

REPORT ON DURBAR AT ADUM BANSO



MPOHOR DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTORATE -HEALTH PROMOTION UNIT

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **DISTRICT PROFILE OF MPOHOR DISTRICT AND Adum Banso**

The District was part of the forty-six (46) new districts created in 2012. The Mpohor District was carved out from the Mpohor Wassa East District. The District is located at the south eastern end of the Western Region. It is bounded on the west by Ahanta West District, east by Wassa East, north west by Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal and Shama District Assemblies. The District capital is Mpohor, which is 19km off the Takoradi-Agona Nkwanta main road.

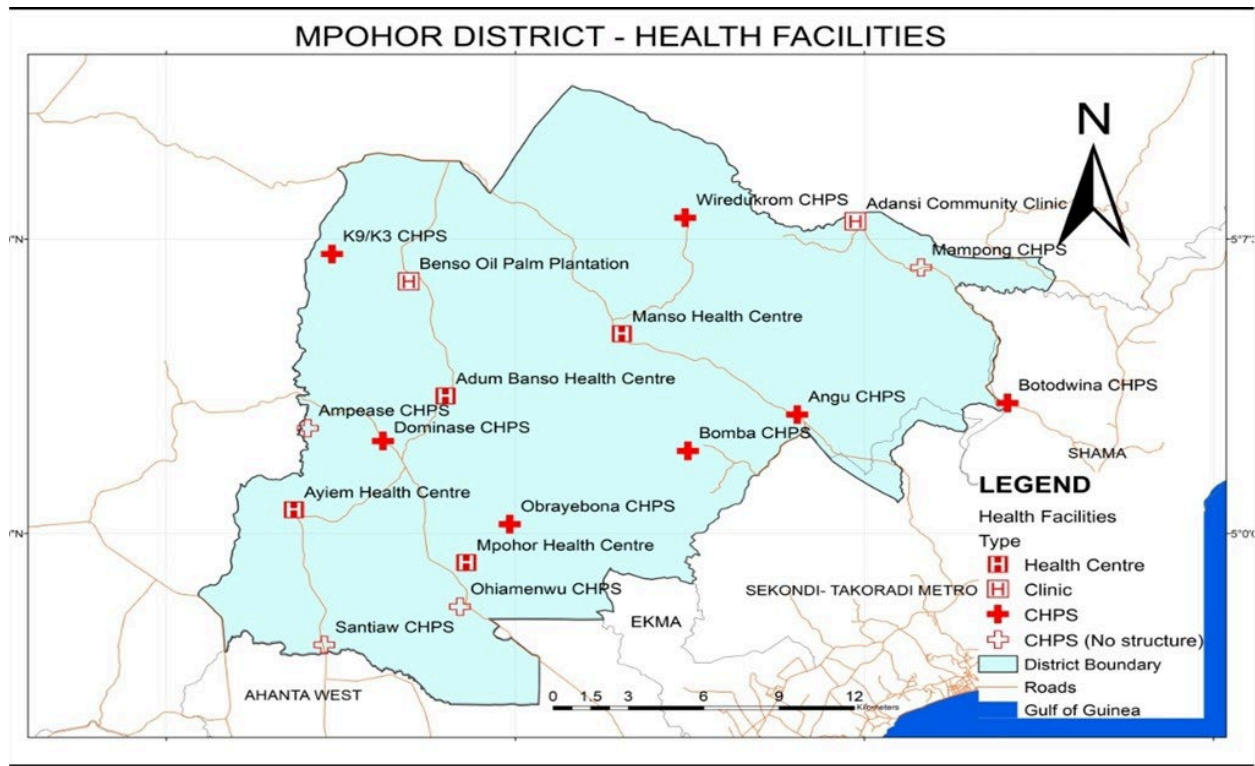
There are five (5) Sub-districts: namely, Mpohor, Adum Banso, Manso, Adansi. and Ayiem sub district. The health facilities comprises of 1 polyclinic, 3 health centers and 17 functional CHPS which provides outreach preventive and curative services in the district.

Adum Banso is one the functional health centers out of the 3 health centers in the district providing healthcare to the people, with other communities found under the Adum Banso district such as K3/K9, Obraeybona ,Dominase ,Ampeasem all operating as CHPS compound with Bopp operating as a private health facility with a medical superintendent, all providing healthcare delivery to the people in the sub district. The people of Adum Banso are mainly farmers and traders .Adum Banso located approximately 39 kilometers from Takoradi.

