

FIRST QUARTER REPORT ON SPEFA ACTIVITIES IN GA EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

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*SPEFA ACTIVITIES
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The African Development Program in its implementation of the Social Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (SPEFA) project in the GA East Municipal Assembly has been successful in its initial phase. This report outlines activities undertaken during the first quarter of the project in the district.

This activity report has been prepared in fulfilment of the requirement under the contract between SNV-Ghana and ADP the organization responsible for the implementation and management of the project in the Ga East Municipal. The report has therefore been designed specifically for SNV-Ghana as well as Ga East Municipal Assembly.

1.1 Brief Background

The Government of Ghana in collaboration with the World Bank initiated a project titled “local Government capacity Support (LGCSP)” for forty-six (46) Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies in Ghana. The implementation of the LGCSP involves three key MDAs: the Ministry for Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD), Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the Local Government Service Secretariat (LGSS). The project is aimed at providing capacity support to improve the accountability and effectiveness of basic service delivery in the MMDA.

The Social Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (SPEFA) process is the third component of the Local Government Capacity Support Project and SNV-Ghana has been awarded a consultancy service to lead a consortium of Civil Society Organisations for the organisation and implementation of this project, SPEFA is a Social Accountability mechanism aimed at improving citizens’ perceptions of urban management and increase their engagement with the Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies across the country.

The key objective of local governance is to improve resource allocation and service provision by not only bringing service providers’ closer to the citizens but by also making the citizens’ part of the decision-making and management process. Local governance is therefore expected to encourage government responsiveness to citizen participation and, in the end, greater effectiveness, efficiency and accountability. However, research has shown that the decentralization of governance structures alone does not automatically facilitate the increased participation of civil society or an improvement in the accountability of government. Decentralization is more beneficial if it is accompanied by pro-active efforts to involve citizens and stimulate pro-accountability processes.

Social accountability is a governance mechanism or tool that is applied to the development management process with the aim of ensuring adherence to rules, efficiency in performance

and the achievement of targets for all stakeholders. As a governance mechanism, it employs a broad range of actions and tools including participatory budgeting, public expenditure tracking, monitoring of public service delivery, investigative journalism, public commissions and citizen advisory boards. Social accountability is a mutually reinforcing mechanism because it publicly involves the rights and obligations of all stakeholders who affect and are affected by a development intervention. It therefore brings both duty-bearers and rights-holders together to engage directly and openly on developmental issues

1.2 Objectives of the Project

The general aim of SPEFA is to improve the perception of the people in the selected 46 MMAs across the country on urban management and increase their engagement with the Municipal assembly.

Specific objective:

1. To provide consistent and high quality support for the development and operationalization of civil society-led SPEFA processes in the MMAs;
2. To build the knowledge and capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs), community based organisations (CBOs) and communities in LGPFM to equip them to engage MMAs and their sub-districts structures on these issues;
3. To strengthen CSOs/CBOs/NGOs, Members of Parliament and Traditional and Community Leaders to effectively engage with the MMAs and sub-district structures on public financial management issues;
4. To support and underpin the government's Decentralisation Policy Framework and associated Policy Implementation Framework and Action Plan on social accountability.

1.3 Approach

Several approaches were undertaken in the implementation of activities in the first quarter. Approaches used were phone calls, e-mails, meeting with staff of the assembly particularly key actors for the project (Planning officer, Municipal Coordinating Director among others).

2.0 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

2.1 Activities for First Quarter

2.1.1 Community Entry Visit to the District Assembly

The project inception meeting and community entry was organised at the Ga East Municipal Assembly office (Abokobi) on the 24th of June, 2014. It was a meeting between Team ADP and Ga East Municipal Assembly. The meeting was to achieve the following: to introduce Team ADP to the District Assembly as implementers of the SPEFA programme, to get the District Assembly's programme outline for the next half of the year, and to discuss work plan of SPEFA activities. This went on smoothly as team ADP was warmly received by the

Planning Officer Mr. S.S. Agbeve and Deputy Planning Officer Mr. Alex Amoah. They shared the assembly's outline of activities with ADP which led to the synchronisation of SPEFA activities into that of the assembly's plan of work. The ADP team was introduced to other stakeholders in the assembly such as the Municipal Coordinating Director, Information officer and the outgoing Community Development Officer.

