

WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The works department is made up of three (3) units as follows:

- Building Unit
- Water and Sanitation Unit
- Roads Unit

2.0 STAFFING POSITION

The department had total staff strength of Ten (10) at the beginning of the year made up as follows:

Established Staff (5)

IGF Staff (1)

NABCO Personnel (2)

National Service Personnel (2)

3.0 STAFFING MOVEMENT

The staff strength was reduced to Eight (8) at the year ending December 2021 as follows:

Established staff (3)

IGF Staff (1)

NABCO Personnel (1)

National Service Personnel (3)

The movement of established staff without replacement has affected the work output of the department immensely with its challenging outcomes, like inadequate monitoring of development projects and low mobilization of revenue from development control and permitting activities.

4.0 WATER AND SANITATION

Seven out of Ten (10) Borehole Water Facilities initiated were completed with support from District Assembly Common Fund (DACF) as follows:

1. 1No. Mechanized Borehole at Mpohor
2. 1No. Borehole Hand pump at Bowobrayie
3. 1No. Borehole Hand pump at Mpohor Yarbiw
4. 1No. Borehole Hand pump at Atabogoro near T-Junction
5. 1No. Borehole Hand pump at K9
6. 1No. Borehole Hand pump at Edaa
7. 1No. Borehole Hand pump at Anyinase

Seven (7) Other Boreholes were secured and initiated with support from the Member of Parliament / GNPC / Free Water as follows:

8. 1No. Borehole Water at Addaikrom
9. 1No. Borehole Water at Obokrom
10. 1No. Borehole Water at Adansi-Wineso
11. 1No. Borehole Water at Boamfri
12. 1No. Borehole Water at Kromantse
13. 1No. Borehole Water at Bowohomodzen
14. 1No. Borehole Water at Angu (converted from handpump to mechanized system)

Extension of Water to Adum Bansa Market

The Assembly collaborated with Free Water to extend pipe water to Adum Bansa Market.

5.0 EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Six (6) Educational Infrastructure projects secured and implemented with support from GETFund as follows:

1. Construction of 6-Unit Classroom Block at Wiredukrom (completed and handed over, in-use)
2. Construction of 6-Unit Classroom Block at Edaa (Practically completed but not handed over)
3. Construction of 6-Unit Classroom Block at Mpohor (Roofed and in-use)
4. Construction of 2-Unit Kindergarten Block at Ayiem (Roofed but not in-use)
5. Construction of 2-Unit Classroom Block at Manso (Abandoned at Gable Level)
6. Construction of 12-unit Classroom Block at Mpohor SHS (Roofed and Abandoned)

In addition, two (2) Educational Infrastructure projects which were earmarked with support from the DACF-Responsiveness Factor Grant are at procurement stage as follows:

1. Construction of 3-Unit Classroom Block at Obraeybona
2. Construction of 2-Unit Kindergarten Block at Mpohor SDA

A number of abandoned projects in the educational sector continue to pose challenges for the district. The district met with some of the contractors on GETFund projects and they expressed the concerns of non-payment of additional works executed which ought to be absorbed with the contingency sums.

The following GETFund projects which were initiated in 2008 when the district was still under Wassa Mpohor District at Dabase are no longer active since they were terminated.

1. Construction of 3-Unit Classroom Block at Mpohor Anglican School
2. Construction of 4-Unit Bedroom Teachers Accommodation at Mpohor
3. Construction of 6-Unit Classroom, KVIP and Hand Dug Well with pump at K9
4. Construction of 6-Unit Classroom at Manso Methodist School

6.0 HEALTH

Three (3) Health Infrastructures are were initiated and on-going as follows:

1. Tumamtu CHPS Compound with mechanized Borehole water with DACF
2. Mpohor Health Centre remodeling and expansion into 30-Bed facility by Nederland Govt. Fund
3. Construction of 60-Bed District Hospital at Mpohor under Ghana Priority Health Infrastructure Project (Agenda 111)

The Theatre Block for the Mpohor Health Centre is currently being used as temporal facility for out patients and admission of patients for healthcare.

The Theatre block will have to be refurbished after completion of the Healthcare facility project.

