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• Mr Johnson Asiedu Nketia (right), General Secretary of the National Democratic Congress, addressing the media after the IPAC meeting. With him is Mr Samuel Ofose Ampofo (left), Chairman of the NDC

# Deadlock!

## • EC, parties fail to agree on new register

By Kester Aburam Korankye & Timothy Ngenbe

**A** CRUNCH meeting organised by the Eminent Advisory Committee (EAC) of the Electoral Commission (EC) with members of the Inter-Party Advisory Committee (IPAC) to build consensus between the commission and the political parties on the compilation of a new voters

register ended in a stalemate.

The meeting, which was expected to last two hours, dragged for six hours, with the various interest groups and political parties holding on to their entrenched positions.

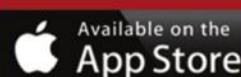
At yesterday's meeting, the EC maintained its resolve to compile a new voters register, with the New Patriotic Party (NPP) and some political parties strongly backing that move.

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# Deadlock!

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Against a New Voters Register (IPRAN), which includes the National Democratic Congress (NDC), held on to its resistance against a new biometric register.

## Heavy security

The meeting started at 10 a.m., amid heavy security, and lasted until 4 p.m., with policemen positioned at vantage points to provide maximum security for the attendees.

Four well-built policemen with scanning devices were positioned at the main entrance to the meeting room to ensure that no foreign material entered the venue.

The scanning process was also to ensure that people who did not belong to political parties or had not been invited to the meeting did not have access to the deliberations.

For instance, journalists who had entered the meeting room before the commencement of proceedings were ordered out, with strict warning that attendance was by invitation.

## Tension

The meeting saw officials of the EC, the information technology (IT) consultant for the EC, Dr Yaw Ofori-Adjei; the NPP, the NDC and other parties make presentations to support or oppose the idea of a new register.

Although it was held behind closed doors, the *Daily Graphic* learnt that the mood in the meeting room was charged, with

## Fact Sheet

- The EC has confirmed that it will begin the compilation of a new voters register for the 2020 elections on April 18, this year and end on May 30.
- The Inter-Party Resistance Against a New Voters Register is opposed to the plan, citing cost, time and credibility as the basis for its opposition.
- Eighteen CSOs have also registered their opposition to the decision of the EC to compile a new voters register.
- On the other side, 13 political parties have thrown their weight behind the compilation of a new register.

heated arguments and exchanges.

The Founder of the Liberal Party of Ghana (LPG), Mr Kofi Akpaloo, who supports a new register, and the General Secretary of the All People's Congress (APC), Mr Mordechai Thiombiano Lompo, whose party is opposed to the register, allegedly traded blows, the *Daily Graphic* team learnt.

The team also saw that a police

detachment was called into the meeting to restore order.

## EAC's position

Sources who participated in the meeting said after getting clear indications that there could be no consensus at the meeting, the Chairman of the EAC, Mr Justice Emile Short, brought proceedings to an end, with an assurance that the committee would harmonise submissions by the stakeholders and engage the EC on the best move to take on the matter.

Mr Short, who spoke to the *Daily Graphic* briefly moments after the meeting, said in spite of the fact that there were some heated arguments, the meeting had ended well.

"It ended with a prayer, which suggests that at least it ended on a good note," he said.

## Personalities

The Chairperson of the EC, Mrs Jean Mensa, led the delegation from the commission to the meeting.

The political actors at the meeting included the General Secretary of the NPP, Mr John Boadu; the party's Communications Director, Mr Yaw Buaben Asamoah; the 2016 Campaign Manager, Mr Peter Mac Manu, and the National Organiser, Mr Sammy Awuku.

The NDC was represented by its National Chairman, Mr Samuel Ofori Ampofo; the General Secretary, Mr Johnson Asiedu Nketia; the National Communications Officer, Mr Sammy Gyamfi, and other party executives.

Also sighted were the Founder and Leader of the APC, Mr Hassan Ayariga; the National Chairman of the People's National Convention, Mr Bernard Mornah, and the Founder of the Ghana Freedom Party (GFP), Madam Akua Donkor.

## IPRAN's concerns

Speaking to journalists after the meeting, Mr Asiedu Nketia said the NDC and IPRAN were not convinced by the arguments advanced by the EC at the meeting.

He said the EC and its technical team had failed to convince the participants that the current voters

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• Mr Justice Emile Short (left) and other members of the advisory committee

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# Four Burundi journalists jailed

BUJUMBURA (BURUNDI), JANUARY 30

**F**OUR journalists in Burundi, Agnès Ndirubusa, Christine Kamikazi, Térence Mpozenzi and Egide Harerimana, have been sentenced to two-and-a-half years in jail each after a court found them guilty of threatening the security of the state. They were also fined one million Burundi

francs (\$530; £405) each. The journalists from the *Iwacu* newspaper and their driver were arrested in October while investigating fighting between government soldiers and a rebel group near the Congolese border. The driver was acquitted by the court. The journalists' lawyer said they are surprised and will appeal against yesterday's ruling. "We had given proof to the court that the journalists were simply



• Agnès Ndirubusa, Christine Kamikazi, Térence Mpozenzi and Egide Harerimana were each handed two-and-a-half year sentence

doing their profession," Clement Retirakiza told the *BBC*. Human Rights Watch said the four were prosecuted for doing their work. However, the prosecution told the *BBC* that the journalists weren't held because of their

profession. Earlier this month, the EU parliament condemned the government of Burundi for "intimidating, violating and prosecuting independent journalists without real charges, opposition and rights activists".

Rights groups have accused the Burundian government of oppressing the media. Since 2018, the *Voice of America* and the *BBC* have been banned from broadcasting in Burundi. — *BBC*

# UN seeks \$1 billion for Ethiopia humanitarian response

ADDIS ABABA (ETHIOPIA), JANUARY 30

THE United Nations, the Ethiopian government and their partners have launched a US\$1 billion plan to respond to the humanitarian need in Ethiopia for 2020, a UN spokesperson has said. The humanitarian response plan aims to help seven million of the 8.4 million people identified as being in need of humanitarian aid in the country, said Stéphane Dujarric at a daily press briefing. "It is expected that displacement

caused by conflict, disease outbreaks, rain shortfalls in parts of the country and floods in others will continue to drive humanitarian needs in Ethiopia this year," he said. Currently, Ethiopia is experiencing one of the most severe desert locust invasions, which could lead to loss of livelihoods and food insecurity if not contained soon. Last year, the annual humanitarian response plan for Ethiopia set a target of gathering \$1.314 billion to aid 8.3 million of some 8.86 million in need. — XINHUA

# Nigerian court issues warrant for former oil minister

ABUJA (NIGERIA), JANUARY 30

A NIGERIAN court has issued an arrest warrant for former oil minister Dan Etete and two others in relation to a \$1.3 billion oil deal scandal. The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission lawyer Balance Sanga said the arrest warrant was a precursor for declaring Etete wanted before the country seeks Interpol help in apprehending him. "They have to come and face trial", Sanga told the *Reuters*. Lawyers representing Etete in Italy did not immediately respond to the request for comment.

The circumstances surrounding the award of the oilfield, OPL 245, is one of the oil industry's biggest corruption scandals. It is the subject of an ongoing court case in Italy that has also ensnared figures from two of the sector's biggest players, Shell and Eni. The companies have denied wrongdoing. Earlier this year, Nigeria successfully sought the extradition of former Attorney General Mohammed Adoke from Dubai for allegedly receiving bribes to facilitate the deal. — *REUTERS*

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# Daily Graphic EDITORIAL

Friday, January 31, 2020

## Bring back community development programmes

Science Department of the University of Ghana, showed that metropolitan, municipal and district chief executives do not frequently visit their communities.

The study, titled: "Popular opinion on performance of metropolitan, municipal and district chief executives", further revealed that "they mostly (51.4 per cent) visit once in a while but nearly two of every five of them (39.0 per cent) indicated that their MMDCEs have never come to their communities at all. Only 2.0 per cent visit weekly, 1.8 per cent bi-weekly and 5.8 per cent monthly".

We know that some of the assembly members campaigned on promises of addressing peculiar problems in the communities, ranging from

sanitation, drainage to bad roads.

The *Daily Graphic* believes that if assembly members revive the spirit of self-help where they lead the communities, some of the problems can be fixed.

We could not have agreed more with the President when, in his goodwill message read on his behalf, he said the people at the local level deserved nothing but leadership that would improve their standards of living and that assembly members could not afford to fail in that regard.

To be able to achieve this, assembly members must work in collaboration with the chief executives of the various assemblies to bring development to their people.

The *Daily Graphic* urges assembly members to shun the path of

antagonism, bickering and in-fighting, especially going up in arms against the chief executives over issues that could easily be resolved through dialogue and due process.

We must be mindful of the fact that the district assembly concept is to bring governance to the doorstep of the people. Assembly members must, therefore, seek to engage the people and pass on their concerns and other challenges to the assemblies.

We believe that if our assembly members adopt this path of engaging the communities, it will help the citizenry to have a better appreciation of our local governance system. Invariably, this will also whip up enthusiasm in future district level elections.

The *Daily Graphic* entreats all assembly members to bring back community development programmes, such as communal labour, clean-up exercises and mobilising members of the community for development projects.

Our assembly members must rise up to shape the development direction of the country as they serve their communities in the next four years.

**A** NEW tenure of metropolitan, municipal and district assemblies (MMDAs) has commenced with the inauguration of the assemblies by President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo last week. In all, 6,272 assembly members were sworn in to represent electoral areas in the various assemblies for a four-year tenure, while an additional 33,500 people who were elected as unit committee members were also sworn in. The inauguration of the MMDAs was in line with Section (3) of the Local Governance Act 2016, Act 936. It is early days yet, but the *Daily Graphic* would like to remind all assembly members, both elected and appointed, that they have taken it upon themselves to spearhead development in their electoral areas and, for that matter, the country. Such a task enjoins them not to just parade themselves as assembly members; they must endeavour to reach out to the people and help the communities overcome their developmental challenges. It is, however, unfortunate that a recent study conducted by the Political

### Your voice

How do we get the metropolitan, municipal and district assemblies to spearhead development in their areas? Our online reporter, Pamela Annang, engages our readers.



**Edem Latsu Nukafu**

MMDAs can do this by using the Common Fund allocated to them judiciously and generating funds for developmental projects in the communities.



**Mahama Alhaji Dawuda**

It should be made possible for the MMDAs to access loans and grants from institutions such as the World Bank to carry out development projects.



**Jeremiah Kumah Bastian**

The MMDAs must sensitise the communities to the importance of paying property rate and acquiring building permits which can help shore up their finances for development.

# Jean Mensa vs Coalition: Who wins?

By Enimil Ashon

**A**S I wrote last week, I am not against a replacement of the register; if it is not changed today, it would eventually have to be changed, anyway, after the December elections.

But I have a question for the Electoral Commission (EC). Did the commission have all the relevant information about dysfunctional equipment, etc. before June 12, 2019, when it held a press conference to announce the date for the Limited Voters' Registration? The exercise itself was held from June 17, 2019 through Sunday, July 7, 2019.

### Nationalistic duty

Some 1.2 million Ghanaians braved the extra-swelting sunshine to register. Many were the fishermen and farmers who, out of sheer nationalistic duty, skipped going out to sea or the farm.

Today, only five months later, all of that is gone to waste because the EC has changed its mind. Whatever the cost of the limited registration exercise, the loser is Ghana's already reeling economy. When I think of the effect, a number of citizens come to mind as the disadvantaged - the uneducated market woman, the half-literate tro-tro driver and his aplankey, the scantily

remunerated messenger and secretary in the civil service, the underground miner and the cocoa farmer, whose sweat exchanges for those dollars at the Bank of Ghana (BoG).

It is important that the EC, like the Judiciary, must be independent. Without that the resultant chaos cannot be contained. With our knowledge of what electoral violence has done to some countries, with pictures of limb-less citizens of Sierra Leone and Liberia haunting everybody, it is not difficult convincing Ghanaians to keep the EC financially independent.

But independence at what cost? Over the years, the EC has become so independent and so powerful that Mrs Charlotte Osei in April 26, 2016, had the temerity to call a press conference to insist on a new logo.

"This is our new logo. We like it. We picked it. It makes us happy." Period! All 25 million Ghanaians could scream, howl, cry, wail or kick our head against a stone wall. The EC had said it, and that was it. How much did it cost? None of your business! Is that what independence means?

Post-2016 elections. Exit Charlotte Osei, enter Jean Mensa. On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, the new EC boss announces: "The original logo of Ghana's

Electoral Commission (EC), has been restored". Cost: GH¢16,000.00, supposed to be pittance, but an amount for which somebody could kill or maim.

Thankfully and mercifully, however, we have, at long last, had an EC which seems to now admit that its independence is meaningless unless it jaw-jaws with the people; hence, the

**It is not for lack of brains. We've got brains in this country. Brains without funding.**

setting up of a body of eminent persons as an interface between the voiceless and the EC. Power makes sense only when it is exercised with and on behalf of the people.

Yesterday, the Eminent Persons Committee was said to be preparing to go into session. What will be the outcome? Can it persuade Jean Mensa & Co

to change its position? What, then, would be the implication, since according to the commission, it has already begun the procurement process?

Should that be the case, will the coalition against a new register be prepared to yield a few metres of its territory?

In all my 60-plus years on earth, there has been only one occasion when no side in a tug of war could be declared a winner because no side was able to pull the other to cross the line. This was at a women's games event at Essikado Nana Nketsia IV Memorial School.

Will the two sides be willing to allow the tug-of-war to end without a winner? Could it not be interpreted to mean that both sides won? I am happy about the stand-off, however. It means a lot for the future. It means a future in which the EC will consult more, and flex less.

My happiness is also about the lesson this whole thing about democracy has for us as a people.

For example, the EC asked Parliament to approve GH¢444,846,663.00 for the compilation of a new voters' register. They've got it. That is not all the money it wants. It has applied to Parliament for GH¢1,890,000,000 (GH¢1.9 billion) to conduct Election 2020. The last time I checked, GH¢1 billion was approved some months ago.

### National priority

I asked last week, and I repeat it here. What is Ghana's number one national priority? In the concluding statement in defending its decision about the new register, the EC said it was replacing the existing software with a new one "to enable us to own and control our systems". What do we own?

It is not for lack of brains. We've got brains in this country. Brains without funding.

Meanwhile, as each side stands behind the lines ready to tug, I plead that in the interest of peace, let Ghana win.

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# Google closes offices in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan

WUHAN (CHINA), JANUARY 30

**G**OOGLE is temporarily closing all its offices in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan as a result of the coronavirus.

Other tech giants, including Amazon and Microsoft, have also taken action to protect staff from infection.

This week, global corporations have been shutting operations in China and advising overseas staff not to visit the country.

Many employees are being asked to work from home or extend their Lunar New Year holiday.

Google said it was stopping staff travelling to China and Hong Kong, while employees currently in the country had been advised to leave as soon as possible and then work from home for a minimum of two weeks.

Google has four offices in mainland China, although the company has not said

how many staff it employs there.

While Google's search engine is not available in China, its offices focus on sales and engineering for its advertising business.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund had said it is closely

monitoring China's coronavirus outbreak, but it is too soon to quantify the potential economic impact of the virus that is halting tourism and commerce throughout the country.

IMF spokesman Gerry Rice told a regular news briefing that the direct impact on

consumer and business demand had been most severe in Hubei Province, the outbreak's epicenter, and the extent of the impact depend on how quickly the virus subsided.

Rice added that China had enough fiscal space to support its economy through the crisis, if necessary, and ensure that

households and businesses had access to credit.

Meanwhile, the death toll from the coronavirus outbreak has risen to 170, and a confirmed case in Tibet means it has reached every region in mainland China, a BBC report has said.

Chinese health authorities said there were 7,711 confirmed cases in the country as of January 29. - REUTERS/BBC

# Europeans bid farewell to United Kingdom

MADRID (SPAIN), JANUARY 30

WITH sorrow, some support for Brexit and even hope of a return, Europeans from across the European Union's 27 remaining members bade farewell to the United Kingdom on the eve of its historic departure.

The United Kingdom was expected to leave the European Union an hour before midnight yesterday, casting off into an uncertain future that also challenges Europe's post-World War Two project of forging unity from the ruins of conflict.

"Farewell, bye bye my love!" said Rudolf Stockey, speaking to Reuters in German.

From across Europe, EU citizens wished the United Kingdom the best after 47 years of membership.

Some expressed hopes that the British might one day return to the European fold.

"Come back. I have no idea. We are not so different," said Madrid resident Marcos Leon.

Some expressed concern that one of Europe's biggest powers was leaving the club.

"I am very sorry that the United Kingdom is exiting. I think it is a very, very bad thing for Europe, for the United Kingdom, for everything," said Sara Invitto, from Milan. "Goodbye!"

"I think it's a great waste," said Belgian Francois Heimans, who expressed worry over populism.

But some in Greece and Poland said the British were doing the right thing.

"Have a good Brexit guys," said Petros Papakyriakos from Greece. "They are doing what is right for their economy, and I think a lot of countries will follow their lead." - REUTERS

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# Opinion

## Equitable, quality education through partnerships

By Adam Yunus

**T**HE critical role of secondary education as a tool for social mobility, especially for the underprivileged, cannot be over-emphasised. Indeed, it is widely admitted that secondary education lays the foundation for lifelong learning opportunities.

Additionally, there is a general recognition that education is a public good and that the State must lead its provision. Therefore, no educational delivery arrangement must see the State to be playing a peripheral role, as that will be tantamount to the State relinquishing one of its core social responsibilities of providing enlightenment to the citizenry.

### Quality, equitable

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which Ghana is committed to, acknowledge this and stipulate in Goal 4 that by 2030, all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education, leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.

However, the responsibility of providing secondary education to all is a very huge and complex undertaking for the government alone to meet adequately.

That is the reason for which governments all over the world explore diverse ways of providing educational services to citizens. In its 2016 Report on global education, the World Bank admonished countries to look for effective partnerships in order to meet educational targets.

Undoubtedly, the Government of Ghana has over the years engaged with



several non-state actors in the provision of education. Indeed, most of the best schools in Ghana were established by religious missions in the country.

The private sector has contributed to increased access to secondary education over the years, and still has a huge potential that can be leveraged on to expand access and funding and reduce overcrowding in public schools to promote quality secondary education for all.

Over the years, the private sector's contribution to secondary education delivery in the operations of private second-cycle schools has increased significantly by providing over 17 per cent of admission space, according to the Ghana Education Sector Report (2017).

However, with the implementation of the government's Free Senior High School (SHS) programme, private schools appear to be losing students to the public

schools amidst limited space in the latter.

An example is the case of a private SHS at Dansoman in Accra that has only one student but six teachers, as captured on the front page of the *Daily Graphic* issue of Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

It has also led to the Conference of Heads of Private Secondary Schools (CHOPSS) complaining about the decline in enrolments in private SHSs, leading to the closure of several of them.

Indeed, the limited space in public SHSs has led to the government implementing the double-track system as a temporary measure to deal with a situation seen by many as a desperate measure.

### Private schools have the capacity to admit the additional numbers involved in the double-track admissions.

### Conviction

It is my strongest conviction that other options could be explored to deal with the situation by harnessing the potential of private schools in providing access. Private schools have the capacity to admit the additional numbers involved in the double-track admissions.

In the wake of the discussions leading to the implementation of the double-track system, the CHOPSS proposed to the government to make use of the huge available space in private schools under some agreed arrangements.

Posting students to private SHSs would not be something new as that was the case before the introduction of the Free SHS policy. With limited space in public SHSs, it is the opinion of many,

including myself, that the government should have considered that option.

That itself would be a way of boosting private sector participation in secondary education delivery in the country, something urgently needed anyway, especially if we are to make education accessible to all.

There are several other reasons why it will be beneficial for the government to engage private second-cycle schools in secondary education delivery. The first is to recognise the fact that those who attend private SHSs do so both voluntarily and circumstantially.

There are those hitherto placed by the CSSPS and others who were not placed in any school because they could not meet placement requirements. There were also those who, due to financial constraints, could not enrol in their placed public school in a particular year and deferred their secondary education to the following year, but would still not be admitted in any public school. There also parents who change schools for their wards due to change in location and yet, will not be admitted in another public school (especially under the Free SHS system).

All these students, about 36 per cent of Junior High School (JHS) graduates, according to the 2016 EMIS report, will be denied access to secondary education.

Even under the Free SHS policy, not all students will be placed, as one still needs to meet certain requirements. It is the private SHSs who fill this vacuum and provide the opportunity to some of these students who will be rejected by the

system at the full cost of the parents of these students. Many of these students are the underprivileged from deprived communities who could not get access to better basic education.

There are many notable Ghanaians who attended private SHSs after not getting access to public schools and are currently impacting positively on society.

In view of the existing challenges as discussed

above, it appears that the government may need to explore the opportunities offered by the private sector and other stakeholders to achieve the SDGs and other constitutional and educational obligations.

The government's engagement with the private sector is almost inevitable and only requires a stronger collaboration and effective monitoring to ensure that quality standards are met.

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# Gender

## Intensify efforts to address teenage pregnancy — UNFPA

From Mary Anane-Amponsah, HO

**A** REPRODUCTIVE health specialist with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Dr Robert K. Mensah, has called for increased efforts to address the alarming rise in teenage pregnancies in the country.

According to him, 14.4 per cent out of Ghana's total adolescent population of 31 per cent were either pregnant or already had children.

In a presentation during a

stakeholders' end of year review meeting in Ho, in the Volta Region, Mr Mensah said the statistics showed that the Western Region had the highest number of teenage pregnancies.

The Volta Region comes second followed by the Bono, Bono East and Ahafo regions, then the Central and the Greater Accra regions.

### Child bearing

Dr Mensah emphasised that child bearing between the ages of 15 and 19 was an issue of concern in the country, hence the need for concerted efforts towards addressing the canker at the very early stage.