2.1.2 Launch of SPEFA and Public Hearing of Medium Term Plan

The SPEFA launch in partnership with the assembly was scheduled for 23rd July, 2014 at the Dome Anglican Church. The launch was done in conjunction with the Public Hearing of the Medium Term Plan. The launch attracted total number 147 participants. Key among the attendants were the MCE, Mr. Kwao Sackey, The MCD, Mr. Daasah, Traditional Authorities, Assembly Members, Media and representatives from the SPEFA National Coordinating Unit. The programme was chaired by Hon. Edward Aryee Presiding Member (GEMA). The program started at 10:20am and ended at 3:30pm.

Mr. Charles O. Abbey, Head of Programs, African Development Programme, introduced members present briefly to SPEFA. In his speech he mentioned that CSOs and Citizens have a role to play to support the assembly in providing services by demanding accountability. He noted that citizens can only engage effectively if and only if they are equipped with the right information and platform to engage. SPEFA thus presents the opportunity for community members to learn about public financial management and skills to engage so citizens can demand accountability effectively. Mrs Sarah Naa Dedei Agbey, Head of the NCU in her presentation on Social Accountability also noted that knowledge is very paramount to engage effectively. In her presentation she mentioned that there are two major stakeholders in governance and for there to be good governance both must work effectively. Thus the responsibility doesn't lie solely in the hands of government but the citizens as well. SPEFA affords citizens a platform to learn things about governance so they can demand accountability. To this end there would be six (6) meetings in a year. Four (4) of the meetings will be to educate citizens on governance and accountability tools and two (2) to participate in town hall meetings. The platform will afford us opportunities to learn how the assembly plans, budgets, procures, monitors and evaluates. It will also afford citizens the opportunity to learn how to engage and monitor assembly's projects and programs.

The Planning officer then shared the Assembly's Medium Term Plan (2014-2017). The MTP has been designed to capture the needs of community members. Needs identified of community members were Grading and tarring of Roads, Construction of drains, Street lights, Water/pipelines, Basic School infrastructure, Police Post/station, Toilet facilities for schools, Public SHS, Fumigation, Employment creation especially for youth, Refuse containers, Market/Lorry station, slaughter house, credit facilities for farmers and SMEs among others. The MTP in an attempt to capture all the needs community members adopted the goal 'To achieve sustained, accelerated and inclusive socio-economic growth and poverty reduction towards improvement in the quality of life of the people.' Priority approach for the assembly are infrastructure, Commercial, industrial, Agricultural and Tourism. The assembly as part of its plan would construct and improve on roads of Atomic Rd, St. Johns – Kwabenya Rd, Abokobi – Agbogba – Haatso Rd and Taifa, Recycle plant, Development of

mixed commercial and residential centre's along key roads, Increase the mobilization of IGF, Commit resources into Capital projects to create job opportunities for the youth among others.

The MCE in his turn gave an overview of the state of the affairs of the assembly and urged that the assembly is committed to bringing about development in Municipal Assembly and would ensure that the needs of community members are met. The MCE in his presentation also mentioned that the assembly is committed to promoting accountability and sees SPEFA as a very good platform that would help promote accountability and bring out the best for the development of Ga East. He then declared the SPEFA duly launched in the assembly to end his presentation.

The media were well represented by NET2 Tv, Radio Gold, Radio Universe, Oman FM and the Insight newspaper. Interviews were conducted by them as well.

2.1.3 Formation of SPEFA Group Members

The SPEFA group has duly been formed as part of activities for the first quarter. This was done in partnership with the assembly. Currently a list of 117 has been compiled and duly contacted to form the SPEFA group. The group as it stands now has representation from the assembly, traditional authorities, resident association groups, youth groups, women's groups, transport associations and representatives of identifiable political parties. The team is working hard on getting representatives from farmers and traders associations in the district to add to the group. Currently there is no local media station in the municipal assembly. See annex for detailed list of SPEFA group members.

