

FIRST (1ST) QUARTERLY REPORT: JANUARY - MARCH, 2022

DORMAA EAST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION: The Department of Social Welfare and Community Development is made up of two (2) Units decentralized under the District Assembly.

Its mandate is to work in partnership with people in their communities to improve their social and economic wellbeing through promoting development with equity for the disadvantaged, vulnerable and the excluded.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2022

SOCIAL WELFARE UNIT

- Identify and register Persons with Disabilities (P.W.Ds) and linking them to social interventions.
- Resolve family welfare cases
- Investigate and solve child related issues.
- Assist both the Family Tribunal and the Juvenile Court to resolve cases.
- Supervise/monitor the operations of all Early Childhood Development Centers in the district.
- Submit Social Enquiry Report to Court (Family Tribunal and Juvenile Court) upon request.
- Register and supervise NGOs and CBOs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UNIT

- Home visit
- Supervision and monitoring on water and sanitation issues
- Home science extension services (Women's Work)
- Adult Education (Study Group Meeting)
- Small scale Business and Partnership

This is a brief account of achievements chalked during the quarter beginning with organizational details.

PART ONE (1)**ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS**

1. Total number of staff on payroll - 3
(Social Welfare Unit has one (1) staff, the Head while the Community Development Unit has Two (2) officers).
2. Actual number of staff at post - 3
3. Auxiliary staff – - 2 - one (1) female is serving as National Service Person and one (1) female serving as internship
4. Gender ratio
 - Number of male staff - 2
 - Number of female staff - 1
5. Staff grading
 - Number of senior staff - 2
 - Number of junior staff - 1
6. Age Distribution
 - 20 – 35 years - 1
 - 36 – 45 years - 2
 - 46 – 55 years - Nil
 - 56 – Years and above - Nil
7. New appointments - Nil
8. Staff on study leave with pay - Nil
9. Staff on study leave without pay - Nil
10. Number of staff on secondment - Nil
11. Postings and transfers - Nil
12. Retirements - Nil
13. Resignations - Nil
14. Promotion - 0
15. Existing vacancies - 2
(A Secretary and one professional Social worker)
16. Death - Nil

PART TWO (2)**OPERATIONAL DETAILS**

1. Total debt owed to the department - Nil

2.	Total debt owed to the department outside	- Nil
3.	Investment made	- Nil
4.	Acquired revenue	- Nil
5.	Aid received in-kind	- Nil
6.	Aid received in-cash	- Nil
7.	Value of local purchase	- Nil
8.	Number of seminars/ courses conducted	- Nil
9.	Number of Audits conducted	- Nil
10.	Number of Courses / Workshops attended	- Nil
11.	Number of District Assembly meetings	- Nil
12.	Overseas indent	- Nil
13.	Number of agreement entered into	- Nil
14.	Number of publications	- Nil
15.	Number of conference held	- Nil
16.	Number of durbars attended	- Nil
17.	Sub-Committee Meeting	- 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hod and Emmanuel Boampong attended social services sub-committee meeting on 22/2/2022 	
18.	Other meetings	- 8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hod attended a public engagement on the developmental progresses of the district on 31st January 2022 Hod and Emmanuel Boampong attended a meeting organized by Inclusion- Ghana on 7/02/2022 Hod and Emmanuel Boampong attended Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday 1/03/2022 Hod and Emmanuel Boampong attended general assembly meeting on Friday 4/03/2022 Frank Adu attended Independence day Celebration at Kyeremasu on Sunday 6/03/2022 Hod and Emmanuel Boampong attended senior staff meeting on 9/03/2022 Emmanuel Boampong attended a town hall forum on strengthening social accountability systems for improved service delivery on wed 23/03/2022 Emmanuel Boampong attended a district planning and coordinating unit meeting on Tuesday 31/03/2022 	

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The mandate of Social Welfare unit is achieved through three (3) main core programmers namely:

1. Child Rights Promotion and Protection (C.R.P.P)
2. Justice Administration (J.A)
3. Community Care (CC)

(1) CHILD RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION

This aspect accounts for child related issues such as child maintenance, custody, access, family reconciliation, child abandonment, child truancy among others.