"We encourage the Volta Region to take up the mantle to deal with parents, these young girls and everyone concerned so that child marriage, gender-based violence and all other things that contribute to adolescent reproductive issues and pregnancy are curbed," Dr Mensah said.

### Practical measures.

The Deputy Volta Regional Minister, Mr Johnson Avuletey, gave an assurance that the Regional Coordinating Council would put in place practical measures and guidelines to address the situation in the region.

He, however, advised parents and all stakeholders to join the effort in ensuring that adolescent girls were educated about reproductive issues and the dangers of teenage pregnancy.

### Educate adolescents

Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG) has affirmed its intention to intensify efforts in educating, informing and providing reproductive health services not only for young people, but also adults, in the region.

In an interview with the *Daily Graphic* on the sidelines of the meeting, Mr Kenneth Atsu Goka of the PPAG said education was key to empowering young people about reproductive health issues in order to make them more assertive.

He said the organisation had succeeded in economically empowering adolescents in communities through skills acquisition in order to financially arm them against the child marriage menace.

Mr Goka stressed the need for parents to establish cordial relations with their children and serve as a knowledge base for reproductive health issues on which children could rely on.

He appealed to donors to come on board and assist in educating the young vulnerable people for a healthier life for the future.



• The participants after the stakeholders meeting

## Apirede-Akuapem Mawerehemaa celebrates fifth anniversary

From Rebecca Quaiocoe Duho, APIREDE-AKUAPEM

THE Mawerehemaa of Apirede-Akuapem in the Eastern Region, Nana Tiaah Ampem Darkoa, has celebrated the fifth anniversary of her reign with a durbar that brought together chiefs, queen mothers and other traditional leaders from the Akuapem Traditional Area and beyond.

The event also attracted many dignitaries, including the Paramount Chief of Assin Kushea, Ehunaborim Prah Agyensaim VI; the Senior Minister, Mr Yaw Osafo-Maafa; MP for Okere and Minister for Regional Reorganisation and Development, Mr Dan Kwaku Botwe; and the District Chief Executive for Okere, Mr Daniel Kenneth, among others.

In her anniversary speech, Nana Darkoa entreated women not to feel intimidated whenever they wanted to venture into new

things but they should rather work at bringing out their best so that they can help in the development of their communities and homes as well.

She further advised them to celebrate acts of courage, bravery, sacrifices, determination and roles women play in building homes, families, societies and nations.

"I entreat all women to be bold, remain focused and believe in their capabilities as we forge ahead for the nation's development," she said.

### NGO

Nana Darkoa who is also the President of the Nana Tiaah Ampem Darkoa Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that promotes the welfare of children, women and the youth, also used the occasion to call on investors and other groups to consider investing in the vast tourism potential of the area.

She advised school age children to be dedicated to their education in order to develop their full potential and contribute positively to society's development.

### Selfless dedication

In his address, the Chief of Apirede, Okogyehene Otuamfom Saforo Okoampah III, commended Nana Darkoa for her selfless dedication and commitment in ensuring the development of women and children in the area and beyond.

He also thanked her for working to project the community to people both within and outside the country through her branding initiative.

For her part, the founder of Obaapa Development Foundation, Nana Hema Adwoa Awindor, urged women to believe in their capabilities and consider themselves key partners in the community development discourse.

## Highlights

- Nana Tiaah Ampem Darkoa was crowned the Mawerehemaa by the Chief of Apirede-Akuapem, Okogyehene Otuamfom Saforo Okoampem IV, five years ago.
- As Mawerehemaa, Nana Darkoa acts as a confidante to the chief, especially, in sourcing for funds to help in the development of the area.

A cooking competition was held by the various churches and other identifiable groups in the community to promote the consumption of local delicacies, as part of activities of the anniversary.

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# Vegetables to rake in \$1bn in 7 years

## • President Akufo-Addo projects at greenhouse village inauguration

From **Severious Kale-Dery,**  
AKUMADAN

**P**RESIDENT Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo has projected that the country can rake in about \$1 billion earnings from vegetable exports in seven years.

Inaugurating the Akumadan Greenhouse Village in Akumadan in the Ofinso North District in the Ashanti Region yesterday, the President said estimates indicated that cultivating three selected vegetables in greenhouses could generate over GH¢2.49 million a year.

Known as the Akumadan Greenhouse Capacity Building Centre and Commercial Units, the village is one of three modules covering 13,500 square metres, of which 4,500 square metres is being used to cultivate tomatoes, sweet pepper and cucumber.

There are two other greenhouses with similar facilities at Dawhenya in

the Greater Accra Region and Bawjiase in the Central Region.

The three centres run a three-month training programme for 30 agricultural graduates at a time.

### Ghana Beyond Aid

Addressing the large gathering of enthusiastic youth, chiefs and people of the surrounding areas, President Akufo-Addo said, for instance, that a hectare of tomatoes would produce 150 tonnes a year, with a market value of GH¢843,150, while a hectare of sweet pepper was also expected to yield 150 tonnes, valued at GH¢837,000 a year, with a hectare of cucumber yielding 150 tonnes a year, valued at GH¢810,000.

He stressed that the overarching vision of the Ghana Beyond Aid agenda was to rally the citizenry and resources to develop Ghana to achieve self-reliance and dignity.

To rake in the revenues, he said, the government was working to expand greenhouse villages to all parts of the country.

"Today's programme is a clear

indication of our genuine commitment to attain Ghana Beyond Aid," the President explained.

### Excitement

The quiet and calm learning centre came alive yesterday as hundreds of youth, New Patriotic Party (NPP) supporters and traditional leaders defied the over three-kilometre dusty road linking the centre to converge on the venue.

Most of them made it on foot in groups, amidst singing, drumming, dancing and praising the President for what they described as his human-centred social intervention programmes.

The inauguration ceremony was preceded with a mini-carnival and durbar of chiefs and a large number of NPP supporters, who were clad in the party's colours and carried placards with messages extolling the achievements of the government and the President.

@ a glance



■ The Ghana Beyond Aid agenda is neither mere rhetoric nor a political gimmick but a mobilising concept for the development of the country on self-reliance and dignity.

The arrival of the President almost resulted in a stampede, as both the youth and adults poured onto the premises of the centre to catch a glimpse of him.

Not even the assistance of a military officer, who went to the aid of the company's security at the gate, prevented the crowd from surging to enter the premises.

### Benefits

On the greenhouse facilities, President Akufo-Addo said: "It is expected that the benefit of the experience gained from training in the greenhouse villages will impact the local market by taking over supplies to hotels, restaurants and so on.

"The added benefit is that food tourism will also receive a boost from patronage of our local food produce to enhance businesses and incomes."

### Commitments

He pledged that going forward, the government would continue to collaborate with Ghana's development partners to ensure hands-on training to expand vegetable production in the country.

### Planting for Food and Jobs

The Minister of Food and Agriculture, Dr Owusu Afriyie Akoto, said the inauguration of the village was significant because the greenhouse villages module under the Planting for Food and Jobs programme was the least known.

Describing the inauguration as historic, he said: "This has never happened in the history of Ghana: that you have three sites with top-notch technology on greenhouse with a huge component for the training of our youth, some of whom have gone to Israel and back and another set is there for hands-on training in the technology. These are the eggs which are going to hatch the big enterprises."

### Social interventions

The Ashanti Regional Minister, Mr Simon Osei-Mensah, said since assuming office, President Akufo-Addo had implemented a number of inclusive and human-centred projects which clearly testified to the fact that the transformational agenda was truly on course.

For his part, the Chief Executive Officer of STL Africa Ltd, developers of the greenhouse technology, Mr Herzi Makmal, said the company was proud to be part of a programme that promoted the development of agriculture in the country.



• President Akufo-Addo, accompanied by Dr Owusu Afriyie Akoto (left), being conducted round the village by Mr Ofer Tamir (2nd right), the General Manager of AGRITOP Limited

# Four siblings burnt to death near Kintampo

From **Emmanuel Adu-Gyamerah,**  
SUNYANI

TRAGEDY hit a family when four children of the family were burnt to death at Bonche, a farming community near Portor in the Kintampo municipality in the Bono East Region, yesterday.

The deceased are Freda Stephen, seven;

Nyanne Nabada, four; Nabada Uwumboryakii, three, and Faith Stephen, nine months.

### How it started

According to the police, the eldest of the siblings, Freda, set fire to drive some bees that had invaded their cottage, in the process of which the fire gutted the structure, burning the children to death.

The incident happened when their parents

had gone to farm.

The Bono Regional Police Public Relations Officer (PRO), Chief Inspector Mr Augustine Kingsley Oppong, who is also in charge of the Bono East and the Ahafo regions, told the *Daily Graphic* that when the police visited the scene with some community members, they found the charred bodies of the deceased.

According to him, the police at Kadelso, near Kintampo, received a distress call from the

Assembly Member for the Gulumpe Electoral Area, Mr Emmanuel Tananja, about the incident.

"The police rushed to the scene and found all the children and the structure completely burnt," Chief Inspector Oppong said.

He said the bodies were removed and deposited at the Kintampo Municipal Hospital mortuary, pending autopsy.



# Politics



I think tolerance is something everybody needs to be reminded of, especially in a reactionary political world. Well, actually, I should say, a reactionary political climate.  
— Bruce Davison



## Ayawaso West Wuogon violence: Enforce electoral laws — Dowokpor

By Albert K. Salia

**T**HE first vice chairperson of the Progressive People's Party (PPP), Mr William Kofi Dowokpor, has called for the enforcement of electoral laws without fear or favour.

"Most important of all, the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) must live up to the mandate of educating the electorate on the essence of voting and why we must vote for credible, capable men and women to provide the leadership

**"Arguments have been advanced within and without police circles that the appointment of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) by the President would always lead to control of the police by the incumbent."**

Ghana needs for transformational development," he stated.

Speaking in an interview on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Ayawaso West Wuogon by-election, which falls today, he pointed out that elections were the vehicles that drove a democracy.

He said for a democracy to be sustained, the integrity of the electoral process must be guaranteed to yield credible outcomes that were acceptable to all stakeholders.

### Reforms

Mr Dowokpor, who contested in the by-election on the ticket of the PPP, said while the Vigilantism and Related Offences Act had been passed to outlaw militia groups in Ghanaian politics, the will to implement the law remained doubtful in so far as the Ghana Police Service was controlled by the incumbent and party in power.

"Arguments have been advanced within and without police circles that the appointment of the Inspector General of Police (IGP) by the President, would always lead to control of the police by the incumbent and mistrust of the entire service by non-

government stakeholders in every election," he said.

He said Ghana also needed to learn from Kenya on the appointment of members of the Electoral Commission by advertising the positions and taking qualified applicants through an appointment process that involved all relevant stakeholders to reduce drastically, the suspicion of the EC body working in favour of the government and party in power.

"In the current impasse between the EC and some stakeholders over the proposed replacement of the voters register for the 2020 election, the real issues are about appointment of a new chairperson and commissioners by the President who would also be contesting in the election, even though many other reasons have also been advanced for the objection," he opined.

### Incumbency abuse

He said as soon as the by-election was announced by the Electoral Commission (EC), the roads and streetlights that had been left in disrepair for over a decade in the constituency started receiving face-lifts and retrofitting, with a sense of urgency.

"The 'cash and goodies' that

were spread to influence the votes to retain the seat was mind blowing. And the moving of the "entire" state machinery to pitch camp in the constituency to guarantee the win was incredible," he said.

Mr Dowokpor said offences such as undue influence and vote buying, "to give or receive money or something of value as a means of inducing a person to vote, or not to vote in a certain way", took place openly.

### Accountability

He said for those desirous of finding a lasting solution to election-related violence in Ghana, this was the time to focus on advocacy and ensure that leaders who sponsor political parties are held vicariously liable for any violence their hirelings unleash on fellow citizens.

He said it remained a sore point that the government decided not to implement some of the most important recommendations made by the Commission of Enquiry to serve as deterrent.

He said the government in its 29-page White Paper on the report, rather accused the Emile Short Commission which investigated the violence of failing to address its terms of reference.

"The report failed to address the first and most critical of the terms of reference which was to make full, faithful and impartial enquiry into the circumstances of, and establish the facts leading to the events and associated violence that occurred in the Ayawaso West Wuogon by-election on the January 31, 2019," he said.



• Mr William Kofi Dowokpor

## Don't be too interested in your welfare

### • Assembly members advised

From Gilbert Mawuli Agbey, GOMOA AFRANSI

A MEMBER of the Council of State, Nana Owusu-Nsiah, has advised assembly members to desist from being overly interested in their personal welfare at the expense of the constituents who voted for them.

According to him, as representatives of their electoral area, it was their utmost responsibility to bring to the fore the problems of their people for them to be addressed and not to champion activities that would serve their parochial interests.

"You are the mouthpiece of the people at the district assembly and you should at all

times ensure that policies and programmes aimed at bettering the lives of the people are implemented and not ones that will personally benefit you," he said.

### Inauguration

Mr Owusu-Nsiah, who is a former Inspector General of Police, gave the advice when he inaugurated the Gomoa Central District Assembly.

Madam Beatrice Amedzi, the magistrate at the Gomoa Dawuramong District Court, swore the assembly members in at a ceremony held at the forecourt of the district assembly.

Mr Owusu-Nsiah mentioned that the people lacked a number of basic amenities and should therefore endeavour to trumpet

such challenges to be addressed so as to bring relief to the ordinary people.

### Unity is key

He implored them to eschew acts that had the tendency to break their front so that through unity they could work towards the transformation of the district for the ultimate benefit of all.

He noted that they, as 'honourable' members of the assembly, are not to lord it over the people but rather work with them towards tackling the challenges in their various electoral areas and further admonished them not to allow partisan politics to force them to take a stance that would not inure to the benefit of the district.

For his part, the District Chief Executive for Gomoa Central, Mr Benjamin Kojo Otoo, told the assembly members that their election and appointment marked the confidence people had in them and should therefore live up to the responsibilities associated with their new portfolio so as to justify the confidence reposed in them.



• Nana Owusu-Nsiah speaking at the event

# President Akufo-Addo has performed better — Bawumia

By Doreen Andoh

**N**O government has performed better than the Akufo-Addo-led administration in terms of road infrastructure under the Fourth Republic, Vice President, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, has said.

He said the absence of an integrated data was making it hard for people to appreciate the phenomenal work done by the government in the road sector.

**“It is our hope that Ghanaians would be a little more patient with us while we fix the roads gradually and accept the fact that government cannot work on all roads simultaneously.”**

by the government in the road sector.

“We are, therefore, putting together an infrastructure development data to justify the work we have done and still doing”

Addressing a road sector retreat to map out strategies to operationalise the President's declaration of 2020 as a year of roads in

Accra, Dr Bawumia said when the data was finally released, it would shock Ghanaians the amount of work the government had done.

## Beach road

Dr Bawumia announced that the road from the Black Star Square to Nungua, otherwise known as the Beach Road, would commence in the next four weeks.

He noted that road infrastructure development was one of the major concerns for Ghanaians as revealed in the Afrobarometer Report.

He pledged the government's unflinching commitment to meeting the needs and aspirations of the citizenry.

## Contractors paid

While acknowledging that the country was saddled with serious challenges in the road sector, the Minister of Roads and Highways, Mr Kwesi Amoako Atta, said the government had begun a massive road expansion and rehabilitation works.

“It is our hope that Ghanaians would be a little more patient with us while we fix the roads gradually and accept the fact that government cannot work on all



• Vice-President Dr Mahamudu Bawumia interacting with some regional directors of the road sector after delivering his address at the road retreat in Accra

roads simultaneously,”

He said government, towards the end of 2019, secured GH¢2.2 billion to defray part of arrears owed to road contractors estimated to be about 12 billion Ghana Cedis.

Mr Amoako-Attah said government since January 2017 to August 2019 had paid a total of GH¢1.7 billion of the outstanding arrears.

He said GH¢ 1.0 billion of the amount received was paid to contractors, funded through the consolidated fund and the remaining GH¢1.2 billion would be from the Road Fund.

He said under the payment modalities, all payment certificates valued up to GHC 500,000 and below were paid in full and that would mostly cover contractors categorised as routine maintenance contractors or SMC.

Mr Amoako-Atta said that showed the government's determination to ensure a stable atmosphere in the road construction industry to enable the contractors discharge their responsibilities effectively.

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKS AND SPECIALISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS ACT, 2016 (ACT 930)

### IN THE MATTER OF THE RECEIVERSHIPS OF THE 347 MICROFINANCE COMPANIES

### AND THE 23 SAVINGS & LOANS AND FINANCE HOUSE COMPANIES

#### NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

## AUCTION SALES OF FIRST BATCH OF USED VEHICLES AND MOTOR BIKES OF THE 347 MICROFINANCE COMPANIES AND THE 23 SAVINGS & LOANS AND FINANCE HOUSE COMPANIES (ALL IN RECEIVERSHIP)

As you may be aware, pursuant to Section 123 (1) of the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930), Bank of Ghana ("BoG") on May 31, 2019 and August 16, 2019 revoked the operating licenses of 347 insolvent Microfinance Companies and 23 Savings and Loans and Finance House Companies respectively.

BoG in accordance with Section 123(2) of the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930) appointed Eric Nana Nipah, a Director of PricewaterhouseCoopers Ghana Limited ("PwC") as the Receiver for the purposes of winding down the affairs of these institutions.

A key component of the Receiver's mandate is to secure all assets of the dissolved companies and maximise their realisations for the benefit of creditors.

Accordingly, the Receiver wishes to inform the general public that there will be a **Public Auction** of the first batch of used **Motor Vehicles** and **Motor Bikes** of these dissolved companies. Details of the Public Auction are as follows:

**Duration for inspection of items on sale:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – Friday, January 31, 2020

**Auction Duration:** Monday, February 3, 2020 – Friday, February 7, 2020

**Venue:** College of Physicians & Surgeons, Examination Hall 1, Ridge Roundabout

**Time:** 9:00am Daily

#### Conditions and Payment Modalities:

- Strictly cash down at the fall of the gavel or vehicle will be re-auctioned.
- "As is where is"
- Highest bidder shall be the purchaser

**Vehicle Types:** Salon, SUVs, Pick-ups, Motor Bikes

**Vehicle Brands:** Toyota, Hyundai, KIA, Ford and others.

**Auctioneers:** Wildos Mart (0244381303, 0208112627)  
Broadway Mart (0246004242, 0208166306)  
Yakamarta Mart (0208183500, 0243668984)

Receiver's Representative: Joseph Okyere, Tel: 024 469 2962 and Jerry Arhin  
Tel: 020 202 4404

Kindly contact the auctioneers if you require any further information on the auction.

# Group pickets at EC offices in Cape Coast

From Shirley Asiedu-Addo,

CAPE COAST

**S**OME members of the opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) last Tuesday picketed at the Central Regional offices of the Electoral Commission (EC) to protest the compilation of a new voters register.

Clad mostly in red, the protesters held placards some of which read "The new register is a waste", "we are for peace" "let's all protect the public purse" and "we need money for roads".

They met the Central Regional Director of the EC, Mrs Philomena Edusei and presented their grievances to her.

The police were there to ensure the demonstration was peaceful.

## No basis

The Central Regional Chairman of the NDC, Mr E. K. T. Addo, said there was no basis for a new voters register.

He said it was only fair the EC took

@ a glance



**Protesters in the Central Region have presented a petition to the Electoral Commission after picketing at the EC's offices.**

## Peaceful

Mrs Edusei thanked the protesters for the peaceful manner in which they conducted themselves.

She said their grievances and petitions would be forwarded to the head office in Accra.

dissenting views on the new register into consideration.

"We are Ghanaians and we have the right to protest this waste," he said.

He said it was not right to allocate so much into a new register when the government still owed many communities essential infrastructure such as roads and hospitals.

# Be tolerant

## • NCCE advises Ghanaians

THE Tema Metropolitan Director of the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), Mr Isaac Kwame Antwi, has appealed to Ghanaians to tolerate one another before, during and after the 2020 general election.

He said there was the need for Ghanaians to ensure a peaceful election in order for the country to maintain its position as the most peaceful country in Africa.

In an interview with the *Ghana News Agency (GNA)* on his outfit's projections for the year, he said: "We will educate the people in the Tema metropolis on tolerance and peaceful coexistence and the need to allow state security agencies to work. This is very necessary."

## Collaboration

Mr Antwi noted that the NCCE would collaborate with security agencies in the metropolis to sensitise people to freely report crimes, especially those related to elections.

With regard to the office's plans for the forthcoming general election, he stated: "We will form

an inter-party advisory committee with membership from the political parties, civil society, the Assembly, Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), media and the police."

He mentioned that the committee would be used as a platform to address pressing issues between political parties in the area and to promote peace before, during and after the elections.

Mr Antwi also noted that his outfit would put in place the inter-party dialogue committee which would serve as a platform for dialogue with parliamentary candidates in the metropolis.

## Assemblies

Touching on the newly inaugurated assemblies, he said the NCCE would organise workshops for the assembly members and Unit Committee to sensitise them to the importance and work of the local government system as well as their responsibilities to the people. - *GNA*



## FAN MILK LIMITED

Un-Audited Financial Statements for the full year ended December 31, 2019

### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the full year ended December 31, 2019

	2019 GH¢'000	2018 GH¢'000
Revenue	423,117	389,507
Cost of Sales	(254,210)	(240,731)
Gross Profit	168,907	148,776
Sales and Distribution Costs	(91,309)	(76,366)
Administrative Expenses	(52,454)	(74,520)
Other Income	10,039	18,001
Operating Profit	35,183	15,891
Finance Income	4,949	1,314
Finance Cost	(1,397)	(1,134)
Net Profit before tax	38,735	16,071
Current Tax	(13,721)	(3,172)
Net Profit after tax	25,014	12,899
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income	25,014	12,899
Number of Shares outstanding	116,207,288	116,207,288
Earnings per Share	0.22	0.11

### Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2019

	2019 GH¢'000	2018 GH¢'000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, Plant and Equipment	191,973	196,921
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Inventories	96,607	50,400
Tax	-	9,343
Trade and Other Receivables	27,312	23,769
Bank and Cash Balances	39,110	45,969
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>355,001</b>	<b>326,402</b>

### COMMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

FML delivered an annual Revenue growth of 8.6%. Growth driven by stronger innovation and renovation activities and improvement of the distribution network. Gross Profit improved by 13.5%, ahead of Revenue. This is due to efficiency projects across Cost of Sales, despite inflationary and exchange rate pressures. Operating costs improved versus prior year as a result of savings from reorganisation.