2.2 What Worked Well

The community visit to the assembly's office saw the team being introduced to other key staff that would help in the smooth implementation of the project. The information officer was invited to be part of the meeting. However the team could not meet the MCE as he was on assignment somewhere. The Deputy Planning Officer was also very instrumental in the collation of list for the formation of the SPEFA group in the Assembly. The partnership also from the assembly in the program launch was great.

2.3 What Needs Improvement

There is the need to get an introductory letter from SNV-Ghana attached from that of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development to introduce CSOs to the MMAs as partners for the implementation of SPEFA. Although ADP sailed through without a proper introductory letter, the team had to defend why the introductory letter from the Ministry was dated a year ago and let them know that we would work on an introductory letter from SNV-Ghana and let them have it as soon as possible.

3.0 ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

The first quarter chalked some successes as well as some challenges which have been listed below.

Achievement

- The Assembly willingly shared its program with us
- The assembly shared some of the strategies they use for their meetings and advised that we could do same for SPEFA meetings.
- The assembly helped us with the formation of the SPEFA group by giving us contacts of associations in the district.
- Active involvement by the media to enhance public awareness.

Challenges

- SPEFA launch was not started on time due to delays from representatives from the assembly.
- The list of association members and representatives of stakeholders that should constitute SPEFA group members are skewed towards the male. The team is trying to find more women who would fit into the criteria of SPEFA membership so they can be added to the group

4.0 LESSONS

The major lesson learnt is that the Assembly is doing well to engage community members in their planning, although participation from most community members has not been impressive. A joint collaboration through SPEFA will equip community members so they would be able to engage the Assembly effectively for better development outcome.

5.0 ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT QUARTER/HALF YEAR

The following activities have been agreed upon by the Assembly and ADP for the next half of the year.

1. 2nd SPEFA forum 17th September, 2014
2. 1st Town Hall Meeting Sep/ October 2014

6.0 CONCLUSION

The meeting helped establish a common ground of understanding in terms of how the implementation process is to be managed between ADP and the Assembly. There was also clear understanding of the role the assembly will play.

ANNEXES

Annex 1- Minutes of SPEFA launch / 1st Forum

SPEFA LAUNCH AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR GA EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

VENUE: DOME ANGLICAN CHURCH

DATE: 23rd JULY, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING

Members Present: ADP staff, SNV (NCU) members, Assembly members, Unit Committee members, Citizen Groups, GEMA staff, Municipal Chief Assembly, Municipal Coordinating Director, Presiding Member and Community Members (Attendance List attached as Annex 4)

Commencement: 10:20am

Agenda:

- To launch SPEFA in GEMA
- Finalize SPEFA Group
- Public Hearing of Assembly's Medium Term Plan for 2015-2016

Summary of Activities

Master of Ceremony: Charles O. Abbey

Chairperson: Hon. Edward Aryeetey Aryee Presiding Member (GEMA)

# ITEM	ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
Opening Prayer	The opening prayer was said by one of the participants to set the ball rolling	
Introduction of Participants	The MC coordinated the introductions of all participants present at the meeting, with the mention of names, organisation of group that is being represented.	
Introduction of Chairperson	In the absence of the Municipal Chief Executive and the Municipal Coordinating Director at the start of the program due to an emergency program, the Presiding member in the person of Mr. Aryee acted as the chairperson for the program.	

<p>A statement on SPEFA</p>	<p>Mr. Charles O. Abbey, Head of Programs, African Development Programme, introduced members present briefly to SPEFA. In his speech he mentioned that CSOs and Citizens have a role to play to support the assembly in providing services by demanding accountability. He noted that citizens groups can help in development through its participation in Public Hearing and Town Hall meetings. However citizens need to be equipped with the right information to hold duty bearers/ assembly accountable. To this end the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development in Collaboration with SNV through a World Bank loan have instituted the Social Public Expenditure Financial Accountability (SPEFA). The aim of the SPEFA project is to help citizens understand public management so that they can engage with the duty bearers very well.</p>	
<p>Presentation on Social Accountability</p>	<p>Mrs Sarah Naa Dedei Agbey (Director) National Coordinating Unit of SPEFA at the SNV took participants through the concept of Social Accountability. In her opening remarks she stated that there are two major actors in governance; the state and non- state actors. State actors are those in governance and those acting on behalf of the government which in this case is the Municipal Assembly and the non-state actors which are the citizens, civil society organisations and NGOs. Thus in governance we all have a role to play. SPEFA affords citizens a platform to learn things about governance so they can demand accountability. To this end there would be six (6) meetings in a year. Four (4) to learn about issues on governance and accountability tools and two (2) to participate in town hall meetings. The platform will afford us opportunities to learn how the assembly plans, budgets, procures, monitors and evaluates. It will also afford citizens the opportunity to learn how to engage and monitor assembly's projects and programs.</p> <p>The SPEFA project is in its second phase. The 1st phase covered 11 MMDAs with 24 more MMDAs brought on stream to reach 35 MMDAs including the Ga East Municipal Assembly. The objectives of SPEFA, members who should constitute the SPEFA group and the expectations of SPEFA were shared with participants. Mrs Agbey also encouraged women who have been selected to</p>	