The District Health Directorate in Mpohor District occasionally organize durbars/stakeholder engagement meeting to brief the public-on-public health issues and also to dialogue with community members on various issues pertaining to health and also allow the community members as well ask any question or deliberate on issues affecting them with regards to health in the district and their communities.

Much importance should be attached to such meetings since it's through such meetings and dialogue that most of public health issues and interventions are made known to the general public, discussions geared towards improving the health status of people in the district is also discussed. Opinions of people are sort on various issues as well as the health of people in the district is concerned is sort through open forums or questions and answers. This year saw to the organization of a health durbar in Adum Banso in which various dignitaries such as the traditional council ,clergy, students, health staff ,District Health Directorate, Bopp company and all community

members invited under the auspices of MpoHOR District Health Directorate and Adum BANSO health center.



MAP OF MPOHOR DISTRICT SHOWING ADUM BANSO HEALTH CENTER

### INVITED GUEST AND ATTENDENCE FOR THE DURABAR

The invited guest and dignitaries for the durbar was ,District Director of Health Services-DDHS, Ms.Wilhemina Tiwaa Duah-DDHS, three Staff at the District Health Directorate, the Christian Council of Adum BANSO,,Nana Kweku Bomh, Gyantoanahene of Adum BANSO traditional council, Nana Kweku Agyabeng, tufuhene of Adum BANSO traditional council ,Assembly member of Adum BANSO,Albert Kwesi Andoh ,committee chairman,Agyei Afɪ and Dr Bediako ,medical superintendent of Bopp clinic ,Bopp oil plam plantaion company.

## **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AT THE DURBAR**

The Scheduled date for durbar was 21st of March,2023 and the programme commenced at exactly 10.30 a.m in the morning with a said prayer by on the health staff at the Adum Banso Health center after all the invited dignitaries were seated at the high table Present at the high table was the District Director of Health Services for Mpohor ,Mrs Wilhemina Tiwaa Duah ,dignitaries some members of the clergy ,specifically Christian council of Adum Banso, Tradition council, Dr Bediako of Bopp company and the medical superintendent of Bopp Clinc acting as a representative of the company of Bopp, assemblyman, Albert Kwesi Andoh, with committee member Agyefi

The welcoming address was delivered by Racheal P.Dokyi,a health staff of the health facility and the success of the occasion was all put into Gods hands. Introduction of special invited guest and dignitaries to grave the occasion was then followed for the community members, staff present, and other person at the programme to be familiar with such important dignitaries at the high table.

Soon after the introduction of special guests and dignitaries, musical interlude, that saw to the playing of soothing music and a dance display from My Child Preparatory School,Adum Banso to relax the all people and invited guests fot the next step of the programme ,The forecourt of Adum Banso health canter was filled with community member all cheerful looking to grace this special occasion, Students from various schools in the community were abound in their uniforms to also grace the occassion

A speech was delivered by the District Director Of Health Services for Mpohor,Ms. Wilhemina Tiwaa Duah.Duah. DDHS speech dwelled greatly on the health sector objectives in which the same objectives is to be achieved in district and Adum Banso respectively,She aslo talked about how the healthcare system in the country works for the benefit of everyone in various districts to the regional level, explaining the major function and level of care to access from the Community Health Preventive services(CHPS) to Health Centers ,Poly Clinics ,District Hospitals ,Regional hospitals and other level of care to the people and dignitaries present for proper understanding of how the health care system work. She advised the people present to visit and make use of the health center, since there health facility is there to serve the people of Adum Banso

She thanked Bopp company traditional leaders present and the Christian council for their enormous support and contribution to the health center especially in the construction of laboratory and procurement of microscope to assist the facility in the delivery of healthcare especially in diagnostic and investigation of ill patients from the community when they visit the health center

DDHS, Wilhemina Tiwaa Duah took turns in educating the people present about the importance of healthcare linking with all facilities in various regions and district in which various health post and health facilities is present and in this process a healthcare worker can be moved to another health facility to operate or work for some time when the need arises, Such movement may sometimes be linked to shortage of staff in a facility ,or a particular staff with a particular specialty in an area of healthcare delivery to assist another facility in the same district for successful healthcare delivery and intervention.

DDHS furthermore, advised the whole invited guest to observe strong personal and environmental hygiene practices as one of the important ways of disease prevention and also advised the general public present at the occasion to vaccinate against Covid- 19 disease. Ongoing at the durbar grounds was also a static Covid -19 vaccination standpoint for people who are eligible for their vaccine to get their jabs and free health screening at the health facility as well was ongoing.