Overall, FML achieved a strong growth in operating profit of 121%. Net Profit grew by 94% against prior year.

### Statement of Changes in Equity

	2019 GH¢'000	2018 GH¢'000
Stated capital	10,000	10,000
Retained earnings - January 1	224,574	211,676
Total comprehensive income	25,014	12,899
Dividend for previous year	-	-
Retained earnings - December 31	249,588	224,575
Total equity	259,588	234,575

### Statement of Cash Flows for the full year ended December 31, 2019

	2019 GH¢'000	2018 GH¢'000
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Cash generated from Operations	17,291	77,085
Interest Paid	(1,397)	(1,134)
Interest Received	4,949	1,299
Tax Paid	(9,118)	(12,349)
<b>Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities</b>	<b>11,725</b>	<b>64,901</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	(23,832)	(53,875)
Right of Use - Lease Asset	(4,655)	-
Proceeds from sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	9,934	14,283
<b>Net Cash used in Investing Activities</b>	<b>(18,553)</b>	<b>(39,592)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Dividends Paid	(31)	(39)
<b>Net Cash used in Financing Activities</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(39)</b>
(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(6,858)	25,270
Cash and Cash Equivalents at January 1	45,969	20,699
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at December 31</b>	<b>39,110</b>	<b>45,969</b>

### Notes to the Financial Statement for the full year ended December 31, 2019

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these quarterly financial statements are consistent to that of the most recent Annual Report and Accounts.

2. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

3. Administrative expenses include:

	2019 GH¢'000	2018 GH¢'000
Directors Remuneration	2,913	2,555
Auditors Remuneration	240	237

4. Other Income

	2019 GH¢'000	2018 GH¢'000
Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets	8,114	13,075
Sale of Scraps & Sundry Income	194	256
Rent Income	936	1,084
Exchange Gain	-	3,403
Bad Debt Recovered	795	183

TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DO NOT CONTAIN UNTRUE STATEMENTS, MISLEADING FACTS OR OMIT MATERIAL FACTS

Dr. Charles Mensa  
Board Chairman

Ziobieton Yeo  
Managing Director

# Newborn jaundice prevalence on the increase for five years

## Recorded 9,273 cases in 2019

By Doreen Andoh

**D**ATA from the Ghana Health Service (GHS) have established that jaundice in newborn babies has been on the rise for the past five years, recording 9,273 cases in 2019.

Newborn jaundice, one of the causes of disability, especially, cerebral palsy in children, is the yellow discolouration of the skin and eyes in the first 28 days of life.

The data said in 2018, the country recorded 7,175; 5,338 in 2017; 4,251 in 2016 and 3,031 in 2015.

In a presentation at a national neonatal jaundice conference in Accra yesterday, the acting Director of the Family Health Division of the GHS, Dr Isabella Sagoe-Moses, expressed worry over the fact that most of these children died or suffered permanent disability due to late detection and treatment.

She said although prevention was

not always possible, early detection and treatment were critical to saving newborn babies from death and the dire permanent consequences of jaundice such as cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

She attributed the high neonatal jaundice cases to negative socio-cultural practices and beliefs such as exposing the babies to the early morning sun and spilling breastmilk on the eye when symptoms begin to show rather than seeking immediate health care in an approved facility.

She also attributed the rise in the prevalence to inadequate infrastructure, health knowledge and skill.

### The forum

The forum was organised by Africa Health Supplies in partnership with the Paediatrics Society of Ghana, the Ghana Health Service, the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital and the Presidential Advisor on Health.

It was aimed at brainstorming how

to raise public awareness of neonatal jaundice and improve care for affected children.

It was held on the theme: "Reducing infant mortality through neonatal jaundice awareness".

The occasion was also used to launch a facility for assembling medical suppliers for the treatment of neonatal jaundice, such as phototherapy equipment and infant beds to aid photo therapies, respiratory supporters and warming systems.

Dr Sagoe-Moses said the other reason for the prevalence was the inability of some health professionals to diagnose neonatal jaundice.

### Antenatal education

The Vice-President of the Ghana Medical Association (GMA), Dr Frank Sereboe, underscored the need for antenatal health education to prioritise neonatal jaundice to facilitate early detection outside the health facilities.

A global evangelist and chairperson for the forum, Dr Lawrence Tetteh, also underscored the need to simplify health

## Highlight

■ **Newborn jaundice, one of the causes of disability, especially cerebral palsy in children, is the yellow discolouration of the skin and eyes in the first 28 days of life.**

promotion in terms of language for the understanding of the ordinary person in order to make the maximum impact.

### Neonatal jaundice

Dr Hilda Mantebea Boye, who is a paediatrician and secretary for the Greater Accra Branch of the Paediatric Society of Ghana, said the disease could also cause learning disability, epilepsy, visual impairment, hearing impairment and death and was not "discriminatory" as babies born to any person could develop jaundice after delivery.

On what caused neonatal jaundice, she mentioned that infections during pregnancy; blood group differences between mother and baby, G6PD deficiency and camphor use, biliary atresia and galactosemia as some of the causes.

Dehydration from poor feeding, abnormal blood cells, bruising at birth, liver disease among others, she added, were some of the other causes of jaundice in babies.

Dr Boye urged mothers to observe their babies' stool for clay or chalk-like appearance, in addition to weakness, poor feeding, fever and abnormal crying.

She cautioned against the use of herbal medicine to treat neonatal jaundice, saying that "there are a few people who try herbal medications and end up causing brain damage to the baby or even death".

She also discouraged the practice of hiding babies indoors for the first week, as that might prevent mothers from noticing the jaundice in poorly lit rooms.



• Dr Anthony Nsiah-Asare (centre), the Presidential Advisor on Health, and Dr Lawrence Tetteh (left), Founder, Worldwide Miracle Outreach, launching the jaundice management firefly phototherapy equipment. At the extreme right is Dr Isabella Sagoe-Moses, acting Director, Family Health Division, Ghana Health Service. Picture: BENEDICT OBUOBI

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## Deadlock!

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register was so flawed that it needed to be replaced.

Mr Asiedu Nketia said they were happy that the EAC had given an assurance that it would put all the presentations of the parties together and advise the EC on what to do in the national interest.

"Apart from that, they gave the

opportunity that their doors are still open to receive memos, petitions or write-ups of any nature, so that they can take them into consideration when they are advising the EC," he said.

The NDC General Secretary said IPAN was surprised that the CSOs were not given the opportunity to make submissions on the new register, given that they played a critical role in electoral reforms.

"There was one major snag as far as we are concerned, and that has to do with the procedure. An independent presidential candidate of a previous election, who, in our

opinion, did not have any status as far as IPAN is concerned, was allowed to make a presentation, while CSOs which have always played a key role in our electoral reforms were denied the opportunity to make an input," he said.

### NPP Supports

For his part, Mr Mac Manu said the NPP was still in favour of the compilation of a new voters register and would rally round the EC to do so.

He said as had been the position of the party on a new register, even during the era

of a former Chairperson of the EC, Mrs Charlotte Osei, the NPP would not back down on its demand for a fresh register.

"It is true that the EC is soliciting all views on the compilation of a new register, but under Article 45 of the 1992 Constitution, it is the EC that has the mandate to compile a new register," he stressed.

He stated that the NPP won the 2016 elections with the current register and could still win with the same register, but it would support the move by the EC to compile a fresh one if that was what it deemed appropriate.

# Regional

## Restore Cape Coast's glory

• Prof. Anamuah-Mensah charges citizens

From Shirley Asiedu-Addo, CAPE COAST

**A** FORMER Vice-Chancellor of the University of Education Winneba (UEW), Professor Josephus Anamuah-Mensah, has called on indigenes of Cape Coast to rise up and restore the city's glory by capitalising on its educational and tourism potentials.

He has urged the two universities in Cape Coast in particular, the University of Cape Coast and the Cape Coast Technical University to work to help train the needed manpower required to accelerate the metropolis development agenda.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the Association of Concerned Cape Coast Citizens and Residents (ACCCCAR) inaugurated in Cape Coast last Friday on the theme "Oguaaman rising; Re-awakening the sleeping giants and rebuilding the broken walls."

Prof. Anamuah-Mensah said it was important to recognise the important role of the human resource to the rebuilding of Cape Coast into a vibrant socioeconomic giant and work to train

many of its youth to support its development agenda.

### Past glory

He noted with worry that the effects of the role the illustrious sons of Cape Coast had played in the political, educational and religious history of the country, as well as the struggles and sacrifices they made to Cape Coast now lay in ruins.

"They sacrificed their lives to protect our lands," he stated adding that these good and commendable works must continue.

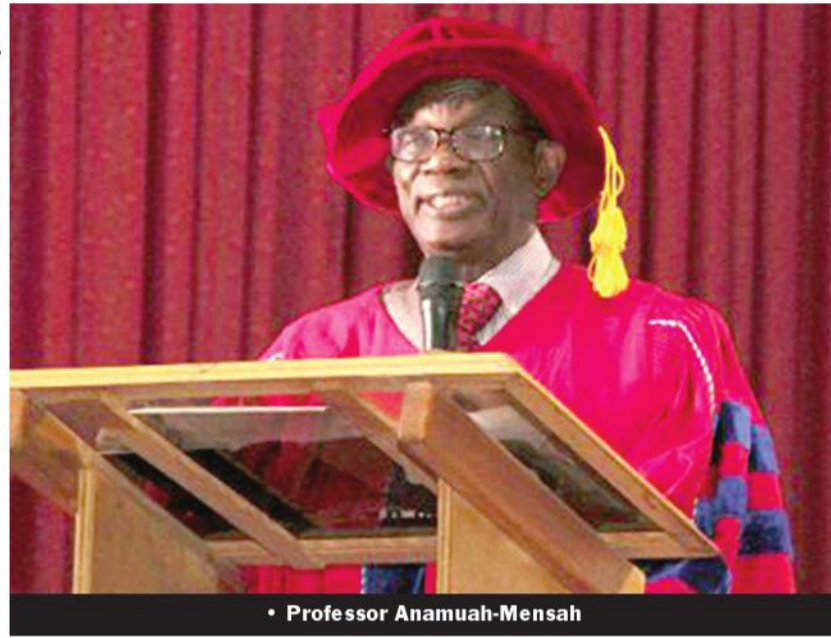
### Current state

"Our social and public fabric is broken. The gates to education and employment have been removed. We see the collapse of the fishing industry.

"Even the Fosu lagoon, which used to produce mouth-watering crabs has been engulfed with filth making it a health hazard. We see a rundown of the environment, we have ceased from being good custodians of the environment to a place of environmental degradation leading to poor environment," he bemoaned.

Prof. Anamuah-Mensah said there was also a general breakdown of the social system which had increased divorce, child prostitution, sex trade, high teenage pregnancy, other social vices and high unemployment rate.

He further observed that there was disregard for the town's heritage saying the many sites which could have served as sources of income for development were now in ruins.



• Professor Anamuah-Mensah

### Action

Prof. Anamuah-Mensah said it was time for all citizens of Cape Coast to rise and work towards galvanising all human and material resources to accelerate growth and build the "broken walls."

He urged the institutions to set up skills training centres to support the training of the youth with employable skills to make them economically self-sufficient and enable them to support efforts at development.

The General Secretary of ACCCCAR, Mr George Justice Arthur, said the association sought to bring together public-spirited and committed individuals of diverse background, youth, legal and health professionals, academic public servants and business people for the accelerated growth and development of Cape Coast.

He said ACCCCAR was committed to truly representing the citizens and residents of Cape Coast and to proactively partner the metropolitan assembly, the traditional council and

other service institutions to deliver quality living conditions for the people who live and work in Cape Coast and its surrounding communities.

He said the association sought to build a more productive, suitable, empowered and just future for its citizens and residents through community-based outreach activities and projects.

The Chairman of ACCCCAR, Prophet Victor Quarm, said the association was not partisan but one that involved every good-spirited citizen living in Cape Coast for its growth, adding that they would work to ensure it was not hijacked by any political party.

Both the Members of Parliament for Cape Coast North and South, Mrs Barbara Asher Ayisi and Mr Kweku Ricketts Hagan, pledged to support the association.

The Omanhen of Cape Coast, Osabarimba Kwesi Atta II, called for unity and oneness of purpose to move Cape Coast forward.

## MIN READ



■ Cape Coast citizens and residents have been urged to restore the town to its past glory.

## 3 Illegal gold miners arrested in Wa



• The gold detectors used for the operation

From Emmanuel Modey, WA

A 32-YEAR-OLD Burkina Faso illegal gold miner in the Upper West Region, Hamidu Hammond, sustained some injuries during an arrest by security personnel last Wednesday, and is on admission at the Wa Government Hospital.

Two other members of the gang (names withheld), who were also arrested in the operation, are in police custody assisting with investigation.

Briefing the Daily Graphic in Wa, the Regional Police Commander, Deputy

Commissioner of Police (DCOP), Mr Francis Aboagye Nyarko, said soldiers of the Operation Vanguard squad based in the region had a tip off that the gang of illegal miners equipped with gold detectors among others were operating in the forest of Dorimon in the Wa West District.

### Operation

DCOP Nyarko said in the early hours of Wednesday, personnel of the Operation Vanguard squad swooped on the gang where their activities were said to be ongoing but Hammond, the ring leader of the gang who resisted arrest,

sustained injuries in the scuffle that ensued and was on admission at the hospital.

He said two others who were also arrested were assisting in investigations while the remaining seven persons were on the run. He said the gold detectors and digging implements among other equipment that were being used in the operation had been confiscated.

DCOP Nyarko added that the police were, however, conducting an investigation and called on the public to assist them with any information that would lead to the arrest of the remaining gangsters.

# Explore complementary sources of funding road projects

## • Vice-President charges sector players

By Doreen Andoh

**T**HE Vice-President, Dr Halaji Mahamudu Bawumia, has underscored the need to explore complementary sources of funding to the budget in order to deliver effectively on the 2020 Year of Roads agenda.

He said the current financial demand for the ongoing massive road reforms was estimated at GH¢30.5 billion or \$6 billion, saying it was not feasible to foot the amount solely from the budget or government funds.

He explained that the amount projected was expected to cover the current indebtedness of about GH¢6 billion in the sector, as well as the cost of completing ongoing projects and meeting other financial commitments made in the road sector.

### Year of roads retreat

Dr Bawumia, who was speaking at a retreat organised by the Ministry of Roads and Highways to brainstorm on the operationalisation of the 2020 Year of Roads agenda, therefore, charged participants to think outside the box and come up with other pragmatic complementary road funding mechanisms.

In attendance at the retreat were road sector contractors, heads of agencies under the Roads and Highways Ministry and regional ministers. The Vice-President described the amount

needed for the execution of the Year of Roads agenda as huge, adding that a critical look at the Road Fund showed that "we are getting GH¢1.2 billion a year and so we need to match the gap between the annual GH¢1.2 billion and this GH¢30.5 billion".

### GoG funding

Nonetheless, he said, the government was doing much already in the face of the daunting task from Government of Ghana (GoG) funding but said it was very clear that relying on the budget alone would be a burden if it had to bear all the financial demands in the road sector, even for just this year's agenda on roads.

"Although the government is doing its bit, there remains a big gap between what we get into the Road Fund, plus GoG funding, and what is actually required. This is why we are asking that all stakeholders think outside the box in terms of road sector funding."

### Brainstorming

"I am sure this brainstorming session will come up with some proposals as to how to raise additional funds to get our roads done," he said.

He urged the experts gathered at the retreat to consider the possibility of exploring tolling identified commercially viable roads as a possible option for public-private partnerships.

Dr Bawumia said some roads were commercially viable and could be tolled to ease

**"Although the government is doing its bit, there remains a big gap between what we get into the Road Fund, plus GoG funding, and what is actually required."**

the burden on government purse, which was already over-stretched, explaining that "when such roads are identified, the private sector could pre-finance them and recoup through tolling proceeds".

### Leading by example

He said the government's leveraging of Ghana's bauxite reserve as collateral for massive infrastructure development in the country with the recent signing of the Synohydro Master Facility with the Chinese government, particularly on pre-financing roads, which had already started, was its plan of leading the charge for additional funding to the budget.

"The Synohydro Master Facility agreement is one such instance of thinking outside the box to fix some roads outside GoG funding and this is an

agreement to leverage about 50 per cent or less of the national bauxite reserve in exchange for roads," he said.

### Bauxite refinery

He emphasised the fact that the government was interested in building a bauxite refinery to facilitate an integrated aluminium industry, from which proceeds would be used to support infrastructural development in roads mainly.

The Vice-President mentioned other alternative sources the government was exploring to improve roads to include COCOBOD's financing of over 100 cocoa roads.

He called on contractors and other key stakeholders in the road sector to collaborate with the sector ministry to explore other complementary funding mechanisms to facilitate the successful delivery of this year's agenda on roads.

### Massive road reforms

Dr Bawumia said as part of the massive road reforms being undertaken this year, three critical roads in all the 16 regions would be worked on simultaneously.

In addition, he said, over 100 cocoa community roads had been selected for rehabilitation and expansion, including the Beach Road from the Black Star Square to Nungua in Accra, on which work would begin in the next four weeks.

He said there were about four road interchange projects, among other road sector infrastructure improvement, ongoing currently.

### Roads Minister

The Minister of Roads and Highways, Mr Kwasi Amoako Atta, said as part of road infrastructure improvement this year, road expansion and asphalt were ongoing simultaneously in every district in the country.

He said while a lot had taken place, much more remained to be done, adding: "The government is committed to massively improving the road sector, as evidenced in the President's declaration of 2020 as the Year of Roads."

He said to ensure that work on road projects was not stalled or interrupted, remittance to contractors had been made a priority this year and there was a comprehensive plan to settle all debts owed them, while making new commitments as well.

Mr Amoako Atta said some contractors had been paid fully, while plans were in place to settle all others who were owed.

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## • Vice-President charges sector players

By Doreen Andoh

**T**HE Vice-President, Dr Halaji Mahamudu Bawumia, has underscored the need to explore complementary sources of funding to the budget in order to deliver effectively on the 2020 Year of Roads agenda.

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He explained that the amount projected was expected to cover the current indebtedness of about GH¢8 billion in the sector, as well as the cost of completing ongoing projects and meeting other financial commitments made in the road sector.

### Year of roads retreat

Dr Bawumia, who was speaking at a retreat organised by the Ministry of Roads and Highways to brainstorm on the operationalisation of the 2020 Year of Roads agenda, therefore, charged participants to think outside the box and come up with other pragmatic complementary road funding mechanisms.

In attendance at the retreat were road sector contractors, heads of agencies under the Roads and Highways Ministry and regional ministers. The Vice-President described the amount

needed for the execution of the Year of Roads agenda as huge, adding that a critical look at the Road Fund showed that "we are getting GH¢1.2 billion a year and so we need to match the gap between the annual GH¢1.2 billion and this GH¢30.5 billion".

### GoG funding

Nonetheless, he said, the government was doing much already in the face of the daunting task from Government of Ghana (GoG) funding but said it was very clear that relying on the budget alone would be a burden if it had to bear all the financial demands in the road sector, even for just this year's agenda on roads.

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### Brainstorming

"I am sure this brainstorming session will come up with some proposals as to how to raise additional funds to get our roads done," he said.

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He said the government's leveraging of Ghana's bauxite reserve as collateral for massive infrastructure development in the country with the recent signing of the Synohydro Master Facility with the Chinese government, particularly on pre-financing roads, which had already started, was its plan of leading the charge for additional funding to the budget.

"The Synohydro Master Facility agreement is one such instance of thinking outside the box to fix some roads outside GoG funding and this is an

agreement to leverage about 50 per cent or less of the national bauxite reserve in exchange for roads," he said.

### Bauxite refinery

He emphasised the fact that the government was interested in building a bauxite refinery to facilitate an integrated aluminium industry, from which proceeds would be used to support infrastructural development in roads mainly.

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### Massive road reforms

Dr Bawumia said as part of the massive road reforms being undertaken this year, three critical roads in all the 16 regions would be worked on simultaneously.

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He said there were about four road interchange projects, among other road sector infrastructure improvement, ongoing currently.

### Roads Minister

The Minister of Roads and Highways, Mr Kwasi Amoako Atta, said as part of road infrastructure improvement this year, road expansion and asphalt were ongoing simultaneously in every district in the country.

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# Regular screening, vaccination antidote for cervical cancer

## • Dr Daniels advises

By Jennifer Kwasin

**A** MEDICAL doctor at the Solis Medical Centre, Dr Ebow Daniels, has said that the sure way for women to protect themselves from cervical cancer is to go for regular screening and get vaccinated.

He explained that the screening helped to ascertain one's status and once the outcome was negative, vaccination would help to provide protection from future danger.

He said positive results also provided

the opportunity to seek early treatment at the early stages of the disease.

### Oasis Montessori

Dr Daniels was speaking at a sensitisation programme on cervical cancer organised by Oasis Montessori School for its staff and parents in Accra. The sensitisation formed part of the commemoration of the Cervical Cancer Month.

The school, which started about 10 years ago at the GREDA Estate, Teshie, organised the seminar to sensitise its stakeholders to the condition and the preventive measures that could be put in place to fight the human papilloma

virus (HPV) that caused cervical cancer.

Dr Daniels, who is also the school's doctor, indicated that often, malignant cells spread from the cervix to the uterus, ovaries and other vital organs in the body.

"The cancerous cell is deadly and symptoms show at very late stages where cancer is already developed so take a bold step, know your status and protect yourself against it".

