

STAY WHERE YOU ARE AND BE COUNTED-AIDOO-MENSAH

Mr. Theophilus Aidoo-Mensah, Gomoa West District Chief Executive, has observed that the moves by some chiefs and politicians to get their people residing elsewhere in the country to return home for the National Housing and Population Census would defeat the purpose of the exercise.

Mr. Aidoo-Mensah, who is also the president of the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG), explained that people who moved to their home towns just to be counted would eventually go back to their place of permanent residence, thereby rendering facilities that would be sited in their hometowns redundant and under-utilized.

He, has, therefore, called on Ghanaians to stay where they are during the upcoming census so that they could be counted.

The DCE was addressing the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the third session of the Fifth Assembly at Apam.

He said 339 enumerators and supervisors had been recruited and trained to do the enumeration in the district.

Mr. Aidoo-Mensah appealed to chiefs and assembly members to organize some activities in their communities to herald the census Night on September 26, 2010.

The DCE urged chiefs and assembly members to educate their people on the importance of the census to disabuse the minds of nationals that it was organized for tax collection purposes.

Mr. Aidoo-Mensah, announced that the district had been allocated GH¢553,000 under the District Development Facility (DDF) for capacity building and investment activities for passing the Functional Organization Assessment Tool (FOAT) conducted by the Ministry of local Government and Rural Development for MMDAs.

He said it was only those found to have performed satisfactorily that were given the DDF and that under the investment aspect of the facility, 12 projects had been selected for implementation in the local communities.

He said 10 school projects had been approved for construction in the districts by the GET Fund, while six other projects had been approved for the district under the Local Service Delivery and Government Programme.

The DCE said some of the projects had been awarded on contract whilst preparations were in progress for others to be awarded.

Mr. Aidoo-Mensah, said there was vast improvement in the 2010 Basic Education Certificate Examination result for the past five years and commended the District Director of Education Mr. Fred P.K Dunyo and staff for intensifying supervision of schools.

He commended Musama Disco Christo church for holding a peace Festival early this month, the first in eight years, as the previous festivals were characterized with litigation over the headship of the church.

The DCE appealed to the two paramount chiefs of the District to ensure the speedy resolution of chieftaincy disputes to promote peace and unity in the area-GNA

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