

## **NKOMIMANHENE CALLS FOR CENSUS EDUCATION**

The Omanhene of Nkomi Traditional Area in the Brong Ahafo region, Nana Egyemele Anyikor I, has appealed to the National Democratic Congress (NDC) government to intensify the campaign on the national census programme which will take off on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 nationwide.

Nana Egyemele was speaking to newsmen in his palace during the weekend.

The 27 – year old traditional ruler, who is a chartered economist, said most people do not know the importance of the census and are therefore being indifferent towards the whole process.

He stated that the authorities concerned must intensify campaign on the importance of the exercise and the need for every Ghanaian to take part.

He said the census is a tool for government to look at developmental agenda and so the government needs much information to enable it embark on socio economic development of every sector of the economy.

According to Nana Egyemele, for the government to equitably distribute the national cake, there is the need for it to know the total number of people residing in one particular area at a point in time, hence the need to conduct a national census.

The Omanhene, who is also the General Manager of Smart Micro-Finance Company in Sunyani, stated that some people have the perception that the exercise would be used for taxation of the populace, appealing to Ghanaians to disabuse their minds from such negative thoughts and rather get involved for their own betterment.

He charged the sub chiefs of his traditional area to impress upon their subjects to get themselves counted so that their area of jurisdiction could also enjoy the benefits to be derived the exercise. According to the Omanhene, Sene District is one of the most deprived districts in the country and so it would be suicidal for them to show apathy when the exercise takes off.

Nana Egyemele also seized the opportunity to appeal to the Minister of Women and Children Affairs to embark on a very serious campaign to educate the people, particularly those engaged in fishing along the Volta Lake, to avoid child labour and rather educate their children since they are future leaders.

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