### Cervical cancer threat

Dr Daniels said research by the World Health Organisation (WHO) had shown that cervical cancer was the fourth leading cause of death among women and 90 per cent deaths from cervical cancer occurred in low- and middle-income countries such as Ghana.

That, he said, had become more alarming as the country recorded over 2,000 deaths every year.

"In this part of the world, many are still not aware that there is screening and vaccination and this is due to lack of education and awareness of the sickness, he added.

He, therefore, urged the participants of the programme to educate others in their various communities.

### Vaccination

Touching on vaccination for the cervical cancer, he noted that it was done in three doses with the first in any month, the second - two months after

the first dose and the third-six months after the second dose, he explained.

He further explained that the HPV vaccine was expensive, hence the low publicity, however, unlike Hepatitis B vaccine which provided protection for 10 years, the HPV vaccine was for a lifetime.

"If you find yourself between the ages of nine and 25 or have tested negative in a liquid pap cervical cancer test, get vaccinated and be free", he advised.

### Healthy Stakeholders

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the school, Mrs Christine-Marie Nyantakyi, said with more females being stakeholders of the school either as members of staff or parents, it was important to show much interest in their well-being, hence the programme.

She said in consultation with the management, the school would provide subsidy on the cost of screening and vaccination so that all female staff, as well as wives of male staff, could be tested and vaccinated.

"As a school, we are concerned about the

health of our staff, we believe that if we take care of the health of our staff, we increase productivity and work output", she said.

She explained that the education and awareness programme formed part of the school's corporate social responsibility and

"Since January is a month of cervical cancer awareness, we deemed it appropriate to educate our staff and parents as the health of our stakeholders cannot be taken for granted".

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• Dr Ebow Daniels (left) making a presentation on cervical cancer. Pictures: PATRICK DICKSON

# Farmer wins GH¢126,000 in NLA's new jackpot game

Macleon Kwofi

A 64-YEAR-OLD farmer from Navrongo in the Upper East Region, Mr Francis Pwalua, has received a cheque for GH¢126,000 for emerging as the first winner of the National Lottery Authority's (NLA's) new jackpot game, Daywa 5/39.

The winner placed a lotto ticket of GH¢2 via a short code \*446# and selected five numbers from one to 39, without repeating any of the chosen numbers.

The new jackpot launched on November 26 last year in Accra is an initiative of the NLA, in collaboration with Luckweb Ghana Limited.

### Presentation

Presenting the cheque to the winner in Accra yesterday, the Director-General of the NLA, Mr Kofi Osei-Ameyaw, expressed excitement about the winner, saying: "I am very happy that we are presenting this cheque to the first winner because on November 26 last year, I stood here and told Ghanaians that I was going to enrich them through the new jackpot game, Daywa 5/39."

He added, "I am so proud that within a short period someone from Navrongo in the Upper East Region is taking home the

GH¢126,000."

According to him, the presentation showed that the jackpot was real and everyone could also participate and win the ultimate reward.

"I am encouraging all Ghanaians to participate by dialing the short code, \*446#, and selecting five numbers from one to 39 without repeating any of the chosen numbers, with a minimal bet amount of only GH¢2.00 paid via mobile money across all networks, but can also be played on the convenient Daywa app," he said.

Mr Osei-Ameyaw noted that aspects of the Daywa daily jackpot applied the game mechanics of the famous jackpot lotteries in Europe and the United States of America (USA) and a true novelty in the country.

He said such jackpot games allowed patrons to win the top prize even if they only bought a minimal bet ticket.

"For the players, this means that he or she does not need to bet large amounts in order to stand a chance to win the top prize. Bigger bets do, however, multiply the player's statistical odds of winning," he explained.

### Appreciation

Mr Pwalua received the cheque and thanked the NLA and its partner, Luckweb

Ghana Limited, for introducing the new jackpot game.

He expressed surprise about how successful he was in predicting five numbers from one to

39.

While encouraging others to participate in the jackpot game, he said he would invest the proceeds in his farm back in Navrongo.



• Mr Kofi Osei Ameyaw (right) presenting the dummy cheque to Mr Francis Pwalua at the ceremony



# Ghana marks World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day

By Justice Agbenorsi & Rejoice Lavinia Eklu

**G**HANA today joined the rest of the world to mark the first-ever World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day to celebrate the achievements made towards controlling the diseases.

To commemorate the day, the NTD Secretariat of the Ghana Health Service (GHS) organised a durbar at James Town in Accra on the theme, "Beat NTDS: For Good, For All".

The durbar was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, the World Health Organisation (WHO), civil society groups, corporate organisations, development partners and individuals from the community.

At the event, stakeholders reiterated their commitment to scale up efforts in meeting the daunting challenges they face in controlling and eliminating the conditions.

Out of a list of 14 NTDs prevalent locally, Ghana has eliminated trachoma an infection of the eye and guinea worm.

The battle currently is against the remaining 12 NTDs, which include Lymphatic Filariasis (elephantiasis), Onchocerciasis (Oncho or river blindness), Schistosomiasis (bilharzia), soil transmitted helminthiasis (hookworm), Buruli Ulcer, Yaws (a chronic infection that affects mainly the skin, bone and cartilage), leprosy, leishmaniasis (transmitted by the bite of sandflies), trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness) and rabies which is transmitted to humans through bites of non-vaccinated dogs.

## Assiduous work

In a speech read on his behalf, the Minister for Health, Mr Kwaku Agyemang-Manu, said "we are working hard to control and gradually eliminate some of these diseases especially Yaws

and we will come up with plans for that this year."

Mr Agyemang-Manu explained that the NTDs were a group of diseases that could cause significant disease infection and deaths nationwide.

He said their prevention and control were central to ending extreme poverty in the next two decades and recommended a more targeted approach such as an integrated programme to educate communities and schools on the diseases in order to consolidate the gains the country had made in countering them.

## Partnership

For his part, the Director-General of the GHS, Dr Patrick Aboagye, said the service would maximise its partnership with other governmental and non-governmental organisations and development partners to work towards advancing control and elimination of NTDs this year.

He described the inaugural NTD Day celebration as timely and important, saying: "It's a step in the right direction and will contribute and maximise efforts that countries were making to achieve the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs) and the WHO ambition to eliminate NTDs.

The Greater Accra Regional Minister, Mr Ishmael Ashitey, said "no one in the

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world should suffer from NTDs this year. It is time to finally beat NTDs so that everyone will have the chance to live a healthy, productive and dignified life."

## Effective measures

Dr Sally Ann Ohene, a disease prevention and control officer at the WHO office in Ghana, urged the government and various stakeholders to join hands in combating NTDs in the country.

"I urge the government to allocate adequate resources to sectors working against NTDs and strengthen cross-border collaboration," she said.

She said historically, matters involving NTDs had not received as much attention as some other infections.

"Meanwhile, these diseases lead to severe disability, disfigurement and even death. They contribute to school absenteeism, keep adults out of work and put communities in endless poverty cycles," she added.



• Mr Badu Sarkodie, Director of the Public Health Division of the Ghana Health Service, launching the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Day. Picture: ESTHER ADJEI

# Pensioners advised to live within means

By Samuel Amoesi

PENSIONERS and senior citizens have been advised to live within their means in their retirement years and also save money for critical needs since living as a retiree with little or nothing to fall on in times of need could be very frustrating.

They are in addition encouraged to adopt healthy lifestyles while enjoying the 'fruit of their labour' in order to keep in check the numerous illnesses that show up when people stop working actively.

A former Stores Manager with the Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT), Mr Nicholas Gyimah-Yeboah, gave the advice when he addressed pensioners last Saturday at a party SSNIT organised for the pensioners association in the Kasoa-Akweley District in the Central Region.

## Get-together

About 100 pensioners attended the party and in a merry mood danced to both old and new genres of music.

They were also served good food and had an opportunity to catch up on latest gossip.

## Retirement security

Mr Gyimah-Yeboah, who is also a

member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, United Kingdom (UK), advised the pensioners not to put hope in their children as security or insurance during their retirement as many young adults are not adequately resourced to take up the responsibility of taking care of their parents and their families.

"The current generation has their own challenges in trying to start their own families and they go through a lot of pressure. It is, therefore, not in our interest to bank our hopes on them to take care of us when we go on retirement. Many of them find it difficult to fend for themselves and their families, how much more catering for other members of the extended family," he said.

Mr Gyimah-Yeboah added that "when we invest in our children's development, we do so because it is our responsibility and so when they in turn decide to take care of us in our old age, we should consider it a bonus, rather than being so expectant."

He said pensioners must manage their pensions well so they would not become frustrated "when the support they expect from their children does not come."

"At this stage of our lives, we should be in the position to manage our finances prudently by putting in place measures that will help us to spend our

benefits judiciously. We have to reduce excesses and cut down on unbudgeted items that dwindle our income," he stressed.

## Good health

Mr Gyimah-Yeboah also advised the pensioners to adopt healthy lifestyles in order to live long and be in good health.

He counselled those who did not have any health challenges to continue to stay healthy while encouraging those who had challenges to consistently go for medical checkups to manage their conditions effectively.

"Our bodies are prone to many old age diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, cardiac problems and cancers including prostate, cervical, breast, etc. All these illnesses can take a good chunk out of the pensioner's scanty salary.

We should, therefore, be mindful of our lifestyle to prevent them. In your old age it is not advisable to take in too much alcohol, red meat, sausages, soft and energy drinks since they have bad effects on our internal organs such as the kidney, liver and lungs," he advised.

He also advised the pensioners to reduce their intake of salt and sugar because they help cancer cells to grow in the body and rather take in protective foods such as vegetables and fruits.

# Social Basket

## Deaths

### Theresa Naana Akornua Wilson

The death is reported in Accra of Madam Theresa Naana Akornua Wilson (aka Teacher Naana), 76. She was the mother of Justice Mingle of the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

### Kweku Nunoo Baffoe

The death is announced in Accra of Kweku Nunoo Baffoe of Odumna family of Otum and Apam. He died on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10 am at the Lashibi Funeral Home. The late Kweku Nunoo Baffoe, 69, of MOBA '68 was a brother of Kwamena Baffoe (London).

## Burials

### Major J K Ocran (rtd)

A pre-burial Mass of the late Major J K Ocran (Rtd), alias Double Chop or Afro Q, will take place at the St Catherine Catholic Church,

Burma Camp, on Friday, January 31, 2020. This will be followed by a funeral reception at the Arakan Officers Mess.

The body will then be conveyed to Breman Brakwa, for a burial Mass on Saturday, February 1, 2020. There will be family gathering on Sunday, February 2, 2020.

### Theresa Baidoe-Ansah

The burial service for Theresa Baidoe-Ansah (Nee Stork) takes place at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Cathedral, Takoradi, on February 15, 2020. The body will be laid-in-state from 6:30a.m. to 10a.m. Funeral rites follow at the Takoradi Sports Club after burial. Memorial and Thanksgiving service will be at the same church on February 16, 2020 at 9a.m. Final funeral rites follow at the church grounds.

She was the wife of Mr Joe Baidoe-Ansah, former Minister of Trade and MP for Effia - Kwesimintsim/Kwesimintsi.

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1. The Savannah Zone Agricultural Productivity Improvement Project (SAPIP) focuses on three of the six agri-business clusters of the Northern Savannah Ecological Zone (NSEZ). The NSEZ constitutes the poorest part of the country with a poverty rate of over 40% which is about double the national average. The zone is characterised by relatively more challenging agro-ecological conditions, low socio-economic indicators and historical deficit in public investments in infrastructure and services. Development of this zone is perceived as a national imperative for Ghana's balance of payments, macro-economic stability, economic growth, food and nutrition security, job creation and poverty reduction. Finances of the project (SAPIP) is by a loan from African Development Bank (AfDB), with the primary aim of transforming agricultural value chains for food and nutrition security, job and wealth creation. The specific project objectives are:

- To increase farmers' food and nutrition security
- Increase incomes through increased agricultural productivity and diversification
- To enhance the creation and strengthening of Agribusinesses to increase incomes of actors along selected value chains on a sustainable basis.

The SAPIP project has four Components namely:- (i) Crop Productivity Improvement; (ii) Value Chains & Agribusiness Development; (ii) Infrastructure Development; and (iii) Project Coordination, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation.

2. The objective of this assignment is to develop E-Agriculture management platform to bring all stakeholders in the agriculture value chain into one ecosystem.

**3. SCOPE OF ASSIGNMENT**

Farmer registration and the need for information about smallholder farmers have been very critical for any inclusive business model that seeks to include the smallholder farmers in a well-structured value chain. Information gathering on smallholders is a big challenge when the right technologies are not used. The information needs of all the actors in the model will have to be met on such a platform. The cost of collecting information on smallholders can also be very high if not properly structured.

To address the challenges with information on smallholder agriculture, Mobile Based Service Delivery (MBSD) Platform that enables two-way data and information exchange between smallholder farmers and field staff on one hand, and all the other actors along commodity value chains, including input dealers, service providers, aggregators, off-takers and government agencies have been developed. These platforms engender professional and optimised management of resources, groupings of smallholder farmers, enhance access to advisory services, improve linkages to input and output markets in a well-organised and structured manner. MBSD platforms provide a real-time view of the smallholder farms: complete geo-tagged information about the People, Process & the Production operations. It also enables control of complete farm-level activities of smallholder farmers scattered over geographies through a single click or a single touch. The benefits of such a system are actually realised when it directly connects the government's strategic interven-

tions to the field operation through detailed analytics of data ranging in scope from a single plant in a plot to a complete holistic view of the entire country.

MBSD platforms for smallholder agriculture are well developed and provide a suite of applications. These applications include:

- Farmer registration profiling, including capturing the photos and biometrics of the farmers, all the geo-coordinates of all their parcels of land they would like to enrol in a programme
- Demand forecasting for inputs and services
- Robust and flexible system to track farms, crop quality, field task, and input management
- Provide Advisory and extension services
- Production forecast and enable decision making
- Comprehensive solution for warehouse and processing, providing traceability and quality control of the farm produce
- Remote Sensing and intelligence on weather systems at plot level, enabling banks and insurance providers take a proactive approach to arising risks, thereby reducing their exposure
- Mobile money platforms to payments and receipt of funds along the chain

4. The Ministry of Food and Agriculture through SAPIP now invites consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: (1) Core business and five years in business- (10 points); (2) Technical and Managerial Organisation of firm- (15 points); (3) Availability of Appropriate Skills among Staff- (15 points); and (4) Firm's experience in similar assignments (minimum of two (2) assignments with each having not less than 3 million farmers using the software)- (60 points).

5. A shortlist of consulting firms will be compiled and a consultant selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) Method procedures as specified in the African Development Bank's PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR BANK GROUP FUNDED OPERATIONS -October 2015) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines.

6. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0900 to 1700 hours.

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 10.00HRS, Friday, February 14, 2020.

**The Project Coordinator (SAPIP)**  
**Office of the Procurement Unit**  
**Ministry of Food and Agriculture**  
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# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Cedis)

	2019	2018
Revenue	339,753	632,152
Operating (Loss)/Profit	(175,875)	253,259
(Loss)/Profit before taxation	(186,261)	250,323
(Loss)/Profit after taxation	(141,382)	59,497
Operating (Loss)/profit margin	(51.77%)	69.76. %
Earnings per share (Annualised) GH¢	(3.012)	4.0710

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Revenue for the year under review was GH¢ 339.8 million compared to GH¢632.1million in 2018.

The results reflect challenging trading conditions, as well as the prioritisation of inventory reduction in our distribution network as highlighted in our disclosure in September 2019.

Management retains a positive outlook for the business in the long term.

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2019

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Cedis)

	2019	2018
Revenue	339,753	632,152
Cost of sales	(363,068)	(440,992)
Gross (Loss)/profit	(23,315)	191,161
Distribution expenses	(26,293)	(17,732)
Brand & marketing investment expenses	(29,223)	(39,999)
Administrative expenses	(70,167)	(67,867)
Restructuring costs	(2,687)	(9,620)
Impairment on trade receivables	(26,121)	(10,575)
Other income	1,932	207,890
Operating (Loss)/profit	(175,875)	253,258
Finance income	557	440
Finance costs	(10,943)	(3,376)
(Loss)/Profit before taxation	(186,261)	250,322
Taxation	44,879	(59,497)
(Loss)/Profit after taxation	(141,382)	190,825
Other Comprehensive Income		
Actuarial Gain	126	465
Total comprehensive income for the year	(141,256)	191,290
Earnings per share for (loss)/profit attributable to the equity holders of the company		
Basic Earnings per share	(2.2621)	3.0532

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2019

Period ended 31st December, 2019	Stated capital	Capital surplus account	Retained earnings	Share deals account	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2019	1,200	204	293,656	81	295,141
Total Comprehensive Income					
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	(141,382)	-	(141,382)
Dividend -2019			(50,000)		(50,000)
Other comprehensive Income			126		126
Balance at 31st December, 2019	1,200	204	102,400	81	103,885
Period ended 31st December, 2018					
Balance at 1 January 2018	1,200	204	119,112	81	120,597
Adjustment-Initial application-IFRS9			(1,121)		
Total Comprehensive Income					
Profit for the period			190,826		190,826
Dividend-2018			(15,625)		(15,625)
Other comprehensive Income			465		465
Balance at 31st December, 2018	1,200	204	293,657	81	295,142

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

	2019	2018
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	150,033	144,194
Right of use assets	1,603	-
Intangible assets	-	0
Investment in subsidiaries	10	10
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	151,646	144,204
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	120,644	53,436
Trade and other receivables	128,067	270,261
Prepayments	8,571	22,740
Related party receivables	35,689	227,904
Current tax	10,231	-
Deferred tax	35,995	-
Cash and bank	12,977	7,945
<b>Total current assets</b>	352,175	582,287
<b>Total assets</b>	503,821	726,490
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	1,200	1,200
Capital surplus	204	204
Share deals	81	81
Retained earnings	102,400	293,656
<b>Total equity</b>	103,885	295,141
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Employee benefits obligation	3,736	4,112
Long term lease liability	2,032	-
Deferred tax	-	8,843
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	5,768	12,955
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Bank overdraft	65,202	73,508
Trade and other payables	81,922	69,836
Related party payables	211,197	231,651
Dividend payables	33,828	3,044
Short term lease liability	288	-
Provisions	1,729	13,742
Current tax	-	26,612
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	394,167	418,394
<b>Total liabilities</b>	399,935	431,349
<b>Total equity and total liabilities</b>	503,821	726,490

The financial statements do not contain untrue statements, misleading facts or omit material facts to the best of our knowledge.

Director  
(George Owusu-Ansah)

Director  
(Edward Effah)

## UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

	2019	2018
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash generated from operations	98,284	(9,928)
Interest paid	(10,943)	(3,376)
Interest received	557	440
Tax paid	(38,753)	(32,356)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	49,145	(45,219)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(23,878)	(60,914)
Net write off - assets	-	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	(23,878)	(60,914)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Dividend paid	(15,628)	(15,625)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	(15,628)	(15,625)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	9,639	(121,759)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	(65,563)	53,189
Effect of movement in exchange rate on cash and bank	3,698	3,007
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of 31st December, 2019</b>	(52,227)	(65,563)

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes to the Financial statements  
1a. Summary of accounting policies  
BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as in the published 2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements.

1b. Statement of compliance  
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992).

1c. Basis of measurement  
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3• Instructions to tender (ITT) and bidding procedures are available on the British Council tender portal <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/britishcouncil.aspx/Home>

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Submission deadline is 11 February 2020.



## INVITATION FOR TENDER



### PASEWAY PROJECT

Plan International Ghana is an international child-centred community development organisation which has been operating in Ghana since 1992 and whose work is aimed at continuing to strive and maintain a just world that advances children's rights and equality for girls.

Plan International Ghana intends to procure **ONE** (1) Land cruiser Prado TX 5doors, 7-seater, **THREE** (3) Land cruiser 76 hardtop 10-seater vehicle and **TWO** (2) Yamaha YBR motorbikes. All quotes **SHOULD** satisfy the specifications below.

#### A. 3 x Land Cruiser 76 Hardtop 10-seater, 5-door Model: HZJ76L- RKMRS SFX: A3I

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- Air conditioning (non-CFC) ABS Brakes
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- 4 x lap Type Seat Belts for 2 x 2 Rear Parallel Benches
- Transit safety box (to secure easily removable items)
- Vinyl spare wheel cover

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Model: LJ150L-GKMEE SFX:

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- Pioneer AM, FM radio-cd, MP3 player, bluetooth, AUX jack &
- 4 x lap Type Seat Belts for 2 x 2 Rear Parallel Benches
- Transit safety box (to secure easily removable items)

#### B. 2x Yamaha YBR motorbikes with helmets

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# Uni-Pass clearing system to take off in April

From Della Russel Ocloo, TEMA

**T**HE planned roll-out of the Uni-Pass customs clearance system for valuation, classification and risk management of imports at the country's ports is expected to take off in April this year.

The system is expected to undertake classification duties as well as create an electronic payment platform for the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) and other allied agencies such as the Registrar-General's Department.

The project was scheduled to take off on January 1 this year but was suspended to allow the Attorney General to advise the government on the abrogation of existing contracts with West Blue and the Ghana Community Network Services Ltd (GCNet).

While West Blue's contract expires at the end of the year that of GCNet will expire in 2023.

The new programme is being provided by CUPIA Korea Customs Service, under a trade facilitation and Customs Management System, a 10-year contract with the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

In the lead up to the introduction, officials of CUPIA Korea and its local partners, Ghana Link Network Service, have since January 23 this year been taking the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA),

freight forwarders and other stakeholders through a training programme in Tema on how the system works.

## Present System

The present system in use at the country's ports are deployed by GCNet and West Blue to allow importers to create unique reference numbers, which migrate them onto the Pre-Arrival Assessment Reporting System (PAARS) to file their import declarations and generate the Customs Classification and Valuation Report (CCVR) on the West Blue system.