CASE WORK

During the 1st quarter of 2022, twenty-nine (29) new cases were recorded and all twenty-nine was (29) were successfully resolved as per the table below:

OPEN				CLOSED			REMAINING
Type of case	Brought Forward	New cases	Total	Successful	Withdrawn	Ref. to Family Tribunal	
Maintenance	0	12	12	12	0	0	0
Custody	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
Family reconciliation	0	6	6	6	0	0	0
Child Neglect	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Access	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
Financial Assistant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paternity	0	4	4	4	0	0	0
Compensation	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	29	29	29	0	0	0

Gender ratio on the table above:

Type of Case	Male	Female	Total
Maintenance	3	9	12
Custody	2	0	2
Family Reconciliation	3	3	6
Child Neglect	1	0	1
Child Access	0	2	2
Paternity	1	3	4
Compensation	2	0	2

Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Total	12	17	29

RENT CASE: three (3) rent issues were reported to the agency by a Tenant and parties have been sermon and cases resolved amicably.

Collection and payment of maintenance fees /Compensation:

Three Thousand Four Hundred And Eighty Ghana Cedis (GHS 3,400.00) was received and paid to Thirteen (13) women respectively as per the table below:

DESCRIPTIONS	Male	Female (Beneficiaries)	AMOUNT
Maintenance Fee	0	10	1,660.00
Rent	0	1	600.00
Debt(education expenses)	0	1	50.00
Debt (oil palm farm)	0	1	1,170.00
Grand Total	0	13	3,480.00

(2) **JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION:** This programme seeks to handle the legal aspect of the work. At the district level, it deals with children in conflict and in contact with the law, probation services and writing enquiry report for court upon request.

Family Tribunal and Juvenile Court Sitzings: The HoD attended 20 Court sittings at the Juvenile Court and Family Tribunal.

Breakdown of the details of the cases are as follows:

Family Tribunal

No.	Type Of Cases	Brought Forward	New Cases	Total	Tried	Partly Tried	Not Tried	Remarks
1.	Child maintenance	3	3	6	3	3	0	3 pending case
2	Custody	1	0	1	0	1	0	1 pending case

3	Paternity	0	0	0	0	0	0	No case recorded
	Total	4	3	7	3	4	0	

Juvenile Court:

SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT: Two (2) S.E.R. was written for the Dormaa Circuit court and Wamfie Magistrate Court respectively. Both cases were stealing.

No.	Type Of Cases	Brought Forward	New Cases	Total	Tried	Partly Tried	Not Tried	Remarks
1.	stealing	1	1	2	2	0	0	No pending case
2	Defilement	0	2	0	1	0	1	1 pending
3	murder	3	0	3	0	3	0	3still Pending advise from Attorney General
4	Unlawful possession of narcotic drugs	1	0	1	0	0	1	1 pending Involving counsel
5	Causing damage to a metal gate (amended to assault)	1	0	1	1	0	0	No pending case
6	Robbery	1	0	1	0	0	1	1 pending involving counsel
	Total	7	1	8	4	3	3	

Probation: A female juvenile offender-17 years who was convicted of stealing was placed on probation and referred to Dormaa East District social welfare officer for 12 months supervision.

COMMUNITY CARE: This programmed is responsible for rehabilitation of Disabled Persons into the mainstream of society. The program also deals with registration of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) as well as rendering services for destitute, poverty alleviation through LEAP, hospital welfare service etc.

LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP) PROGRAMME

No payment has been made during the quarter under review under the LEAP programme.

REGISTRATION/ RENEWAL OF INDIGENTS UNDER NHIS FOR 1ST QUARTER, 2022:

During the 1st quarter, 2022 the officer recommended Four Hundred and Sixty-Eight (468) indigence to National Health Insurance Office in Wamfie for registration and renewal.

Details are as follows:

Type of Indigents	Males	females	Total
Individual	186	277	463
PWDs	1	4	5
Leap beneficiary	0	0	0
School feeding	0	0	0
Grand total	187	281	468

Education On Child Right and child abuse for Pentecost Women's Ministry

The Wamfie Pentecost Church Women's Leader invited the Social Welfare officer to give a talk education on child Right and abuse to Pentecost women's group at Central branch in Wamfie on 23/02/2022.