The head of the health center ,Physician Assistant Eduam shared his major concerns facing the facility including ,acquisition of healthcare equipment's such as beds, screens and etc and, renovation in some parts of the health facility, construction of more wards to accommodate more people from the community, he further stressed and reminded the need for the people of Adum Bansa to make use of the health facility ,since its theirs and the healthcare workers at the facility are there to serve them in the area of healthcare delivery. He pleaded with the invited guest to come to the aid of the health facility in any kind to help in further raising the standard of the health facility to be one of the best health centers in Western region. The head of the facility advised and reminded the people of Adum Bansa that the health canter operates 24hours and at each time of the day, there is a health worker at post to attend to emergencies in terms of healthcare delivery.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ADDRESS OF CONCERN BY MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS**

The floor was opened for all community members to share their views, opinions, and perceptions and to ask various questions at the durbar grounds, Most of the questions asked dwelled on the development of the health center and a major renovation of the health facility into one of the best in the district and in western region. The community were made to know to that ,the next phase of the health center was to further develop it ,improved renovation more healthcare equipment's for aid in delivery of healthcare in the district.

Questions were questions on the availability on health staff present all the time at the facility in case of emergencies especially during midnight. The community members were made to know that healthcare delivery at the health facility is 24 hours and at any point in time, health care can be assed at the facility especially during emergencies.

Most of the questions too focused on the accommodation issues of the health staff, as most of the people in the community are reluctant to either give their houses for rent to health staff due to their own personal reasons .DDHS, Ms.Wilhemina Tiwaa Duah pleaded on behalf of the health staff to the community members and Nananon present to talk to their people to reconsider releasing and helping with issues of accommodation since this attitude can go a long way to affect the delivery of healthcare ,since without healthcare workers available in Adum Banso ,will go a long way to affect the sub district.

Nana kweku Bompeh ,Gyantoahene of Adum Banso traditional area, advised his people to be aware that, various meetings has been held and it's still ongoing geared towards a better renovation and construction of extra buildings for the health facility to accommodate more people who visit the facility as well modernizing the facility to be a better healthcare facility. He further advised his people to more keen in patronizing and making use of the facility ,since the facility available is to serve the people of Adum Banso and its environs and also respect the healthcare workers at the facility since they are there to serve to save lives .

Nana Kweku Agyabeng, Tufuhene of Adum Banso traditional area also advised his people with regards to the accommodation issues ,he told his people to be open and release their houses for healthcare workers to get a place of stay, since they are in the community to help save lives and to

deliver healthcare. He pleaded with his people to reduce accommodation cost to enable healthcare workers and other professions in Adum Bansa get a place to stay, even though one of the major plight of the people of Adum Bansa was increment in rent, due to the high cost of building materials. Following the open forum was a cultural display by My Child Preparatory School and another musical interlude to sooth the heart and entertain invited guest and community members. Lastly, the facility was inspected by the invited dignitaries to further access the facility to know the state of the health center.

Fundraising ceremony was done to solicit for funds ,all geared to aid in the renovation of the health facility in the sub district ,closing remarks and a closing prayer was said by Margaret Opoku ,a health staff at the facility to officially bring the programme to an end.

The durbar ended exactly at 2.30 in the afternoon with the traditional council leaving with other important dignitaries followed by the community members.

## **CONCLUSION**

The durbar organized at Adum Bansa was a successful one, with all important dignitaries present and various discussions that took place are all geared towards the growth and improvement of the health center to be one of the best in western region and in the district.

## PICTURES/GALLERY



DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICE FOR MPOHOR DISTRICT-MS. WILHEMINA TIWAA  
DUAH DELIVERING HER SPEECH DURING THE CEREMONY AT ADUM BANSO HEALTH  
CENTER GROUNDS WITH INVITED GUEST PRESENT



MUSICAL INTERLUDE AND CULTURAL DISPLAY BY STUDENTS OF MY CHILD PREPARATORY SCHOOL-ADUM BANSO



SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS SEATED AT THE DURABR GROUNDS TO GRACE THE OCCASION



PICTURE OF INVITED DIGNITARIES PRESENT AT THE OCCASION, NANANOM, CHRISTIAN COUNCIL, BOPP COMPANY AND ASSEMBLY MAN AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN





INSPECTION AT THE HEALTH FACILITY BY INVITED GUESTS



INVITED GUEST PICTURE FOR THE OCCASION



COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ADUM BANSO AT THE DURBAR GROUNDS