The system thus gives the importer the valuation and risk assessment reports, which allow them to post their declarations on the GCNet platform to process the payment of import duties and other taxes.

## GIFF

The Ghana Institute of Freight Forwarders (GIFF) has questioned the rationale behind the replacement of the service providers.

According to the President of GIFF, Mr Eddie Akrong, although they had not received any notification from customs on the rollout, members and other freight forwarding associations had been invited to the sensitisation programme.

"Why do you want to fix something that is not broken, when the present system, which dates back as far as 2002, is working so well," Mr Akrong queried.

Mr Akrong also wondered why the

government was rushing the whole programme to do away with a system that had existed for about 17 years with new additions to be abreast of the changes in technological trends.

## Deputy Minister

A Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Carlos Kingsley Ahenkorah, said the system was an integrated one to undertake the classification duties as well as electronic payment platforms for the customs division and other allied agencies such as the Registrar General's Department.

He maintained that challenges with the existing system had become inherent, necessitating the deployment of a totally new system which could provide an end-to-end solution to eliminate setbacks in trade facilitation as a result of the inconsistencies in the electronic data systems.

Mr Ahenkorah also noted that the GCNet and West Blue systems worked in isolation, owing to the difference in their execution licences, which made it difficult for a proper integration.

"You need a proper platform (a single window) to effectively carry out trade tasks, but under this present

## Highlight

■ The financial management act stipulates that agencies are not allowed to sign contracts without the involvement of government or the Ministry of Finance which has to accept responsibility on behalf of government and issue an obligation before a contract can be written out.

circumstance, do you give the job to GCNet or West Blue? And since you can't do that, you look for a composite contemporary system which could offer the same service or

even better as well as giving the country the ownership of the licence of the system," Mr Ahenkorah explained.

The Deputy Minister maintained that GCNet and West Blue licences did not belong to the country, hence customs had no direct control of the systems, "which is very dangerous since we are talking about national revenue which a private company has all the controls over," he claimed.

## Shareholding

Asked why the government would want to terminate the services of a company and its agencies, such as the customs, GCB and the Ghana Shippers Authority together had 30 per cent stake in, Mr Ahenkorah said that the effect of the dividend that ownership brought to the government was not more important than the ownership of the licence, the control and supervision.

Writer's email: delarussel@gmail.com

# Kwabeng AME Zion School gets new KG block

From A. Kofoya-Tetteh, KWABENG

A THREE-UNIT classroom block valued at GH¢90,000 has been inaugurated for the Kwabeng A.M.E. Zion Basic School to cater for its kindergarten class.

The new edifice which was funded from the Internally Generated Fund (IGF) of the Atiwa West District Assembly replaces an old rickety structure.

Cutting the sod for the new building, the District Chief Executive (DCE), Mr Isaac Okomaning Asamoah, said due to the bad nature of the old structure which posed danger to the children, the assembly decided to put up the new block within a record period of six months.

He indicated that this year, 13 schools with dilapidated structures would have such structures replaced with modern classroom blocks attached with offices and other facilities.

"The assembly is doing its best to replace all dilapidated structures in our schools and by the end of the year, all the schools will have modern classrooms," the DCE said.

## Polyclinic

With regard to health care, Mr Asamoah



• Mr Okomaning Asamoah unveiling the kindergarten block



indicated that construction work on a new polyclinic at Kwabeng, the district capital, was 80 per cent complete to serve as a referral point for patients from the various health centres in the district.

He stated that other social amenities and poverty alleviation programmes would be

made available in different parts of the district to improve the living standard of the people.

## New assembly members

Mr Asamoah, who earlier addressed newly sworn-in assembly members, called for unity and support to enable the assembly to achieve

its objective.

The District Director of Education, Ms Vida Evelyn Packu, said the provision of modern classroom blocks would attract pupils to attend classes and thanked the assembly for putting up such buildings.

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## 9th Anniversary

In Loving Memory  
Of



# Mrs Jane Bamfo

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# REMEMBRANCE

## 1st YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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**Date: 8th February, 2020 Time: 10 A.M.**



# A Year On...



*Laud E. N. Ankrah*  
**ANKRAH (Esq.)**

A year today, you left us suddenly, leaving us with pain unimaginable. A year on and we are still grappling to come to terms with it.

A year on and we still pray that God Almighty who knows all things will continue to give you a good rest.

You may be gone from our lives but not from our hearts.

*The children and I, together with your mother, the rest of the family and your friends, miss you dearly.*

Continue to rest in peace





## UN-AUDITED CONSOLIDATED AND SEPARATE STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2019

### STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2019

	Un-audited THE COMPANY		Audited THE COMPANY		Un-audited THE GROUP		Audited THE GROUP	
	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000
Investment income	44,543	35,591	107,734	95,136				
Fair value (loss)/gains on investment	-	-	5,916	(2,238)				
Exchange difference on valuation of investment properties	-	-	-	21,580				
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>44,543</b>	<b>35,591</b>	<b>113,650</b>	<b>114,478</b>				
Gross insurance premium revenue	-	-	641,863	542,558				
Insurance premium ceded to reinsurers	-	-	(101,665)	(87,085)				
Net premium written	-	-	540,198	455,473				
Change in unearned premiums	-	-	(4,744)	(2,043)				
<b>Net insurance premium revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>535,454</b>	<b>453,430</b>				
Gain on disposal of 30% share in EPL	-	28,389	-	6,531				
Other income	4,233	2,144	50,211	32,728				
<b>Net income</b>	<b>48,776</b>	<b>66,124</b>	<b>699,315</b>	<b>607,167</b>				
Insurance benefits and claims	-	-	(252,129)	(223,650)				
Change in insurance contract liabilities - Life fund	-	-	(75,864)	(59,923)				
<b>Net benefits and claims</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(327,993)</b>	<b>(283,573)</b>				
Net finance cost	-	-	(6,997)	(7,472)				
Impairment loss on reinsurance receivables	-	-	-	(4,400)				
Operating expenses	(17,867)	(16,997)	(155,752)	(147,545)				
Commission expense	-	-	(78,915)	(67,538)				
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>(17,867)</b>	<b>(16,997)</b>	<b>(569,657)</b>	<b>(510,528)</b>				
<b>Profit before national fiscal stabilisation levy and income tax</b>	<b>30,909</b>	<b>49,127</b>	<b>129,658</b>	<b>96,639</b>				
National fiscal stabilisation levy	-	-	(6,032)	(4,442)				
Income tax expense	(851)	(6,475)	(11,010)	(4,248)				
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>30,058</b>	<b>42,652</b>	<b>112,616</b>	<b>87,949</b>				
<i>Items that may be classified to profit or loss</i>								
Currency translation difference	-	-	-	88				
	-	-	-	88				
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>30,058</b>	<b>42,652</b>	<b>112,616</b>	<b>88,037</b>				
<b>Profit Attributable to:</b>								
Owners of the parent	30,058	42,652	71,990	51,856				
Non-Controlling Interest	-	-	40,626	36,093				
	<b>30,058</b>	<b>42,652</b>	<b>112,616</b>	<b>87,949</b>				
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>								
Owners of the parent	30,058	42,652	71,990	51,856				
Non-Controlling Interest	-	-	40,626	36,969				
	<b>30,058</b>	<b>42,652</b>	<b>112,616</b>	<b>88,037</b>				
<b>Basic earnings per share for the profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company during the year</b>	<b>0.176</b>	<b>0.250</b>	<b>0.421</b>	<b>0.303</b>				
<b>Diluted earnings per share for the profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company during the year</b>	<b>0.176</b>	<b>0.250</b>	<b>0.421</b>	<b>0.303</b>				

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Un-audited THE COMPANY		Audited THE COMPANY		Un-audited THE GROUP		Audited THE GROUP	
	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Property and equipment	7,656	6,130	53,914	48,039				
Intangible Assets	-	-	594	2,045				
Investment properties	-	-	289,716	246,525				
Investment in subsidiaries	164,400	-	-	-				
Deferred tax assets	578	578	15,457	15,457				
Investment securities	2,645	137,891	760,984	791,610				
Inventories	-	-	416	238				
Loans and receivables	2,943	-	14,707	24,641				
Prepayments	455	351	5,239	5,972				
Deferred commission expense	-	-	10,102	8,557				
Due from re-insurers	-	-	12,306	15,560				
Due from related parties	116,694	93,095	-	-				
National fiscal stabilisation levy receivable	-	-	-	122				
Current income tax assets	-	-	767	742				
Cash and bank balances	163,204	36,453	339,050	189,845				
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>458,484</b>	<b>438,898</b>	<b>1,503,252</b>	<b>1,349,353</b>				

### EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

	Un-audited THE COMPANY		Audited THE COMPANY		Un-audited THE GROUP		Audited THE GROUP	
	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 Ghc'000	2018 Ghc'000
<b>Capital and reserve</b>								
Stated capital	258,886	258,886	258,886	258,886				
Deposit for shares	-	-	996	996				
Retained earnings	167,530	145,159	216,144	162,214				
Currency translation reserve	-	-	814	814				
Share option reserve	-	142	-	142				
Contingency reserve	-	-	52,426	42,053				
<b>Equity attributable to the owners of the company</b>	<b>426,416</b>	<b>404,187</b>	<b>529,266</b>	<b>465,105</b>				
Non-Controlling interest	-	-	132,874	111,448				
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>426,416</b>	<b>404,187</b>	<b>662,140</b>	<b>576,553</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	2,557	2,557				
Life fund-insurance contract liabilities	-	-	569,407	492,556				
Unearned premiums and unexpired risk provision	-	-	40,000	35,255				
Outstanding claims	-	-	38,407	33,613				
Loans and borrowings	-	-	43,136	75,154				
Trade and other payables	6,617	5,614	80,158	68,058				
Policy holder retention scheme	-	-	2,300	2,224				
Deferred commission income	-	-	7,700	6,224				
Due to re-insurers	-	-	9,896	21,235				
Due to related parties	21,933	21,993	41,513	27,076				
National fiscal stabilisation levy payable	-	-	840	774				
Current tax liabilities	3,518	7,164	5,198	8,065				
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>32,068</b>	<b>34,711</b>	<b>84,112</b>	<b>772,791</b>				
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>458,484</b>	<b>438,898</b>	<b>1,503,252</b>	<b>1,349,344</b>				

### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31

	Un-audited THE COMPANY		Audited THE COMPANY		Un-audited THE GROUP		Audited THE GROUP	
	2019 GH c'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 GH c'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 GH c'000	2018 Ghc'000	2019 GH c'000	2018 Ghc'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>								
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(37,497)	(25,203)	152,814	64,649				
Investment income received	14,943	9,254	102,270	101,236				
Income tax paid	(4,497)	(33)	(13,881)	(6,641)				
National fiscal stabilisation levy paid	-	-	(5,843)	(3,830)				
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities</b>	<b>(27,051)</b>	<b>(15,982)</b>	<b>235,360</b>	<b>153,414</b>				
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>								
Proceeds from sale of equity securities	-	-	-	324				
Net purchase of unlisted debt securities	135,247	(48,012)	30,626	(130,638)				
Acquisition of investment property	-	-	(29,813)	(9,944)				
Acquisition of property and equipment	(3,322)	(5,859)	(13,595)	(16,815)				
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	106	62	330	617				
Purchase of intangible assets	-	-	(22)	(884)				
Proceeds from net sale and buy back of shares	-	3,955	-	3,955				
Dividend received from subsidiaries	29,600	15,800	-	-				
Dividend received from equity securities held	-	28	-	1,006				
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>161,631</b>	<b>(34,026)</b>	<b>(12,474)</b>	<b>(152,379)</b>				
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>								
Dividend paid	(7,687)	-	(41,519)	(23,209)				
Proceeds from issue of shares	-	219,720	-	219,720				
Proceeds from vested shares	(142)	1,463	142	(1,463)				
Payment to BSHL for share buy back in ELAC	-	(82,328)	-	(82,328)				
Net Movement in loans and borrowings	-	-	(32,019)	(7,439)				
Transaction cost paid on right issue	-	(3,610)	-	(3,610)				
Proceeds from capital injection from BSHL	-	-	-	8,585				
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities</b>	<b>(7,829)</b>	<b>135,245</b>	<b>(73,680)</b>	<b>113,182</b>				
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>126,751</b>	<b>85,237</b>	<b>149,206</b>	<b>114,217</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	36,453	35,478	189,844	173,643				
Effect of exchange difference on cash held	-	2,186	-	4,061				
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>163,204</b>	<b>122,901</b>	<b>339,050</b>	<b>291,921</b>				

The financial statements do not contain untrue statements, misleading facts or omit material facts to the best of our knowledge.

Keli Gadzekpo  
Group Chief Executive Officer

Fiifi Kwakye  
Director





ENTERPRISE GROUP LIMITED									
AUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY									
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018									
<i>(All amounts are in thousands of Ghana cedis)</i>									
	Stated capital	Deposit for shares	Retained earnings	Currency translation reserve	Share option reserve	Contingency reserve	Total	Non-controlling interests	Total Equity
Balance at 1 January 2018	37,268	-	147,478	748	1,836	32,945	220,275	88,504	308,779
<i>Total comprehensive income</i>									
Profit for the period	-	-	51,856	-	-	-	51,856	36,093	87,949
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	66	-	-	66	22	88
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	51,856	66	-	-	51,922	36,115	88,037
Transfer to contingency reserve	-	-	(9,108)	-	-	9,108	-	-	-
<i>Transactions with owners of the company</i>									
Proceeds from rights issue	219,721	-	-	-	-	-	219,721	-	219,721
Proceeds from vested share option	1,462	-	-	-	-	-	1,462	-	1,462
Transfer from share option reserve	435	-	-	-	(435)	-	-	-	-
Transactions cost for right issue	-	-	(3,610)	-	-	-	(3,610)	-	(3,610)
- Dividends to non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(15,800)	(15,800)
- Value of employee services	-	-	-	-	(1,259)	-	(1,259)	-	(1,259)
Acquisition of NCI without a change in control	-	-	(99)	-	-	-	(99)	(21,674)	(21,773)
Disposal of 30% shares in EPL without a change in	-	-	(24,303)	-	-	-	(24,303)	24,303	-
Proceeds from capital injection from BSHL	-	996	-	-	-	-	996	-	996
<b>Total Transactions with owners of the company</b>	221,618	996	(28,012)	-	(1,694)	-	192,908	(13,171)	179,737
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	<b>258,886</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>162,214</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>42,053</b>	<b>465,105</b>	<b>111,448</b>	<b>576,553</b>

ENTERPRISE GROUP LIMITED									
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY									
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019									
<i>(All amounts are in thousands of Ghana cedis)</i>									
	Stated capital	Deposit for shares	Retained earnings	Currency translation reserve	Share option reserve	Contingency reserve	Total	Non-controlling interests	Total Equity
Balance at 1 January 2019	258,886	996	162,214	814	142	42,053	465,105	111,448	576,553
<i>Total comprehensive income</i>									
Profit for the year	-	-	71,990	-	-	-	71,990	40,626	112,616
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-	71,990	-	-	-	71,990	40,626	112,616
Transfer to contingency reserve	-	-	(10,373)	-	-	10,373	-	-	-
<i>Transactions with owners of the company</i>									
Final Dividend paid for 2018	-	-	(7,687)	-	-	-	(7,687)	-	(7,687)
- Dividends to non-controlling interest -ETL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19,200)	(19,200)
- Share options not taken up	-	-	-	-	(142)	-	(142)	-	(142)
<b>Total Transactions with owners of the company</b>	-	-	(7,687)	-	(142)	-	(7,829)	(19,200)	(27,029)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>258,886</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>216,144</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,426</b>	<b>529,266</b>	<b>132,874</b>	<b>662,140</b>

ENTERPRISE GROUP LIMITED				
UNAUDITED SEPARATE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019				
<i>(All amounts are in thousands of Ghana cedis)</i>				
	Stated capital	Retained earnings	Share option reserve	Total Equity
Balance at 1 January 2018	37,268	106,117	1,836	145,221
<i>Total comprehensive income</i>				
Profit for the year	-	42,652	-	42,652
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	42,652	-	42,652
<i>Transactions with owners of the company</i>				
Proceeds from rights issue	219,721	-	-	219,721
Proceeds from vested share option	1,462	-	-	1,462
Transfer from share option reserve	435	-	(435)	-
Transactions cost for right issue	-	(3,610)	-	(3,610)
- Value of employee services	-	-	(1,259)	(1,259)
<b>Total Transactions with owners of the company</b>	221,618	(3,610)	(1,694)	216,314
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	<b>258,886</b>	<b>145,159</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>404,187</b>
Balance at 1 January 2019	258,886	145,159	142	404,187
<i>Total comprehensive income</i>				
Profit for the year	-	30,058	-	30,058
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	30,058	-	30,058
<i>Transactions with owners of the company</i>				
Final Dividend paid for 2018	-	(7,687)	-	(7,687)
- Options not taken up	-	-	(142)	(142)
<b>Total Transactions with owners of the company</b>	-	(7,687)	(142)	(7,829)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>258,886</b>	<b>167,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>426,416</b>



## NOTES FORMING PART OF THE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1. General Information

Enterprise Group Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") undertakes the business of investments, life and non-life insurance underwriting, pensions funds management, provision of funeral services and real estate development and management.

The Company is registered and domiciled in Ghana with a registered office address of Advantage Place, Mayor Road, Ridge West, PMB GP150, Accra.

### 2. Basis of Preparation

#### 2.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 1963 (Act 179).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost conversion, except for investment properties, insurance contract liabilities and financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss which have been measured at fair value.

### 2.2 Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Ghana Cedi (GH¢), which is the functional currency of the Company. All financial information presented in Ghana cedis have been rounded to the nearest thousand, except when otherwise stated.

### 3. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these un-audited financial statements are the same accounting policies used for the most recent audited financial statements of the Company. These policies have been consistently applied.

### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.



# Graphic, Prison Service forge close ties

By Salomey Appiah Adjei

**T**HE Editor of the *Daily Graphic*, Mr Kobby Asmah, has urged public service providers to be more open and transparent about their work to enable them to win the confidence of the public.

He said it was only through such actions that they would be able to court and win the trust of the public.

Mr Asmah made the call when officials of the Public Relations Department of the Ghana Prisons Service (GPS) paid a courtesy call on him at his office in Accra yesterday.

Led by the Chief Public Relations Officer of the service, Superintendent of Prisons Mr Courage Atsem, the visit was to deepen collaboration between the Graphic Communications Group Limited (GCGL) and the GPS for mutual benefits.

## Openness

Mr Asmah, who was joined in the meeting by some editors of the *Daily Graphic*, said such collaborations were critical to forge deeper partnerships for national development.

“Such collaborations are healthy and need to be encouraged. We have to get to know each other better while we serve our nation,” he said.

He explained that public service providers such as the GPS should work with the media to enable them to highlight their successes, as well as their challenges, adding that “you are a critical stakeholder that we depend on to tell the stories in the prisons”.

“The Prisons Service has numerous challenges, such as congestion and low feeding grant, and we need to discuss them so that you can get the assistance you need, but we can only discuss these if you open up to us and give us adequate information,” he added.

By being open, he said, the public would also get to know and understand the services that the service providers were mandated to provide.

For instance, he said: “Some people do not know that the prisons are meant to reform prisoners, for which reason you are providing that service of reform.”

Mr Asmah, therefore, urged the Public Relations Department of the GPS to work harder to change the face of the service and project it more positively to the public.

## 70th anniversary

The Editor also used the occasion to inform the GPS of the 70th

anniversary of the GCGL in October this year, adding that the anniversary would be used to project the work of the company over the years.

He added that the celebration of the year-long Platinum Jubilee would commence in March this year.

## The structures

For his part, Mr Atsem explained that the structure of the GPS as a security/service institution made it difficult to sometimes release some types of

information to the public.

However, he gave an assurance that his team would ensure that the doors of the service were opened for information.

Touching on the current situation of the service, he said there were 44 prisons in the country, which currently had more than 14,000 prisoners.

## Prisons hospitals

Mr Atsem said the Prison Service Council was in talks with the government for an upward review of the feeding grant for prisoners from the current GH¢1.80 a day.

He further indicated that one of the critical needs of the service was a prison service hospital in both the northern and the southern parts of the country to cater for the health needs of prisoners.

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Officials of the Public Relations Department of the Ghana Prisons Service have paid a courtesy call on the Editor of the *Daily Graphic* to foster deeper collaboration between the two institutions.

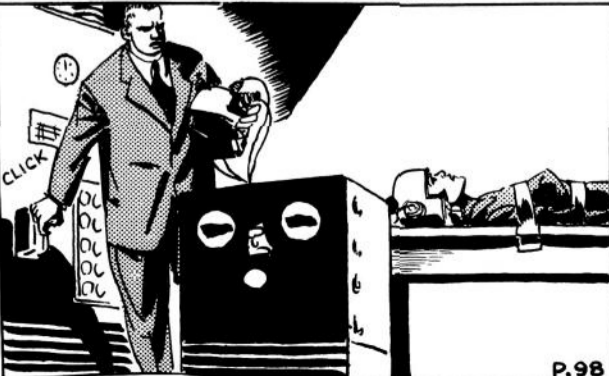


• Mr Kobby Asmah (left), Editor of the *Daily Graphic*, and Mr Courage Atsem, Superintendent of Prisons and Chief Public Relations Officer of the service, during the meeting

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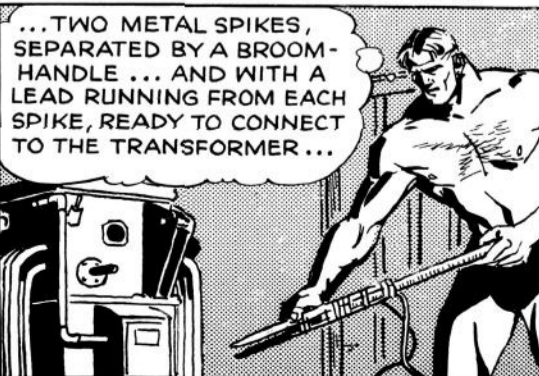
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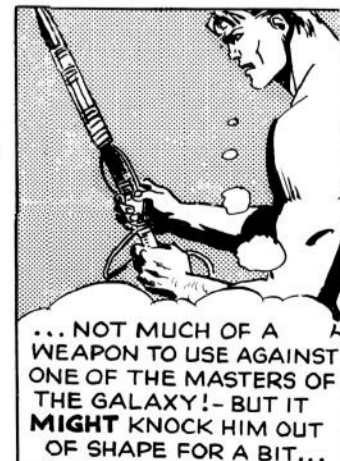


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AND IN THE ADJOINING STORE-ROOM, GARTH WORKS FEVERISHLY TO PREPARE THE ATTACK HE HAS PLANNED ...