<p>Presentation of Assembly's Medium Term Plan for 2014-2016</p>	<p>form part of the SPEFA group to participate actively. She also gave an overview of how SPEFA has worked in other MMDAs stating that so far the relationship between the assembly and citizens have been cordial, the assembly and the citizens are happy about the collaboration and citizens are also happy with the platform they have been given. SPEFA has also served as a wake-up call for the assembly.</p> <p>The Planning Division of the Assembly took participants through the proposed projects, plans and programs outlined for the assembly in the medium term plans. Thematic areas looked at were Low value of properties, lack of comprehensive and realistic data on revenue items, revenue mobilization capacity, income levels and high revenue leakages</p>	
<p>Key Note Address from Municipal Chief Executive (GEMA)</p>	<p>The MCE in the person of Mr John Kwao Sackey also took his turn to deliver his address. He apologized for coming late as he had to attend some urgent business with the regional minister. He gave an overview of the performance of the assembly over the past year.</p> <p>The MCE in his presentation also mentioned that the assembly supports efforts to promote accountability and views SPEFA as a very good platform that would help promote accountability and bring out the best for the development of Ga East.</p> <p>He then declared the SPEFA duly launched in the assembly to end his presentation.</p>	
<p>Questions and Answers</p>	<p>The floor was opened for questions and answers. Key among the concerns of participants were issues of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitation • Revenue collection • Land usage and land ownership • Market (Dome) • Issues on Budget (Expenditure versus Income) 	

<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly structures not friendly for the physically challenged <p>On Social Accountability, comments and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The difference between local government and government • Providing hard copies of presentation on SPEFA so as they could share with community members they are representing • Some representatives of citizen groups and community members requesting whether it would be possible to spread the SPEFA platform to cover all their community members. <p>The Presiding Member in his closing remarks reiterated the need that for there to be development in GA East indeed the citizens need to engage with the assembly. He took the opportunity to express appreciation to Mrs Sarah Agbey for the enlightening them on the need to acquire knowledge so they as citizens could engage duty bearers effectively. He added that they look forward for a successful implementation of the SPEFA program in their district. He also took the opportunity to express his appreciation for all who made it for the program from staff of the Municipal Assembly, Traditional rulers, Assembly Members and Citizens/ Citizen Group Members.</p>	
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Closing Prayer was said by Rev Felix Hammond

The meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by: Elsie E. Odonkor

Annex 2- SPEFA GROUP MEMBERS

GA EAST SPEFA GROUP

NO	NAME	INSTITUTION / GROUP/ Place	M	F	POSITION	CONTACT NUMBER
1.	Eric Ashinfi	GPRTU. Taifa Branch	✓			0244650553
2	Benjamin Okai	Dome Zonal Council	✓			0277477939
3	Hon. Sara Adwoa Safo	Dome-Kwabenya Member of Parliament		✓	MP	0244380828
4	Nii Amum Momli	Traditional Leader	✓			0244936673
5	Nii Lome Okyene	Traditional Leader (Dome)	✓			0271659080
6	Rev Jonathan Lartey	Kwabenya	✓			0276380645
7	Mohammed Alhassan	Dome	✓			0244787583
8	Ben Greene	Nujorse Resident Association	✓			0208201326
9	Akrashie Edward	Dome Newtown Resident Association	✓			0543675199
10	Quainoo Blaise	Dome Youth Club	✓			0268660012
11	Agnes Quainoo			✓		0277645434
2	Ayubu Ratiman	Dome	✓			0246050666
13	Mr. Charles Addah	Dome West Unit Committe	✓			0208093118

