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Special points of interest:

- The National School Feeding Policy, when passed will ensure reliable funding for over 1 million pupils.
- ADP proposed the inclusion of special schools (blind, deaf) in Ghana School Feeding Programme as automatic beneficiaries in the new policy.
- School Feeding Programme to monitor nutrition and health benefits of programme.

Ghana School Feeding Policy Validation Workshop Ends at Apam, Central Region

A 2-day residential workshop to validate the draft policy document for the Ghana's School Feeding has ended at Apam in the Central Region on 10th January 2014. The workshop brought together the Expert Reference Group comprising representatives of government agencies such as the Ghana Education and Health Services, international organizations – World Food Programme and Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV) and African Development Programme, under the auspices of the Ghana School Feeding Programme Secretariat, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and Partnership for Child Development (PCD). The policy consultant,

Dr. Esther Ofei-Aboagye took members of the expert reference group through the various policy action areas, strategies and entire document. .

African Development Programme, in furtherance of its advocacy on special schools in Ghana, proposed the inclusion of automatic beneficiary status for all public-funded schools for the disabled children. This received unanimous endorsement from the expert reference group including officials from the Ghana School Feeding Programme secretariat. At the end of the workshop, participants commended the policy consultant for a good job done in synthesizing the many submissions from the nation-

wide consultations and stakeholder engagements across the country. ADP together with representatives from the aforementioned institutions participated in the policy scoping workshop late 2012 to set the framework for the policy



ADP Head of Programs at the Validation Workshop

Project on Impact Study of School Feeding On Nutrition and Health Underway

The Partnership for Child Development (PCD) is supporting the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and the Ghana School Feeding Programme Secretariat to undertake an impact study of the school feeding programme on the health and nutrition of pupils benefitting from the programme.

The impact study project is to be carried out in 58 districts in all 10 regions of Ghana as randomized control study of pupils in some selected school feeding programme beneficiary and non-beneficiary schools to assess the impact on nutrition, health and boosting of / linkages to local agric production. The exercise is a randomized control evaluation where study will focus on a newly enrolled GSFP school; another school where the enhanced form of GSFP will be implemented (as designed by the Partnership for Child Devt) and a non-beneficiary school. (Continued on p.2)

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ADP CONSOLES THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL



A 2-member delegation of the African Development Programme has paid an official visit to the Israeli Embassy in Accra to commiserate with the government and people of Israel on the departure of former Prime Minister, HE Ariel Sharon.

In a short message, ADP praised the legacy of the past Israeli leader that his "efforts particularly in the latter stages of your life in promoting the Middle East Peace process affirmed your deep sense of conviction and personal values as a loved Israeli leader and statesman".

The visit afforded the team an opportunity to sign the book of condolence

This sign of good relations between ADP and the Israeli Embassy follows initial working visit by the latter's Ambassador, HE Sharon Bar-Li, on behalf of the Israeli Agency for External Cooperation (MASHAV) in February 2013 in response to ADP's request for collaboration in the area of local economic development initiatives targeted at rural communities in Ghana.

Project on Impact Study of School Feeding On Nutrition and Health Underway, (continued from p.1)

time across these 3 different schools] as part of evidenced-based advocacy for school feeding improvements. Since the school feeding programme was initiated in 2007, several studies conducted have focused on the education-related outcomes of the programme much to the neglect of the nutrition and agric-related outcomes.

To this end, a sensitization and training workshop was organized at the Erata Hotel in December 2013 to train the representatives of 8 district assemblies (including Akuapim North and Ledzokuku-Krowor) in the Greater Accra, Central and Eastern Regions. District assembly officials, media organizations, school authorities and civil society organizations engaged to lead the impact study in chosen districts were trained.

African Development Programme (ADP) has been selected as the CSO implementer for the Akuapim North District in the Eastern Region. The ADP team were Charles Othniel Abbey, Elsie Odonkor and Franklin Owusu-Karikari.



Cross section of participants at the Ghana School Feeding Programme/ Partnership for Child Development Impact Evaluation Training at Erata Hotel, Accra.