... TWO METAL SPIKES, SEPARATED BY A BROOM-HANDLE ... AND WITH A LEAD RUNNING FROM EACH SPIKE, READY TO CONNECT TO THE TRANSFORMER ...



... NOT MUCH OF A WEAPON TO USE AGAINST ONE OF THE MASTERS OF THE GALAXY! - BUT IT MIGHT KNOCK HIM OUT OF SHAPE FOR A BIT ...

... PLENTY OF SLACK FOR MY 'HARPOON' ... CAREFUL NOW! - DON'T WANT TO CATCH A THOUSAND VOLTS OR SO, FIXING THIS HOOK-UP ...



# Business

Domestic revenue is estimated at GH¢65.8 bn, representing an annual growth of

22.5%

over the projected  
outturn for 2019.

Source: Ministry of Finance

## Maiden Monetary Policy C'ttee meeting: Analysts bet on rate-hold

By Maxwell Akalaare Adombila

**M**ARKET analysts are optimistic that the Bank of Ghana's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will stay its benchmark policy rate at 16 per cent for the first three months of the year when the seven-member committee concludes its first meeting for the year on January 31.

Their strong bet on a rate-hold in the first quarter of the year is anchored on their belief that the committee will aim to use the policy rate decision to consolidate the relative calm in the foreign exchange market enjoyed throughout this January while maintaining vigilance on the inflation front, where a rebased basket last September helped ease pressure on the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI).

In separate interviews with the *Daily Graphic* on January 28, Mr Courage Kwesi Boti, an analyst with Databank

Limited, and Mr Jacob Brobbey, the Head of Trading at Barclays Bank Ghana Limited, said although the conditions were "ripe" for a rate cut, previous experiences had shown that cutting the rate in the first quarter would disrupt the calm and stability in the market.

### Election year pressures

Mr Boti said the situation was even "trickier" this time round with the general election programmed for December 7 this year.

"We are in an election year and the sentiments are not the best," he told the paper ahead of the MPC press conference on Friday, January 31, when its Chairman and Governor of BoG, Dr Ernest Addison, would announce the committee's decision.

"In fact, until recent weeks, foreigners were staying completely off the market and they want to have a sense of policy certainty and an independence of monetary policy; they want to have a sense whether the central bank can guard the monetary policy regime towards the level they feel they are confident with.

"So given the risks that we have perceived - that potentially, currency could go out of gear, the fiscals could run out of gear too and all the other risks associated with the election year - I think the least the central bank can do is to just maintain the rate where it is in order to safeguard those sentiments," he said.

### Historic rate-hold

Throughout last year, the policy rate has been maintained at 16 per cent after a surprised 100 basis points (bps) cut in January 2019 prompted portfolio reversals in foreign debt holdings, then resulting in the cedi suffering a steep decline in its value against the world's major trading currencies.

Thus, a decision to hold the rate today will make it the longest time running

### Fact Sheet

- For five times in a row, the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of Ghana has maintained the policy rate at 16 per cent.
- The rate accounts for 40 per cent of the basket of indices used to calculate the Ghana Reference Rate, a benchmark rate that commercial banks use to fix their lending rates.

ever that the policy rate has been left unchanged.

Mr Brobbey of Barclays Bank explained that in spite of the need to maintain the policy rate in a bid to cautiously guard the stability in the inflation front and the foreign exchange market, a 25bps to a 50bps cut in rate "will not come as a surprise".

When asked about the potential impact on portfolio reversals and the cedi depreciation, he said it was "the quantum of rate cut in 2019 (100bps) that spooked the market, hence the sell-off of Ghana's assets by some offshore investors".

"This year, we have seen significant improvement in offshore investor appetite for Ghana's assets at current yields, and coupled with the measures put in place by the BoG (planned FX auction and regular market intervention) and the Eurobond issuance next week, we do not expect a repeat of last year's depreciation," he added.

### Lending rates not responsive

The policy rate accounts for 40 per cent of the basket of indices that are

used to calculate the Ghana Reference Rate (GRR), a benchmark rate that banks now use to set their lending rates.

Data from the Ghana Association of Bankers (GAB) showed that within the period that the policy rate had been left unchanged at 16 per cent, the GRR had hovered between 16.61 per cent and 16.11 per cent.

An economist with the fiscal policy think-tank, the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), Mr Leslie Dwight Mensah, said although the GRR was only a guide to banks in the determination of the cost of their funds to borrowers, "lending rates in particular have some catching up to do with the policy rate easing that we have seen since 2017".

He blamed the slow response in lending rates to the monetary policy easing on the non-performing loan overhang, which he said had been "an obstacle to significant reductions in lending rates".

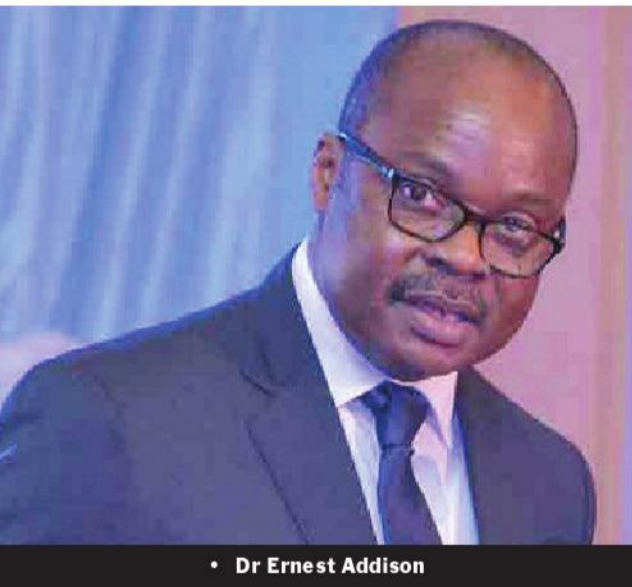
"So, I guess, in the view of the central bank, further cuts in the policy rate were not necessarily going to bring down lending rates if there were other factors such as the huge load of NPLs slowing down the process of reduction in lending rates," Mr Mensah said in a separate interview.

### IMF on inflation

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has noted that the monetary stance is "appropriate" as inflation is "close to target and inflation expectations anchored".

In its Article IV report released in December 2019, the fund, however, advised the MPC to remain cautious as inflationary pressures could re-emerge.

It noted further that a relatively tight stance could "help stabilise the exchange rate and reduce foreign exchange interventions".



• Dr Ernest Addison

## Jumia appoints new CEO for Ghana

JUMIA, the leading eCommerce platform in Africa, has appointed Ms Diana Owusu-Kyereko as its new Chief Executive Officer for Ghana.

Previously, Ms Owusu-Kyereko was the Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) for Jumia Kenya and has served the company in other capacities since 2013.

She brings a pool of experience; having held other management roles in Jumia, Ringier, Wimdu and Allianz Reinsurance in Munich (Germany).

She is an undergraduate from the University of Leeds (United Kingdom) and a Masters holder in Management, Organisations, and Governance, Business Administration and Management from the London School of Economics and Political Science (United Kingdom).

In a press release issued by the company, Ms Owusu-Kyereko said "I am truly excited about this role and about being part of Jumia's journey in

transforming Africa's economy through e-commerce. Ghana is one of the fastest-growing economies in the continent, and we are keen on growing Jumia across all our operations."

### About Jumia

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• Ms Diana Owusu-Kyereko

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS**

- In compliance with the provision of the Public Procurement Act 2003 (Act 663) as amended in 2016 (Act 914), the Komenda College of Education intends to apply part of its funds for eligible payment under the contract for which this invitation for tenders is issued.
- Komenda College of Education now invites sealed Tenders from eligible suppliers for the procurement of the under-mentioned Goods.

LOT	PACKAGE NUMBER	ITEMS	QUANTITY
1.	KMCE/NCT/GDS/2020/001	<b>Merchandise Food Items:</b> Rice, Cooking oil, Tomato Puree, Flour, Sugar, Milk, Sardine, etc	Various
2.	KMCE/NCT/GDS/2020/002	<b>Domestic Food Items:</b> Maize, Beans, Gari, Red oil, Salt, Millet, Groundnut, Pepper, Onion.	Various
3.	KMCE/NCT/GDS/2020/003	<b>Meat and Fish Products:</b> Frozen Fish, Frozen Chicken, Fresh Eggs, etc.	Various
4.	KMCE/NCT/GDS/2020/004	<b>Stationery</b>	Various
5.	KMCE/NCT/GDS/2020/005	<b>Civil Works, Plumbing and Electricals</b>	Various
6.	KMCE/NCT/GDS/2020/006	<b>Clothing and Textiles:</b> College Cloth, Track Suit, Ceremonial Cloth, College Vest, Sewing.	Various
7.	KMCE/NCT/GDS/2020/007	<b>Detergent, Antiseptic and Sanitary Materials:</b> Key Soap, Liquid Soap, Parazone, Stain Remover (AKASHIA), Bine, etc	Various

- Tendering will be conducted through the rules of National Competitive Tendering (NCT) procedures specified in the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) as amended in 2016 (Act 914) and in the Guidelines of the Procurement Authority of the Republic of Ghana.
  - A complete set of Tender Documents may be purchased by interested suppliers on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of **Two Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢200.00)** cash or Bank Draft to Komenda College of Education.
  - Bids must be delivered to the address below by **10 a.m. local time on February 21, 2020**. Bids shall be **valid for 90 days** after bid opening date. Late bids will be rejected. **Bids will be opened** in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend at the **College Conference Hall at 10 a.m. local time on February 21, 2020**.
- The following information is required from bidders:
- Business Registration Certificate
  - Valid VAT Registration Certificate
  - Valid Tax Clearance Certificate
  - Current SSNIT Clearance Certificate
  - Public Procurement Authority Supply Database Certificate (PPASDBC)
  - Tender Security (2% of Total Tender Price)
- All Interested suppliers may obtain further information from the Principal, Komenda College of Education, Komenda in respect of the Tender Documents at the address and location below from **8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. local time** during the week.
- THE PRINCIPAL  
KOMENDA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
P. O. BOX CK 5  
KOMENDA  
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0242941044**

**GHANA WATER COMPANY LIMITED**

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Management of Ghana Water Company Limited announces to the general public that one of its receipt books was stolen on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, at Anyaa, after a field exercise.

The missing receipt book has serial numbers ranging from **DX0092321 to Dx0092350**.

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**DOMESTIC TAX REVENUE DIVISION**

**FILING OF VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)/  
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE LEVY (NHIL) &  
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TAX (CST) RETURNS  
FOR DECEMBER 2019**

The Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) reminds all VAT/NHIL/GETFund Levy registered businesses that VAT/NHIL/GETFund Levy and Communications Service Tax (CST) returns for December 2019 should be submitted on the VAT/NHIL/GETFund Levy and CST returns forms not later than **Friday, 31st January, 2020** which is the last working day of the month.

File your VAT/NHIL/GETFund Levy & CST returns early and avoid the payment of penalties. For VAT/NHIL/GETFund Levy, the penalty is Five Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢500.00) and a further penalty of Ten Ghana Cedis (GH¢10.00) per each day the return is not submitted. Pending the coming into use of the modified VAT Invoice to reflect the delinking of NHIL and GETFund levies from VAT, VAT/NHIL/GETFund Levy registered businesses are to continue using their stock of the old VAT invoices.

For CST operators, late filing of returns attracts a pecuniary penalty of Two Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH¢2,000) and a further penalty of Five Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢500.00) for each day the return is not submitted.

Remember to submit the December 2019 returns forms not later than **Friday, 31st January, 2020** which is the last working day of the month and avoid paying penalties.

For further information, please contact the nearest Domestic Tax Revenue Division Office.

**COMMISSIONER-GENERAL**

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A Reputable Montessori Pre-School in Accra is seeking to fill the following posts:

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION-3  
ACCRA

SUIT NO. CM/RPC/0974/2019

BOSTON INVESTMENTS LTD. .... PLAINTIFF

VS

GIG ENERGY LTD. .... DEFENDANT  
1ST FLOOR, ONE AIRPORT SQUARE  
PLOT NO. 21 AIRPORT CITY  
REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME  
AIRPORT-ACCRA

## ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

**UPON READING** the Affidavit of SERWAA BARYEH of Rehoboth Place, No. 1 North Labone Estates, in the Greater Accra Region in the Republic of Ghana, filed on the 10th July, 2019 in Support of a Motion Ex-parte for Substituted Service.

**AND UPON HEARING** MACKEON AMENANO-BESE (SHADRACK ARHIN) ESQ. Counsel for and on behalf of the Plaintiff/Applicant herein;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Defendant be served with the Order and the Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim by Substituted Service in the manner suggested:

1. By posting a copy of the Order and the Writ of Summons and its accompanying Statement of Claim on the High Court (Commercial Division) Noticeboard.
2. By publication of the Order, the Writ of Summons and its accompanying Statement of Claim once in the in *Daily Graphic*

Notices are to remain posted for fourteen (14) days.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (Commercial Division), ACCRA THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY, 2019.**

(SGD)  
STEPHEN AFOTYE  
REGISTRAR

## WRIT OF SUMMONS

(Order 2 rule 3(1))

WRIT ISSUED FROM 18-6-2019

SUIT NO. CM/RPC/0974/2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION

BOSTON INVESTMENTS LIMITED DEFENDANT  
PLOT NO. 21 AIRPORT CITY  
DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AIRPORT - ACCRA

VS

GIG ENERGY LIMITED DEFENDANT  
1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, ONE AIRPORT SQUARE  
PLOT NO. 21 AIRPORT CITY  
REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME  
AIRPORT-ACCRA

AN ACTION having been commenced against you by the issue of this writ by the above-named Plaintiff.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that within EIGHT DAYS after service of this writ on you inclusive of the day of service you do cause an appearance to be entered for you.

AND TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing, judgement may be given in your absence without further notice to you.

Dated this day of 18th June, 2019  
SOPHIA A.B. AKUFFO (MS)  
Chief Justice of Ghana

NB: This writ is to be served within twelve calendar months from the date of issue unless it is renewed within six calendar months from the date of that renewal.

The defendant may appear hereto by filing a notice of appearance either personally or by a lawyer at Form 5 at the Registry of the Court of issue of the writ at A defendant appearing personally may, if he desires give notice

of appearance by post.

\*State name, place of residence or business address of plaintiff if known (not P. O. Box number).

\*\*State name, place of residence or business address of defendant (not P. O. Box number).

## STATEMENT OF CLAIM

WHEREFORE the Plaintiff claims against the Defendant the following reliefs endorsed on the Writ of Summons.

- a) Recovery of the amount of US\$73,462.56 being the outstanding balance of rent, utilities, service charges invoices and in respect of the premises leased to the Defendant in the One Airport Square Building.
- b) Interest on the outstanding amount from 1st February, 2019 until the final date of final payment at the prevailing bank lending rate.
- c) General damages for breach of contract
- d) Other just and equitable reliefs.
- e) Cost occasioned by this action not limited to lawyer's fees.

DATED AT CORPORATE LEGAL CONCEPTS ACCRA, THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2019

(SGD.) SHADRACH ARHIN  
LAWYER FOR PLAINTIFF  
LAWYER'S CURRENT LICENCE NO. GAR 20200/19  
TIN: P0000056723  
BP: 3000004102

THE REGISTRAR  
HIGH COURT  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION  
ACCRA

AND TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

This writ was issued by CORPORATE LEGAL CONCEPTS whose address for service is NO. 1 NORTH LABONE ESTATES, NEAR KWAKU BAAKO JUNCTION

Agent for Plaintiff  
Lawyer for the plaintiff SHADRACH ARHIN who resides at ACCRA

## Indorsement to be made within 3 days after service

NOTE:

If the plaintiff's claim is for a liquidated demand only, further proceedings will be stayed if within the time limited for appearance the defendant pays the amount claimed to the plaintiff, his lawyer or his agent or into court as provided for in Order 2 rule 3(2)  
BP:3000004102

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION  
ACCRA - A.D 2019

BOSTON INVESTMENTS LIMITED PLAINTIFF  
PLOT NO. 21 AIRPORT CITY  
DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AIRPORT - ACCRA

VS

GIG ENERGY LIMITED DEFENDANT  
1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, ONE AIRPORT SQUARE  
PLOT NO. 21 AIRPORT CITY  
REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME  
AIRPORT-ACCRA

SUIT NO.

## STATEMENT OF CLAIM

1. The Plaintiff is a limited liability company registered under the laws of Ghana, the owner of the property described as "One Airport Square" located on Plot No. 21, Airport City Redevelopment Scheme, which is under the management of Excellerate Property Services Ghana Limited.
2. The Defendant is a limited liability company registered under the laws of the Republic of Ghana, which leased a part of the Plaintiff's Property described above.

3. Based on a request made by the Defendant in April 2017, the Plaintiff leased to the Defendant part of the 1st floor of One Airport Square building measuring approximately Two Hundred and One (201) square meters to be used by the Defendant as offices.
4. By the terms of the lease agreement executed between the Plaintiff and the Defendant on the 1st of April, 2017, it was expressly stipulated that the initial period of the lease shall be three (3) years.
5. The Plaintiff says that by the same Lease Agreement executed between the Plaintiff and the Defendant, it was expressly stated that the quarterly agreed basic rental payable during the initial period was Thirty-Two United States Dollars (US\$32.00) per square meter per month, escalating at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum on the anniversary date of the Lease Agreement.
6. Plaintiff avers that the rent to be paid annually by the Defendant based on the Lease Agreement was US\$77,184.00 for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March, 2018; US\$81,043.20 for the period of 1st April 2018 to 31st March, 2019 and US\$ 85,095.36 for the period of 1st April, 2019 to 31st March.
7. The Plaintiff avers that the Defendant also covenanted to pay on due date, the rent, service charges and utility invoices to the property managers appointed by the Plaintiff.
8. The Plaintiff avers that contrary to the clear terms of the Lease Agreement, the Defendant has failed to pay the rent, services charge and utility invoices.
9. The Plaintiff avers that the non-payment of the rent and other charges is a fundamental breach of the Lease Agreement and the Plaintiff's right to terminate the Lease Agreement has accrued.
10. The plaintiff avers that on or about January 2019, it sought to enter into a mutual termination agreement with Defendant under which the Defendant was to pay its outstanding rent and services of within a period of Nine (9) months beginning from 31st January, 2019 but the Defendant made one partial payment and failed to honour the rest of its obligations
11. The Plaintiff says that as part of the terms of the Lease Agreement, the defendant was enjoined to pay a security deposit of three (3) months' rent which was to be used to defray any default by the defendant in the payment of rent, utility and services charges.
12. The rent arrears and service charge invoices owed by the Defendant as at 31st January, 2019 is in the net amount of US\$73,462.56.
13. The Plaintiff says the Defendant would not pay its just indebtedness unless compelled to do so by this Honourable Court.
14. WHEREFORE the Plaintiff claims against the Defendant the following reliefs endorsed on the Writ of Summons.
  - a) Recovery of the amount of US\$73,462.56) being the outstanding balance of rent, utilities, service charges invoices and unpaid security deposit in respect of the premises leased to the Defendant in the One Airport Square Building.
  - b) Interest on the outstanding amount from 1st February, 2019 until the date of final payment at the prevailing bank lending rate.
  - c) General damages for breach of contract.
  - d) Other just and equitable reliefs.
  - e) Cost occasioned by this action not limited to Lawyer's fees.

DATED AT CORPORATE LEGAL CONCEPTS ACCRA THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2019

(SGD.)SHADRACH ARHIN  
LAWYER FOR PLAINTIFF  
LAWYER'S CURRENT LICENCE NO. GAR 20200/19  
TIN:P0000056723

THE REGISTRAR  
HIGH COURT  
COMMERCIAL DIVISION  
ACCRA

AND TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT.

# Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited

## Unaudited Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 December, 2019

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

	Notes	2019	2018
Revenue	1	95,620	79,248
Cost of sales	2	75,433	(64,717)
Net gains from changes in fair value of biological assets		754	423
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>20,941</b>	<b>14,953</b>
Administrative expenses	3	(9,593)	(9,830)
Other income		1,220	1,182
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>12,568</b>	<b>6,305</b>
Finance income		508	333
<b>Net profit before tax</b>		<b>13,076</b>	<b>6,638</b>
Taxation		(3,423)	(725)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>9,653</b>	<b>5,913</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share (GHC)</b>		<b>0.774</b>	<b>0.1699</b>

### Income surplus account

	2019	2018
<b>At 1 January</b>	<b>58,752</b>	<b>55,020</b>
Net profit for the period	9,653	5,913
Dividend declared	(1,183)	(2,181)
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>67,222</b>	<b>58,752</b>

## Unaudited Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December, 2019

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

	2019	2018
<b>Non Current Assets</b>	<b>54,627</b>	<b>51,699</b>
Property, plant and equipment	49,490	47,316
Biological Assets	5,137	4,383
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>38,483</b>	<b>29,736</b>
Inventories	9,457	7,490
Other current assets	676	-
Contract assets	960	495
Trade receivables	0	1,035
Other financial assets at amortised cost	16,772	11,921
Current tax asset	-	572
Cash and bank balances	10,618	8,223
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>93,110</b>	<b>81,435</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>10,615</b>	<b>8,276</b>
Trade and other payables	7,012	6,038
Employees benefits obligations	259	61
Current tax liability	689	-
Amounts due to related companies	1,838	1,374
Dividends payable	817	803
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>5,643</b>	<b>4,778</b>
Deferred tax liabilities	3,487	2,552
Employees benefits obligations	2,156	2,226
<b>Equity</b>	<b>76,851</b>	<b>68,381</b>
Stated capital	2,000	2,000
Capital surplus account	7,629	7,629
Income surplus account	67,222	58,752
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>93,109</b>	<b>81,435</b>

The financial statements do not contain untrue statements, misleading or omit material facts to the best of our knowledge.