14	Frank K. Owiredu	True Christian Assembly	✓			0576578449
15	Doris Okai	Dome Unit Committe		✓		0285254662
16	Kwaku Stephen	Oman FM	✓			0241147374
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20	Florence A. Anim	Insight Newspaper		✓		0277063862/0208516862 floxy86@yahoo.com
21	Nii Tetteh	Kwabenya	✓			0543033342
22	Mohammed Damba	Dome Zonal Council	✓			0244040395
23	Nii Okang Okuadjo	Chief – Pantang	✓			0276768429
24	Nathiers Attah	Ashongmanh Unit Committe	✓			050841237
25	Obin Kodjo	Ashongmanh Estate	✓			0270103552
26	Albert Aidoo	Old Ashongmanh	✓			0547011041
27	Mr. E. K. Anthony	Residents Association	✓		Chairman	0288268755
28	Elizabeth Altigah	NFED		✓		0272967918
29	Mr. Kwao Tetter	?? Residents Association	✓		Chairman	0244404948
30	Mr. B. R. Ayisi	?? Residents Association	✓		Chairman	0208139854

31	Hon. Franklin F. Manso (Taifa South)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0272832771
32	Hon. Smart Sowah (Abokobi)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0244766961
33	Hon. Joseph O. Armah (Agbogba)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0206977530
34	Hon. Adolphus Briandt (Kwabanya)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0244776364
35	Hon. Edward Aryee (Haatso)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0244216689
36	Hon. Cornelius Addo (Atomic)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0244406156
37	Hon. Mohammed Ali (Dome East)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0244672867
38	Hon. Benjamin Okai (Dome West)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0248913195
39	Hon. Agyenim B (Taifa North)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0243184314
40	Hon. Jacob Abblorh. (Abladjei)	ELECTORAL AREAS	✓		Assembly member	0244186254
41						
42	Crambson Bennet (Agbogba)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0277056469/0265276022

	Unit)					
43	Anang His-Lord Tetey (Agbogba)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0244235337
44	John Adjah Torgbor (Agbogba)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0268189589
45	Amewuga Edward (Agbogba)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0243943277
46	Samuel N. Nettey (Abokobi)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0246478708
47	Kpodo Alfred Basil (Abokobi)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0231142234
48	Emmanuel Mensah Nai (Haasto)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0267413694
49	Emmanuel Afuakwah (Haasto)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0208191932
50	Sophia Mensah (Haasto)	UNIT COMMITTEES		✓		0245370093
51	Margaret Addoquaye (Haasto)	UNIT COMMITTEES		✓		0283444364
52	Raphael Doe Dzotsi (Atomic unit)	UNIT COMMITTEES	✓			0244565990
53	Pat Quainoo	Unit Committe	✓			0266550309

54	Edward Donkor	Dome WEST	✓			0270201209
55	Alice Crambson	Ashongmanh Village		✓		0261239167
56	Christian Ayisi	Dome new Market	✓			0243832778
57	Nii Boi Legon 1	Ga East	✓			0243474229
58	Tetteh Samuel	Ga East	✓			0261776859
59	N. Koranteng Agyare	EKRA. Kwabenya	✓			0244359666
60	Bismark Gyamfi	GSPD	✓			0244622611
61	Asante	Dome East	✓			0243518359
62	Joshua	Resident Association	✓			0202446076
63	Ishmael Nii Lamptey	Palace (Haatso)	✓			0548678842
64	Sylvanus Akokpo	Kwabenya Ayisbe Town	✓			0243336309
65	Alex Dagbu	PTA (Dome MA)	✓			0243962089
66	Beatrice C. Mensah	Unit Committee - Kwabenya		✓		0274732917
67	Isaac Nyanlet	Unit Committee - Kwabenya	✓			0279793723
68	Edward Addy	Unit Committee - Dome	✓			0261437385
69	Sopha Kesse	Unit Committee- Dome East	✓			0244672867
70	Mary Oduro	Unit Committee – Dome East		✓		0244852988

