9	30	23	53

CHILD PROTECTION AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

COMMUNITY CARE

LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP)

The was no LEAP payment for the period under review but there is the ongoing renewal of health insurance membership for LEAP household members.

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 One Thousand Four Hundred and forty (1440) persons were supported to either register or renew their NHIS cards in order to access health free of charge.

Out of the total number, Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight (698) were males and Seven Hundred and Forty-Two (742) were females.

Table 2: Analysis of Indigent registration on NHIS

Community	Male	Female	Total
Wiwaso	698	742	1440
TOTAL	698	742	1440

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 second 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, three (3) 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
Ahwiaa	0	1	1
Dwenase	2	0	2
TOTAL	2	1	3

Support to Persons Disability (PWDs)

There was no disbursement of funds during this period. 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. No school has renewed its application for this quarter.

Non-Profit Organizations:

No activity reports were received from the NPOs in the municipality.

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 no 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.