**DIRECTOR**  
(SAMUEL AVAALA AWONNEA)

**DIRECTOR**  
(KWAME WIAFE)

## Unaudited Statement of Cashflows for the Year Ended 31 December, 2019

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

	2019	2018
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>9,102</b>	<b>10,031</b>
Cash generated from operations	9,102	10,031
Interest received	508	333
Tax paid	(1,227)	571
<b>Net cash/generated from operating activities</b>	<b>8,383</b>	<b>10,935</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(4,854)</b>	<b>(3,180)</b>
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,854)	(3,180)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	35	26
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(4,819)</b>	<b>(3,154)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>(1,169)</b>	<b>(2,108)</b>
Dividends paid to the Company shareholders	(1,169)	(2,108)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(1,169)</b>	<b>(2,108)</b>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,395	5,673
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	8,223	2,550
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period</b>	<b>10,618</b>	<b>8,223</b>

## Unaudited Statement of Changes in Equity as at 31 December, 2019

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

	Stated capital	Capital surplus account	Income surplus account	Total
<b>At 1 January 2019</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>58,752</b>	<b>68,381</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	9,653	9,653
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>68,405</b>	<b>78,034</b>
<b>Transactions with owners</b>				
Dividend declared for 2018	-	-	(1,183)	(1,183)
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>67,222</b>	<b>76,851</b>
<b>At 1 January 2018</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>55,020</b>	<b>64,649</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	5,913	5,913
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>60,933</b>	<b>70,562</b>
<b>Transactions with owners</b>				
Dividend declared for 2017	-	-	(2,181)	(2,181)
<b>At 31 December 2018</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>58,752</b>	<b>68,381</b>

### Notes

(All amounts in the notes are shown in thousands of Ghana Cedis unless otherwise stated)

#### 1. Revenue

Sales are recognised upon delivery of products and customer acceptance. Sales are shown at net of value added taxes and discounts.

#### By type:

- Sale of crude palm oil
- Sale of palm kernel oil

	2019	2018
Sale of crude palm oil	88,136	69,741
Sale of palm kernel oil	7,484	9,507
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,620</b>	<b>79,248</b>
<b>By customer:</b>		
Third parties	3,117	3,073
Related parties	92,503	76,174
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,620</b>	<b>79,248</b>

#### 2. Cost of sales

##### Cost of sales include:

- Small Holder / Outgrower Material Purchase costs
- Fertilizer
- Depreciation and amortisation
- Staff costs
- Harvesting costs
- Power and energy
- Spares and inventory consumed

	2019	2018
Small Holder / Outgrower Material Purchase costs	31,025	23,988
Fertilizer	7,102	6,364
Depreciation and amortisation	3,889	3,468
Staff costs	12,591	12,473
Harvesting costs	7,951	7,976
Power and energy	538	613
Spares and inventory consumed	4,384	5,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,479</b>	<b>60,493</b>

#### 3. Administrative expenses

##### Administrative expenses include:

- Registrar and related expenses
- Depreciation and amortisation
- Staff costs
- Listing fees
- Directors remuneration
- Auditors' remuneration
- Service fees
- Insurance
- Land rent
- Bank charges

	2019	2018
Registrar and related expenses	157	136
Depreciation and amortisation	106	174
Staff costs	4,407	3,913
Listing fees	23	30
Directors remuneration	420	431
Auditors' remuneration	167	140
Service fees	948	618
Insurance	151	144
Land rent	302	25
Bank charges	73	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,154</b>	<b>11,376</b>

#### OUTLOOK FOR 2020

The good rainfall in 2019 and best agronomic practices in place are expected to impact positively on the production volume delivery in 2020. With the risk mitigating and efficient cost management measures being implemented, the company is expected to perform better in 2020 than 2019 as crude palm oil prices stabilize.

# Education

## Students Loan Trust to disburse loans soon

By Emmanuel Bonney

**T**HE Students Loan Trust Fund (SLTF) says it is working assiduously to pay students in the over 100 tertiary institutions, loans that are due them for the 2019/2020 academic year.

“Although SLTF has been disbursing loans to students in batches from the beginning of the academic year, the challenge is that the trust fund has not been able to pay all beneficiaries at the same time.

“We look forward to completing payments to our beneficiaries for the 2019/2020 academic year very soon,” the Head of Public Relations at the SLTF, Mr George Laing, said.

### Threat

He told the *Daily Graphic* that inasmuch as the trust appreciated the frustration of students, “the ultimatum they are giving are not helpful.

“We are doing our best to resolve the situation. We do not work based on threats,” he said.

### NUGS

The National Union of Ghana

Students (NUGS) last Wednesday called for the immediate release of students loans to students in tertiary institutions to enable them to pursue their studies smoothly on the various campuses.

It said failure of the government to release the loans in two weeks would trigger a demonstration.

“This is a national security issue. We, therefore, give the government a two-week ultimatum to heed the cry of the teeming Ghanaian students in the various tertiary institutions in the country, by releasing the funds for the disbursement of the student loan, otherwise we will resort to our usual modus-operandi which will compel the government to act,” the President of NUGS, Mr Isaac Jay Hyde, said at a press conference in Accra.

### Delay

Responding to the concern of NUGS, Mr Laing in a statement to the *Daily Graphic* said the Trust acknowledged calls from some student groups for speedier disbursement of loans for the 2019/2020 academic year.

“We recognise that students in over 100 tertiary institutions across the country rely on student loans for various uses, including the payment of

fees, accommodation, and the purchase of books as well as general living expenses. We are working assiduously to restore the situation to normalcy,” it said.

### Funding

Currently, the statement said, the main sources of funding for the fund were receipts from the Ghana Education Trust Fund (GETFund), Communications Service Tax and repayments from beneficiaries of the fund, adding that for some time now, the fund had been forced to rely heavily on recovered loans to disburse to students.

That, it said, was due to delays in the release of funds from other sources, and as a result, the fund had employed various strategies to recover funds from borrowers.

“Much as our recovery strategies

## Fact Sheet

The principal objectives of the Students Loans Trust Fund are to provide financial resources for the sound management of the Trust for the benefit of students and to help promote and facilitate the national ideals enshrined in Article 25 and 38 of the 1992 Constitution.

### Management

Over the past few days, the statement said management of the

fund had met with various student groups, including executive of NUGS, the University Students Association of Ghana, the Ghana Union of Professional Students and the Private University Students Association of Ghana.

“In our meetings with student

leadership, we have explained the challenges we face with them, and urged them to continue to exercise restraint as government works to resolve the issues,” it said.

The Students Loan Trust Fund (SLTF) was established in December 2005 under the Trustee Incorporation Act 1962, Act 106.

## Ghana, Israel ties in technology-based education strong — Envoy

From Mary Anane-Amponsah, HO

THE Israeli Ambassador to Ghana, Ms Shani Cooper-Zubida, has expressed optimism about the existing collaboration between Ghana and Israel in the area of technology-based education.

She said advanced technology will propel education to a higher level in line with the developmental needs of the two countries.

Ms Cooper-Zubida made the observation in an interview with the *Daily Graphic* while on a two-day visit to the Volta regional capital, Ho, to meet with various stakeholders in the education sector and also inspect an ongoing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) project for the Volta Region.

The project is in line with the government of Ghana’s policy to improve on the interest and quality of teaching and learning of Science, Technology, and Engineering, Arts and Mathematics education in the country.

The main objectives of the project are to expose schoolchildren to modern interactive learning environments, to learn the use of advanced technology in the field of Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Mathematics, to ensure that cognitive and motor skills are developed as they work through activities that stimulate creativity,



• Ms Shani Cooper-Zubida (right) talking to our reporter

curiosity and problem-solving abilities, and to revive an interest in Science and Math education at the basic and secondary levels.

### Robogroup

The government of the Republic of Ghana through the Ministry of Education has engaged the services of Israeli Company, Robogroup T.E.K Ltd, to establish 20 STEAM centres nationwide, of which the Volta Region is set to

be a first beneficiary.

The Israeli Ambassador described the project as the future of education in Ghana.

She was impressed with the Ghanaian government’s focus on quality education and stated the Israeli Embassy’s readiness to play an integral role in the country’s quest to move onto its next phase of development.

“The embassy is doing a lot of activities on innovation technology and science promotion

in Ghana because we believe that Ghana is the best country in Africa to move on to the next phase of the developed world and have demonstrated time without number their readiness to go through of which we want to play an integral part”.

Ms Cooper-Zubida’s visit was to create an avenue for better cooperation between the embassy and the region to fashion out areas of need, which in the long shot will significantly contribute to foster the already excellent relationship between Ghana and Israel.

### Project

The project, according to Mr Haim Zubida, the Robogroup STEAM Project Manager, has started in earnest in the Greater Accra Region with that of Ho expected to be vigorously commenced in March, 2020 and completed within a year.

The Robogroup, apart from putting up physical infrastructure for the STEAM centres, will also provide state-of-the-art equipment, including computers and 3D printers.

“The world we live in is changing at a very fast pace and in so many directions that it becomes very difficult to cover them all. Nobody could have predicted 30 years ago the revolution of cell phones, the creation of Google and Facebook, or the use of 3D printers. Hi-Tech is the next level of where the rest of the world is headed and Ghana cannot be left behind,” he added.



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# Sports

## Ghana sweeps 16 medals

### • At Pan African Special Olympics

By George Ernest Asare

**G**HANA'S intellectually disabled athletes put up a splendid performance at the just-ended Pan African Special Olympics in Cairo by winning three gold, seven silver and six bronze medals to prove their stature as one of the strongest sides on the continent.

The football team began the medal haul when they won silver after losing 0-1 to Algeria in the final at the Military Stadium in Cairo, Egypt last Wednesday.

Joseph Tetteh Ametorwosi of Gbi Kledjo Special School and Benjamin Akosah of Garden City Special School gave Ghana her first two gold medals in the male quartet of Benjamin Akosah, Alfred

Bosompem of Twin City Special School, Elijah Ayin of Dzorwulu Special School and Joseph Tetteh Ametorwosi, kept the Ghanaian contingent on their feet when they claimed gold in the 4X100

metres race.

In the male 100 metres event, Ametorwosi fell short of winning gold but claimed silver, while Princess Ayin of Dzorwulu Special School won silver in the female 200 metres and claimed second silver in the

female 100 metres

#### Silver medals

Hannah Dantakor of Twin City Special School in Takoradi also made Ghana proud by winning silver in the female 200 metres in a different category and anchored the female quartet, comprising Lawrencia Ababio of Garden City Special School in Kumasi, Princess Ayin and Victoria Obeng of Aboom Methodist in Cape Coast to win silver in the 4x100 metres.

The bronze medalists were Elijah Ayin (200m, long jump), Hannah Dantakor (100m), Victoria Obeng (100m, 200m) and Alfred Bosompem (200m).



• Ghana's Special Olympics athletes and officials displaying their medals after the Pan African Games

# Home

FIFA U-20 World Cup qualifiers: Basigi invites 30 players for camp

The head coach of the Black Princesses, Yussif Basigi, has invited 30 players to camp to begin preparations for the 2020 FIFA U-20 World Cup qualifying matches.

#### EYE PRESSURE

Every eye has a certain amount of pressure. This is very central to GLAUCOMA. Do you know your eye pressure?

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#### SICKLE CELL

Sickle cell patients have risks of losing their vision from bleeding and other complications inside the eyeball. Periodic screenings are very important. Do not wait until it's too late.

#### ATTENTION

**RE: SDA NURSING AND MIDWIFERY TRAINING COLLEGE, KWADASO - KUMASI**

The SDA Nursing and Midwifery Training College, Kwadaso – Kumasi would like to inform the general public that the tender closing date for their National Competitive Tendering (SDANMTC/NCT/FWA/GD/01/20) for the procurement of mercantile, domestic and frozen foods is not Wednesday 29th January, 2020 as published but rather **Monday 3rd February, 2020.**

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### SDA HOSPITAL, KOFORIDUA REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR 2020

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- Supply of computer and computer accessories.
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# Tonight's Bukom Fist of Fury Bill: Gyatabi vows to beat Amuzu

By Bernard Neequaye

**T**HE World Boxing Organisation (WBO) Global super bantamweight champion, Wasiru "Gyatabi" Mohammed, has vowed to win convincingly against

John Amuzu of Benin when he defends his crown on the Bukom Fist of Fury bill tonight.

Wasiru reiterated his desire to successfully defend his WBO title in order to enhance his chances of challenging for the world championship by the close of the year.

### Gyatabi eyes world title shot

Speaking after weighing 122

pounds ahead of tonight's clash with Amuzu (who weighed 118.9 pounds), the Ghanaian was optimistic of extending his winning streak to 12 fights in as many bouts.

"I'm looking forward to a convincing win over Amuzu in order to have a successful

title defence. There are so many things at stake for me as the title holder and I am not ready to lose my belt," Mohammed said.

### Plange predicts knockout

However, Jessie Manyo Plange, who fights Nigeria's Yusuf Muhammed Olalekan in a 10-round super flyweight contest, promised a sixth round stoppage of his opponent, having weighed 115.7 pounds.

Plange, whose supposed WBO Global super flyweight championship fight with John Chuwa was postponed at the last minute, was hopeful of an emphatic win.

"I don't see him going past the sixth round. I will end the fight in grand style," he assured.

In other professional bouts of the boxing league, Mubarak Abubakar will fight Michael Addo in a middleweight contest, Nii Akrofi lock horns with Faisal Abubakar in a super lightweight contest, with a super middleweight contest involving Prince Okoe Nartey and Philip Kweku.

Meanwhile, the professional bouts are expected to be preceded by juvenile and amateur fights between the various boxing gyms in the country.

# Inter Allies host Faisal in Accra today

By Kwame Larweh

INTER Allies will seek to put their poor form in the ongoing Ghana Premier League into the dustbin of history when they host visiting King Faisal Babies at the Accra Stadium this afternoon.

Inter Allies boast only one win which was recorded in their first match of the season and, therefore, cannot afford to drop vital home points today.

Against struggling King Faisal, who are 17th on the league log and are yet to win away, 16th-placed Allies might have a comfortable ally to beat to register their second home victory.

The encounter between two struggling clubs is one of the two encounters which will herald the seventh week pairings of the Premier League.

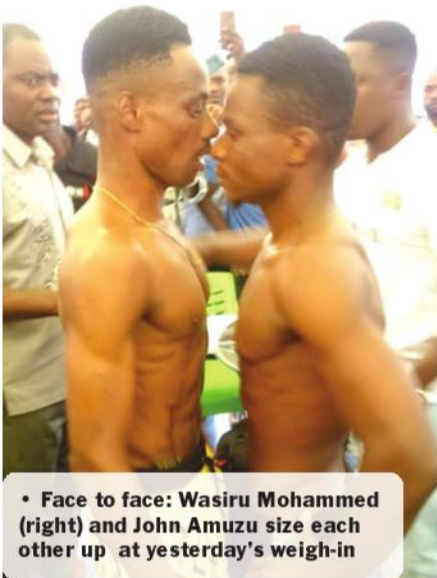
### Karela United host Legon Cities

At the Akoon Park at Tarkwa this afternoon, Karela United will clash with Legon Cities FC in a cagey encounter. Karela have recorded only one win at home, one loss and a draw and lie on the 15th position on the league log.

Legon Cities, just a place above their opponents at the 14th position, are also yet to record an away victory and will thus attempt to pull a surprise.

Meanwhile, referee Martin Akudzi will handle the Inter Allies versus King Faisal Babies game and will be assisted by Suleman Salau Deen and Dakura Augustine, with Bernard Dumfe as the fourth official. The match commissioner is Joseph Yebour Acheampong.

The match involving Karela United and Legon Cities FC will have referee Bismark Appiah at the centre, to be assisted by Isaac Nyamekye and Emmanuel Dei. The fourth official will be Eric Owusu Prempeh, with Mike Amedior as the match commissioner.



• Face to face: Wasiru Mohammed (right) and John Amuzu size each other up at yesterday's weigh-in

Home

GFA announces 15% agency fee

The Ghana Football Association's Executive Council has agreed that a maximum of 15 per cent should be paid by the GFA as Commission to any person (natural or legal persons) who secures sponsorship or commercial partnership for the Association. The percentage of the commission may, however, vary from one per cent to 15 per cent depending on the quantum, duration or terms and conditions of the sponsorship package.

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# Boreholes in Dodowa polluted — Study

By Emelia Ennin Abbey

**A** WATER and sanitation baseline study in Dodowa in the Greater Accra Region has established that all wells and boreholes in the community contain bacteria from human and animals faeces, making it unsafe for human consumption.

The survey also found that more than 70 per cent of the hand-dug wells were sited within 10 metres of latrines, waste dumps and unlined wastewater drains.

The findings were disseminated at a workshop to share the outcome of a five-year project which assessed the quality of water from wells and boreholes in Dodowa.

The survey was a joint project by the Department of Civil Engineering and the Regional Water and Environmental Sanitation Centre of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), the Central University, with support from Unlocking the Potential of Groundwater for the Poor (UPGro), an international research programme funded by the UK, and the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.



• Sampson Oduro-Kwarteng

The workshop, organised in collaboration with the Resource Centre Network (RCN), brought together about 100

participants drawn from Dodowa, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other stakeholders in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH).

## Findings

Sharing the findings, the Head of the Civil Engineering Department of the Kwame Nkrumah University, Prof. Sampson Oduro-Kwarteng, said the researchers looked at the pollution risk assessment of 57 wells in the community and sampled water from them.

The samples, which were tested in the field laboratories or transported to The Netherlands, indicated that 27 per cent of the dug-out wells were positive for rotavirus, while 55 per cent had adenovirus, with other pathogens and pollutants also identified.

"What we found in Dodowa can be said to be a nationwide thing," he said and explained that the findings and recommendations would help improve the quality of water from boreholes and wells

across the nation.

## Polluted boreholes

A Senior Lecturer at the Civil

Engineering Department of the Central University, Dr George Lutterodt, who was a co-investigator in the survey, said although two per cent of the people sampled claimed they drank water directly from the polluted boreholes or wells, it was found that the water from such sources were mainly used for cooking, washing and bathing.

"The irregular flow of water from the Ghana Water Company Limited forces the people to rely on the polluted water," he said.

Dr Lutterodt added that the depths of the boreholes and wells sampled were less than a metre to seven metres and the water table was very close to the surface, just like in all communities in the southern part of the country.

Apart from the poor quality of well water, Dr Lutterodt said, it was also found that

rivers in the community were also polluted, while littering and dumping of refuse and open defecation were also prevalent.

The report concluded that every household must own a well-built toilet facility, have access to clean, potable water and practise good sanitation.

## MIN READ



A survey has found that all wells and boreholes in Dodowa in the Greater Accra Region are polluted with bacteria from the faeces of animals and humans.

# GPHA, MoH sensitise Tema Port operatives to coronavirus

From Della Russel Ocloo, TEMA PORT

THE Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA), in partnership with the Port Health Division of the Ministry of Health (MoH), has begun a sensitisation programme on the coronavirus infection for the fishing community and relevant stakeholders at the Tema port.

Workers of the GPHA stationed at the fishing harbour are also being sensitised.

According to the General Manager, Health Services at the GPHA, Dr Vitus Anaab-Bisi, the exercise would be extended to cover freight forwarders, customs officials and other relevant stakeholders.

He said the sensitisation had become necessary due to the large commodity import business from China and the Far East that went through the Tema Port on a daily basis, making the port vulnerable to an outbreak.

## Preventive measure

Addressing scores of fishermen, fishmongers and traders at the fishing harbour yesterday, Dr Anaab-Bisi indicated that national sensitisation to the coronavirus had been focused on only the airport, so the GPHA saw it necessary to engage the stakeholders due to the nature of the authority's business, of which the Asia region dominated as the major destination for vessels calling at the port.

He pointed out that many of the

fishermen who went to sea got in contact with all manner of people from various destinations, including China. He, therefore, cautioned the fishermen, in particular, to be abreast of the symptoms associated with the disease to ensure they did not bring home the infection.

## Port Health

The Director of Port Health at the Tema Port, Mr Raphael John Marfo, cautioned the port workers not to go aboard a vessel without officials of Port Health first carrying out mandatory checks to declare the vessel safe.

He also called for thorough screening of the manifests, declarations, dangerous goods manifest, among others, on vessels from any destination, with special emphasis on those from Asia.

"If there's the need to disinfect and decontaminate the vessel, it must be

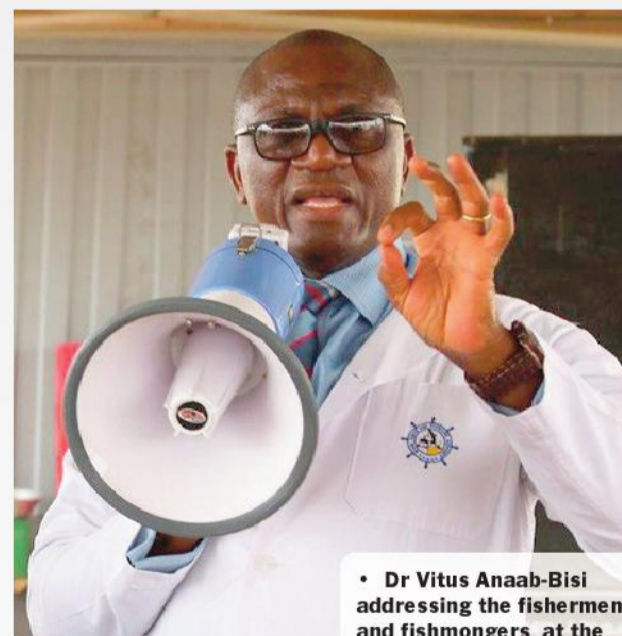
isolated quickly for fumigation," he advised.