7.0 ROADS

The following roads have been awarded on contract and upgrading works have started and progressing under GOG Road Fund / COCOBOD.

1. Appemenyim Junction (Shama) – Botodwina – Abotareye Road
2. Benso - Manso – Asiem Road
3. Apowa – Mpohor – Benso Road
4. Nsuaem – Adum Dominase Access Road to Mpohor District
5. Pretsea Junction - Tumantu Road
6. Aboadi – Ayiem Road

The following bridges and culverts were undertaken to improve accessibility to communities

1. Circular Culverts at Kromantse – Anyinase to link Mpohor to Manso (Support from DACF-RFG)
2. Box Culvert Bridge at Mpohor to link Anglican School (Support from CODA)
3. Box Culvert Bridge over Butre River at Adum Bansa (Support from CODA)

The district continued to reshape a total of 23km deplorable roads and rehabilitated (10km) access roads to selected farming communities especially Wiredukrom, Mpohor, Kromatse, Anyinase.

It is the view of the department that the Adum Bansa section from the Amuzukrom will be reshaped to link Adum Bansa to Manso through Kromantse - Anyinase Road.

Two (2) drainage interventions have been award by CODA to be constructed at Manso and Adum Bansa but could not commence.

8.0 ECONOMIC

The following projects are being planned toward improved economic activities in the district.

1. Construction of Lockable Shops at Manso Market
2. Construction of Lockable Shops at Mpohor Market
3. Construction of Storage Facility and Agro processing facilities at Adum Bansa

9.0 RESIDENTIAL AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The following projects were undertaken to provide and improve residential and office accommodation for effective administration of the District Structures.

1. Mpohor District Court Complex (Support from DACF)
2. Residential Accommodation for Judicial Service at Mpohor (Support from DACF)
3. Residential Accommodation for Senior Medical Officers at Mpohor (Support from DACF-RFG)
4. Continuation and completion of Bungalow for District Chief Executive at Mpohor (DACF)

10.0 COMMUNICATION

The following projects were undertaken to provide and improve access to telecommunication network infrastructure and internet connectivity in the various communities in the district by Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications (GIFEC)

1. Communication Mast at Adum Dominase
2. Communication Mast at Ampeasem
3. Communication Mast at Amuzukrom
4. Communication Mast at Wiredukrom
5. Communication Mast at Edaa
6. Communication Mast at Adanse
7. Communication Mast at Mampong
8. Communication Mast at Botodwina

Two (2) Information Communication Technology (ICT) Centres have been award by CODA to be constructed at Manso and Adum Bansa but could not commence.

11.0 ELECTRIFICATION AND STREETLIGHTS

The Government of Ghana Rural Electrification project was extended to parts of Mpohor and Yarbiw providing service with meters to about 200 households. This was done by China Water subsidiary.

Community assessment for distribution of streetlights were also carried out in the later part of the year with the view that 100pieces solar powered poles would be installed in communities without electricity.

The communities are Anyinase, Boamfri, Domeabra, Obokrom, Bowohomodzen and Miawani. Additional communities identified to benefit from the project include, Boahenkrom, Ketukrom, Abamkrom, T-junction, Ata Bogoro, Alhajikrom, Asante Akura, Bosompra, Maame Komfo, Fofu Village., Aponkyepeter, Addaikrom. This was done in collaboration with Abba Foundation.

12.0 MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

Retiling and replacement of defective lighting fittings and door locks in the District Assembly offices was commenced to make the offices conducive for staff and visitors.

13.0 TRAINING

The following training activities were undertaken and participated by key staff.

1. E-Government Procurement
2. Project Management & Contract Administration
3. Public Financial Management
4. Public Investment Management
5. Public Private Partnership
6. Road Safety Defensive Driving Training for sensitization of drivers and motor riders

15. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

The contractor handling the ASTRO TURF Project by GNPC Foundation, Messrs Waste 360 commenced activities at the site but has stop work. The works sub-committee at its last sitting expressed worry over the situation fearing the challenge with abandoned projects in the district, especially being ceremonial grounds for both community and schools' sports.

Detailed status of development projects has been presented in the Annual Progress Report to DPCU.