DISBURSEMENT OF DACF FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)

No disbursement was carried out during the quarter

NEW PWDS REGISTRATION:

During the 1st quarter 2022 ten (10) Persons with Disability registered with the Department.

Breakdown is below

No.	Type of disability	0-5		6-15		16-59		60+		Total		Remarks
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1.	Moving						3				3	
2.	Difficulty walking			1	1					1	1	
3.	Seeing					1	1			1	1	
4.	Hearing/Speaking						1				1	
5.	Difficulty learning				1	1				1	1	
6.	Strange Behavior											
7.	Fit/Epilepsy											
8.	Albino											

9.	Loss of feeling											
10.	Others											
	Total									3	7	

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UNIT.

The unit exists to facilitate the power; skills, knowledge, and experience of people and in groups, thus enabling them to undertake their own initiatives to eradicate social, economic and environmental challenges to boost the growth of their living standards and conditions and enabling them participate fully in a truly democratic process.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DURING THE 1ST QUARTER

CAPACITY BUILDING

During this quarter, we were able to meet fifteen (15) market women who sell various commodities such as Vegetables Cassava and plantain Charcoal ,Fish, snails, groundnut paste, cold stores etc.

The purpose of meeting was to know their

- Sources of capital
- Income generation, management and investment.
- Loan assessment

SOURCE OF CAPITAL

In our discussion with the market women we realized that, most of them had their set up capital through personal savings, friends and relatives.

Through interviews, the facilitators got to know that most market women had been in business for five (5)-fifteen (15) years which has contributed to their high standard of living.

HOME VISITS

During the quarter, Twenty-five (20) homes were visited in Five (5) communities such as Nsesresu, Asuhyiae ,Asuotiano, Akontanim and kyeremasu to sensitize the youth on home management and economic income generation that will improve their economic wellbeing.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

Areas visited include Kyeremasu, Akontanim, Nseseresu, Asuhyiae, Domaa Akwamu and Wamanafo. We were able to meet 70 participants, which include twenty-five (25) males and forty-five (45) females.

Teenage pregnancy was defined as an unintended pregnancy during adolescence. A female teenager can be pregnant as early as age 12 or 13, although it is usually 14 or older.

The growing numbers of pregnant adolescents shows that addressing sexual and reproductive health issues is increasingly an issue in Ghana.

There are many factors that contribute to early pregnancy among adolescents that has serious consequences for individuals, family, society and national development.

Some of these factors are the high levels of poverty throughout communities, early marriage, gender discrimination based on historic unequal gender roles, the lack of sexual and reproductive health education, lack of access to contraceptive use and discrimination against reproductive rights for young women, among others.

Causes of Teenage pregnancy discussed with participants include:

- Poverty.
- Early marriage.
- Gender discrimination based on historic unequal gender roles.
- Lack of sexual and reproductive health education.
- Lack of access to contraceptive use and
- Discrimination against reproductive rights for young women.

Effects of Teenage pregnancy also include:

- Medical complications
- Emotional crisis
- Worries about future
- Delayed education
- Smoking and drugs
- Exhaustion
- Depression
- Neglect of baby
- Trouble with finances

Prevention of Teenage pregnancy includes:

- Having sex talk
- Explain safe sex
- Abstinence
- Laying out the consequences
- Not making sex a taboo subject

CONCLUSION

It is hoped vehemently that, performance for the next quarter will be improved than before and the staffs are well prepared to work harder especially to promote the social, economic, and sustain the wellbeing of the people in the entire district. On the whole, the activities have been successful and encouraging.

CHALLENGES

- ❖ Inadequate transport means.
- ❖ Inadequate funds to enable the unit access more homes in the quarter

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is highly recommended that there should be provision of means of transport for field staffs to enable the department reach out to the deprived communities in order to make the communities active in development.

Development takes place as a shared responsibility, therefore the Assembly should continue in supporting the department to carry out its mandated programs.

The Regional Office should do well by procuring one motor-bike to assist the activities and operations of the Department in the District. This is as a result of an increased in the staff strength.

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