Mr Marfo also stressed the need for all containers arriving at the port to go through the disinfection channels installed at vantage points of the port so as to curtail any form of infection.

## Extend supervision

The Chief Fisherman of Tema, Nii Adjietey Mator, commended the GPHA and Port Health for the initiative but expressed worry at what he said was the condition of many of the fishing vessels operated by nationals of Asian origin at the fishing harbour.

"The vessels are often dirty and have become a safe haven for rodents, cockroaches, among others, and I wonder why Port Health officials do not extend their supervision to these vessels," he stated.



• Dr Vitus Anaab-Bisi addressing the fishermen and fishmongers at the Tema Fishing Harbour



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**Afro-Nation: A 'Glastonbury' for Accra! Hopefully to be hosted in Ghana for the next 5 years**

## Afro-Nation Festival to be locked in Ghana for 5 years

• As the nation looks to make it an anchor event for 'December in Ghana'

### MICE CAFE

**Business events hub...**

If Ghana wants to be seen as a serious MICE destination, it must be noted that we become more tech savvy in business, because the use of technology in MICE events is no longer optional, but expected.

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According to a prediction by Deloitte, Millennials will make up 75 per cent of the global workforce by 2025. That's not too far off at all, and this will affect every continent including Africa.

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"**W**E want to make Ghana the number one entertainment destination in Africa," declares Akwasi Agyeman, CEO of the Ghana Tourism Authority (GTA).

After the overwhelming success of the flagship 'December in Ghana' last year, which formed part of activities that marked the Year of Return, Agyeman and his team have initiated moves to establish the Yuletide season as most enjoyable in Ghana, with a myriad of concerts and festivals as was characterized by last year's celebrations.

As part of the moves the government, led by the GTA, is negotiating to have the Afro-Nation Festival to be hosted in Ghana over the next five years, as one of the key events on which December in Ghana will be anchored.

Industry players and enthusiasts alike, have described as good for the country the news that the GTA, on behalf of the Government of Ghana, had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Event Horizon, organisers of the Afro-Nation Festival.

On their official website, the current blurb for the international urban festival brand, says, "Afro Nation – the biggest urban music beach festival in Europe – heads to Africa for another brand-new festival, taking place in the city of Accra, Ghana."

Making the most of the Ghanaian capital's lush Atlantic coastline, white sands, and year-round average temperatures of around 30°, the new festival sees the brand return to the spiritual homeland of the music that will populate the lineup."

Once the news broke, a tremendous welcome sigh of relief was heaved by all punters, acknowledging that it is a good move by the government.

Forming part of a number of plans Ghana is putting in place, as the country prepares to kick-start the "Beyond the Return" campaign, the MoU is an initial agreement for both parties to study requirements and parameters of taking on the task for the next five years. It was signed by Mr Akwasi Agyeman, CEO of the Ghana Tourism Authority (GTA), and Obi Asika, CEO of Event Horizon, and was witnessed by the President of the Republic, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-

Addo, in London, on the sidelines of the UK-Africa Investment Summit.

'Beyond the Return' will continue from where 'Year of Return' left off, and will seek to engage the African Diaspora more dynamically in areas such as trade and investment, and skills and knowledge transfer. Events such as Afro-Nation is often the call on the Diaspora to visit in the first place, hence, the keen interest. Last year, it drew in an international audiences of over 10,000 visitors whose presence in the country helped swell engagements in hospitality.

Once a more binding MoU is in place after six months, the GTA, together with any governmental ministry, agency or authority it deems necessary, will be able to, on behalf of the Government of Ghana, oversee all designs, content and production of merchandise for the Afro-Nation Ghana Project.

"Ghana is a welcoming destination, and we were happy with the warm reception we received, since we took Afro-Nation to the country. The President's commitment to the project is unparalleled, and we look forward to another successful event in December 2020," remarked Obi Asika of Afro-Nation.

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## MICE CAFE

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The word 'Millennials' refers to the group of people born between the early 1980s to the early 2000s. So, with Millennials, people who in their adult lives have always had internet, making up a substantial part of the workforce, it's pretty imperative that you are not only up to date on the latest trends for MICE events, but with the ever-evolving role that technology plays in the events.

The good news is that technology is meant to make your life as a MICE planner easier as all things go mobile. It is no longer just a trend to have fast, free WiFi at events. It is expected. It has been said that the majority of digital advertising, over 60 per cent, according to an eMarketer study, will be spent on mobile advertising as far back as 2016. It is far more now.

Apps too are becoming more integral, and as we already know, the benefits of using apps for MICE events — programmes, pamphlets, lists (etc.) that all used to be on paper are now paperless, which is giving rise to more eco-friendly events. Certain apps also allow attendees to connect with other event attendees and a major plus for planners is they contribute to smoother events overall.

All these need to be able to be enabled here if Ghana is serious about competing to become the preferred MICE destination in West Africa.



### Bioko Valentine's Choc Treats

It's chocolate season again, as Valentine's Day approaches, and all chocolatiers are busy creating exciting new choc recipes to feed lovers. Trust Bioko Treats, which makes the most delectable bite size hand made artisanal choc pieces to present new innovations, like these 'kissable' ones made with 100% organic Ghana cocoa. They have a shop in Osu, but find them on IG at "bioko\_treats".

## CAPITAL CULINARY OPTIONS

Fri 31, 6:30pm. **Seafood Buffet Friday.** Wide variety of seafood and in the background, Live band! Accra Marriott Hotel, Accra.

Fri 31, 8pm. **Great food and The Groove.** Agent Band playing some of your favorite high-life and afro-music. Come, dance and have a good night. Gold Coast Restaurant & Cocktail Bar, Accra.

Sat 1, 7pm. **Pizza and Music.** Muisc by great djs, pizza by great chefs. Artist's Pizza, Spintex.

Sun 2, 12:30pm. **A Limitless Lifestyle.** Western belt, immersed in the celebrated cultural diversity of Ghana. Cocktail, sumptuous meals, music and entertainment. Sankofa Restaurant, Movenpick Ambassador Hotel, Accra.

Sun 2, 10am. **Sunday Local Buffet.** Karaoke on the back of delicious local dishes. Northern Platter Restaurant, East Legon, Accra.

Sun 2, 12pm. **Tips**

**Special.** Walk in after church or after playing Sunday special football and be treated to delicious local dishes. Tips Kitchen, Dansoman, Accra.

Mon 3 – Fri 7, 11:30 am. **Local Corner.** Enjoy your favourite soups and meals for lunch in a very exhilarating environment. Gold Coast Restaurant and Cocktail Bar, Accra.

Wed 5, 6:30pm. **Salsa Night.** With plenty of meals to choose from, join in the dancing classes to Latin beats. Afrikiko Leisure Centre Accra.

Fri 14, 7pm. **Valentine Cakes.** Pull a surprise on your loved ones with our special cake dinner. Do the talking, let's do the cake. Golden Tulip Branche Restaurant, Accra.

Fri 14, 7pm. **Val's on Sax.** A beautiful night, with lots of love in the air, food and sax in the background. Eliza's Restaurant and Bar, The Earl Heights and Suites Hotel, Accra.



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Sat 1, 2pm. **Realities Trapped in Ink.** An afternoon of music, poetry and arts to unveil a book by Fiifi Jnr. A moment to ease steam and to network. Jamrock Restaurants and Grill, Accra.

### COMEDY

Feb 14, 8pm. **The Valentine Love and Laughter Show.** Comedians turn love doctors, Can you imagine? Featuring Jacinta, OB, DKB, Clemento Suarez, Forster and Lekzy. National Theatre, Accra.

### DANCE

Sat 4, 7pm. **Saturday Salsa.** Salsa dancing taken a notch higher on the smooth and steady spacious dance floors. Pataase Restaurant, Paloma Hotel, Accra.

Wed 8, 7pm. **Salsa Night @ Afrikiko.** A night of dancing to Latin beats with lots to drink and eat. Afrikiko, Kanda, Accra.

### EXPO

Sat 1, 10am. **Green Butterfly 10th Anniversary Market.** 10 years ago, a dream was conceived, to have a movement of artisans within our community focusing on handmade and ecofriendly industry. To commemorate, discounts, gifts and raffle. W.E.B. Dubois Centre, Accra.

### MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

Wed 12, 8am. **Global Climate Forum.** Bringing together youth from all over the world to empower, motivate and

open new chapters in global climate. Accra International Conference Centre, Accra.

### MOVIES

Sat 8, 4pm & 8pm. **Man in the Dark.** There is a man in the dark. Who is he, Clemento Suarez, General Nteti? Come find out. National Theater, Accra.

Sat 8, 6pm. **Selfie.** A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future and accepts you just the way you are. This, about friendship, betrayal, emotional wreck, love and many other life changing experiences. Snap Cinemas, A.M.A. Building, Accra.

Fri 14, 6, 8 and 10pm. **Players vs. Slayers.** Players who do not play on the fields and slayers on another level. A Kobi Rana movie. Snap Cinemas, A.M.A. Building, Accra.

### MUSIC

#### Choral

Fri 14, 6pm. **Music of the Heart.** A Christian love festival with the 'Finding Through Love.' Trinity Presby Church, Satellite, Accra.

#### Contemporary

Fri 31, 7pm. **Face the Wall and Talk.** Music and musical talk with international DJ and Producer Gafacci. Elle Lokko House, Osu.

Fri 31, 8pm. **Urban Groove.** Get wild and freaky with your favourite dance music from

Ghana and around the world. Zen Gardens, Labone, Accra.

Sun 2, 6pm. **The Live Music Boutique.** Live music whiles you relax and enjoy! Zen Gardens, Labone, Accra.

Mon 3, 10pm. **Monday Madness.** Music, Lights, Drinks and Parte after Parte after Parte. Vienna City, Circle.

### SHOWS

Sat 8, 7:30pm. **Paa Kow Fest.** Join international artiste Paa Kow with his Afro-Fusion Orchestra for the first annual Festival. Allaince Francaise, Accra.

Fri 14, 7pm. **Love in Luxury.** A romantic night beach hangout with live performance from Afriyie Wutah with lots of gifts. Luxury Beach Resort, Kokrobite.

Fri 14, 7pm. **Shades of Love.** Music from the smooth Akwaboah Jnr and friends under the atmosphere of Love. Accra City Hotel, Accra.

### THEATRE

Sat 1, 7pm. **Kosi (Plight of a Slave).** A young woman who receives a 25-years-old letter from her father on her 25th birthday sets out to find her father in his village, only to be made a slave of the gods. Come watch as the story unfolds. Efua Sutherland Drama Studio, Accra.



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## GETAWAY...

# A piece of private beach at Mankoadze

**W**E arrived late Friday night and so I didn't get to have the proper sense of the nature of the property at all. There was scarcely any light illuminating the compound but for those in the main house.

We quickly settled in our rooms and before long, I was fast asleep. Just before knocking off, I could hear my cousins calling out to play a game of scrabble. I thought they were mad.

Anyhow, being the only driver among them, seeing as all five of them were visiting from England, I was dead tired from spinning the car all day, moving from one relative's to the other. This getaway was just the tonic I needed.

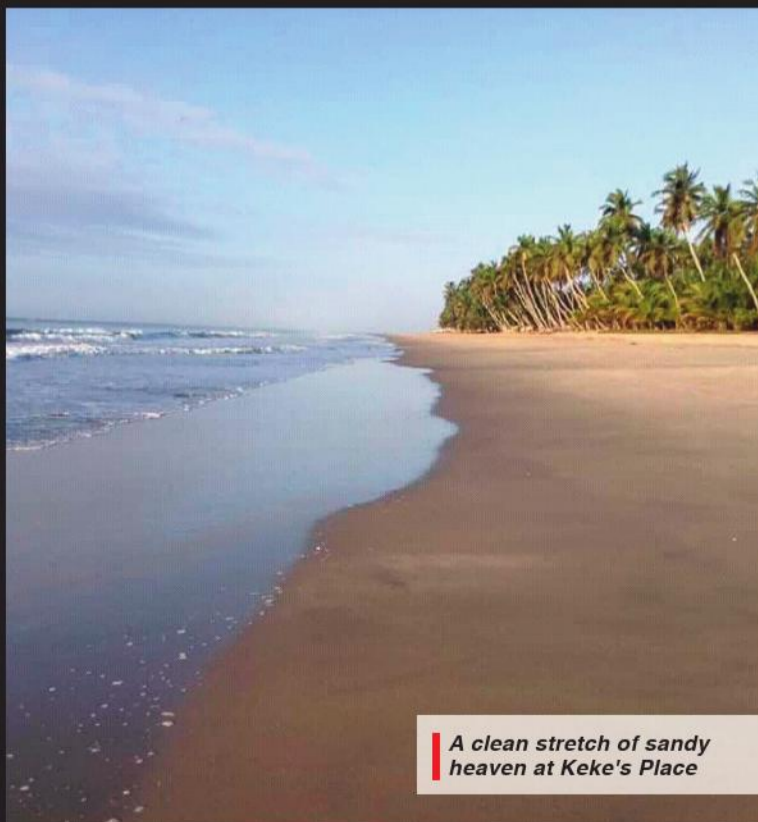
Keke's Place is an absolute diamond of a hideout. Not the kind of place you come with cousins! It is a six bedroom facility, set on the north end of a three acre property that has a large clearing leading to what is perhaps the cleanest beach I've been to in Ghana.

It is a very rustic place with a large hut with dinning settings. And a pretty exciting garden with bougainvillea and other flowers and plants. Closer to the coast is a palm colony where the lodge has some hammocks. There, I spent most of the time when my cousins run into the ocean the following days.

We couldn't believe how clean and quietly isolated the place was. So many

things run through my mind as I walked around looking at the property. It had potential. For parties, and such events. About 20 minutes drive further west off the road leading to Apam from Winneba junction, Keke's Place is lodged in the small town of Mankoadze. Having fans only, rooms are double occupancy with some interestingly large shower rooms. I love the shower rooms, with the water gashing out when it is flowing. While we were there, it didn't on the second evening. Sandy from having been in the sea, I really wanted to wash down so I ask for a bucket to be supplied which was done promptly!

After two nights, we were ready to leave as there wasn't much entertainment. But, I promised myself to return with much



A clean stretch of sandy heaven at Keke's Place

better company than talkative relatives.

Room night cost an average of ghc200 with breakfast. Meal, ghc50. Ask for the barracuda dish.

A clean stretch of sandy heaven at Keke's Place

## MEET



Beatrice Agyemang Abbey.  
Group CEO, Media General

*An advocate of domestic tourism who believes it is an avenue to bring us closer together and a great economic enabler, Beatrice wishes everyone "a great 2020, where we will witness violence-free elections, after issue-based campaigning with compelling messages that get the electorate to make the best of decisions. Pray, no vigilantism, and a time to see political parties bury their hatchets to sing in a unified chorus for peace to prevail! So we can have another fabulous 'December in Ghana' full of festivities, like we had last year!"*

## GO THERE



One of many exotic birds to be cited at the Xavi bird sanctuary

## Xavi Bird Sanctuary, Ghana

**T**HE Xavi Sanctuary is a community-based resource in the Akatsi District in the Volta Region. It is the largest and most popular of its kind in Ghana, and here, the fast emerging niche in ecotourism, known as bird watching or avitourism, a great pastime for many, takes place and is actually growing.

With over 90 different bird species residing at the sanctuary near the Keta Lagoon, canoes run up and down the Lotor River near the sanctuary to the Avu Lagoon for bird lovers throughout the year, who are guaranteed sightings from a unique vantage point not usually available to tourists.

By far, one of the best places to watch birds in west Africa, the sanctuary is situated in a mostly wetlands and savannah terrain, and there are guides readily available to help visitors spot many of the outstanding and incredible number species

of birds that are easy to see here, including the Black Winged, Northern Red and Yellow Crowned Bishop, Senegal Parrot.

Others are the maustached Grass Warbler, Red Billed, Blue Bellied Roller, Black Winged Kite, Lizard Buzzard, Winding, Whistling, Singing, Short Winged and Zitting Cisticola, Gray Backed and Yellow Browed Camaroptera, Pin Tailed Whydah just to mention few.

All of the incredible birds can be found at varying times along with monkeys and other mammals which will make your visit to this site enjoyable.

Rise early, and be ready to walk long distances, and stand for hours waiting for birds to come into view. But if you are a lover, you will know that's a small price to pay for the ecstasy of spotting a species you've been dying to see. The journey here is so worth all of the effort.

And there's opportunity to get close. Extremely close, by opting to go further downstream by canoe.

There are several reasons besides birdwatching to visit this sanctuary. For one thing, it offers direct employment to some members of the community within sections of the industry, and this is a welcome addition to the livelihood of the mostly fisher folk in this area. Many of them in the community also benefit indirectly through selling handicrafts to tourists, and yet others benefit from donations to the local basic schools by visitors.

This has helped to inspire the locals to institute measures to safeguard the sanctuary in order to improve their gains. Go there and immerse in the culture of the people in the community. There are such other activities as drumming which you can actually participate in to further enrich your visit.

## HOTEL SPOT CHECK

### Hotel: Hilburi

**Location:** On the hilly Aburi road just past the Peduasu Lodge before you get to the famous Aburi Girls Senior High School - just about 45 minutes drive north east of the capital.

**No. of Rooms:** 12 in total. 4 superior double standard rooms - set in an extremely Quite Zone that is truly tranquil, 7 Standard double rooms and a honey moon suite.

**Food & Beverages:** H.Bar serves great drinks including the very popular and iconic Hillbrizer cocktail as a cooler, along with a variety of other soothing beverages. The H Pavilion restaurant rolls out a concise menu of de'lish salads,

grills and pizzas. Also, an array of local Ghanaian fare. Ask for the Fisherman's soup!

**Property Features and Services:** Lounge Bar with all kinds of drinks and bites, sports bar, an al fresco restaurant, a superb infinity swimming pool, Children's playground, POS services, online booking portal, all international cards - Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Mobile Money, and also, get a personal butler.

**Amenities:** High-speed internet, room service, room bar, kettle with beverage tray, cosy reading nook in Quiet Zone rooms.

## Hotels association holds 4th awards

On Friday, January 17, the Ghana Hotels Association (GHA) hosted the 4th GHA Awards at the plush Marriott Hotel in Accra. The following is the list of key award winners

Front of House Team of the Year (2 & 3 Star Category) - Coconut Grove Beach Resort, Central Region

Housekeeping Team of the Year (2 & 3 Star Category) - Oak Plaza Hotel, Greater Accra Region

Food & Beverage Team of the Year (2 & 3 Star Category) - Golden Bean Hotel, Ashanti Region

Conference & Banqueting Team of the Year (2 & 3 Star Category) - Coconut Grove Beach Resort, Central Region

Green Hotel of the Year (2 & 3 Star Category) - The African Regent Hotel, Greater Accra Region

Most Secured Hotel of the Year (2 & 3 Star Category) - Akayet Hotel, Upper East Region

Front of House Team of the Year (4 & 5 Star Category) - Kempinski Hotel (Greater Accra Region)

Housekeeping Team of the Year (4 & 5 Star Category) - Kempinski Hotel (Greater Accra Region)

Food & Beverage Team of the Year (4 & 5 Star Category) - Tang Palace Hotel (Greater Accra Region)

Conference & Banqueting Team of the Year (4 & 5 Star Category) -

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Green Hotel of the Year (4 & 5 Star Category) - The Royal Senchi Resort Hotel (Eastern Region)

Most Secured Hotel of the Year (4 & 5 Star Category) - Movenpick Ambassador Hotel (Greater Accra Region)

Most Authentic Ghanaian Hotel of the Year - The African Regent Hotel (Greater Accra)

Budget Hotel of the Year - Socom Lodge, Volta Region

One Star Hotel of the Year - Eastgate Hotel, Greater Accra Region

Two Star Hotel of the Year - Hotel Stevens, Volta Region

Three Star Hotel of the Year - Sogakope Beach Resort, Volta Region

Four Star Hotel of the Year - The Royal Senchi Resort Hotel, Eastern Region

Five Star Hotel of the Year - Labadi Beach Hotel, Greater Accra Region

Hotelier of the Year - Mr Roman Krabel

Significant Contribution Award - H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo

Lifetime Achievement Award - Mr. Herbert Acquaye

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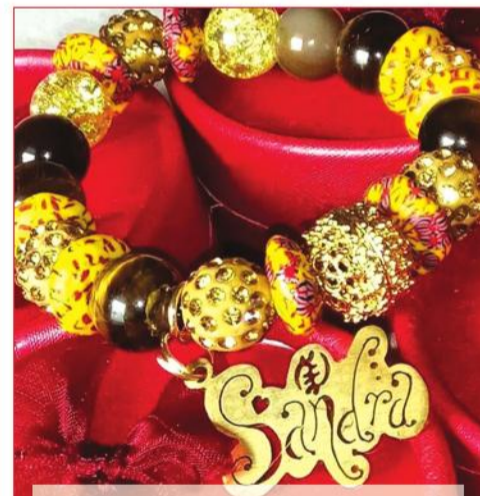


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**Meeting and special events:** 2 conference rooms. capacity up to 90 theatre style. Grounds, well manicured lawn suitable for stylish, intimate events, especially popular for destination weddings.

**Verdict:** I love Hilburi. It's quaint with a whimsical charm. There are many nooks right from the terrace overlooking the property, the gardens and large thatch hut covering the pavilion, to the Spanish influence tiling in the pool changing rooms. Choose a room at the Quite Zone and get out of this world into your own universe! A delightful haven up on the hill you just can't get enough of!