71	Eunice Amofo	Unit Committee- Dome EAST		✓		0244952988
72	William Attah	Ashongmanh Estate	✓			0248130523
73	Asandem Josegh	Dome East	✓			0245030298
74	Isaac Danso	Council Member	✓			0244418563
75	Amewuga Edward	GEMA	✓		Council Member	0243943277
76	Adams	GPRTU - Dome	✓			0243960748
77	Ernest	PTA- Dome	✓			0244971928
78	Diana Katebo	Dome West		✓		0244796941
79	Autie Lucy	WOMENS GROUPS		✓		0240117520
80	Mercy Adenyo	WOMENS GROUPS		✓		0246194566
81	Nii Annang Ofori	Papoa Stool	✓		Chief	0244413275
82	Nyarko Isaac	NPP	✓			0241754922
83	Samuel Tetteh	Fashion Designer	✓			0277311236
84	Lucy Amoah	Fashion Designer		✓		0240117520
85	Adenyo Mercy	Fashion Designer		✓		0246194566
86	Essilfie	GPRTU	✓			0244650553
87	Nketia	GPRTU	✓			0244146895

88	William Nsiah Ababio	GPRTU – Dome	✓			0244594351
89	Debrah Daniel	Unit Committee - Dome	✓			0249503179
90	Edmond Owu	Dome East	✓			0244102453
91	Bismark Gyamfi	DISABLED ASSOCIATION	✓			0244622611/0262392221
92	Boateng Kodua Acheampong	DISABLED ASSOCIATION	✓			0288249487/0302414575
93	Mr. Sasu Boateng	GEMACTU	✓		President	0265828375/02030505215
94	Mr. Kenneth Kusemu	GEMACTU	✓		Secretary	0277412507
95	Dzordzorne					0277060776
96	Rafatu B.	Council - Dome		✓		0243709059
97	Attah Vastire	Ashongmanh Estate	✓			0206564302
98	Asafo Georgina	Ashongmanh Estate		✓		0244984075
99	Andakm	Youth - Dome	✓			0277750836
100	Claisa Maxwell		✓			0277521467
101	Sylvia Sky	Dome		✓		0244380387
102	Lawrence Baneman	GEMA	✓			0248905311
103	Rev Ben Ogyire		✓			0208163313

104	James K. Baah	Taifa	✓			0208610004
105	Baka F. Namny		✓			0207033207
106	Patrick Fianm	New Ashongmanh	✓			0242686456
107	Raymon O.	Papaso Traditional	✓			0269980996
108	Ben A. Peprah	NPP	✓			0240716085
109	Paul	NPP	✓			0241229944
110	Hon Edward Aryee	GEMA	✓		P.M	0244216689
111	Grace Mensah	Kwabanya Unit		✓		0287246268
112	Akwasi Amankwa		✓			0244162647
113	Tabitha Kabey			✓		0249259298

Male: 90

Female: 23

Annex 3- Picture Gallery



A Unit Committee member contributing to discussions



A traditional ruler asking questions at the launch



A cross section of participants at the launch



MCE declaring SPEFA duly launched



Planning Officer presenting MTP



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FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST, 2014

GA EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY LAUNCHES SPEFA

BY FLORENCE A. ANIM

The Government of Ghana in collaboration with the World Bank have initiated a project called the "Local Government Capacity Support Program (LGCSF)" for 46 Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies in Ghana to improve citizens involvement in decision making and urban management. The implementation of the LGCSF involves three state institutions: the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, the Ministry of Finance and the Local Government Service Secretariat to implement the Social Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (SPEFA) process, the third component of the LGCSF amongst other components. SNV-Ghana, the Netherlands Development Organization has also been awarded a consultancy service to lead a consortium of Civil Society Organizations for the implementation of the project. The objective of the SPEFA is to improve citizens' perceptions of urban management and increase their participation in development decision making of the Assemblies. At a the launch of SPEFA and a public hearing event by the Ga East Municipal Assembly on the Medium Term Development Plan, 2014 to 2017, the MCE, Hon Kwaw Sackey noted that, despite the gains made by the Assembly between 2010-2013, the Assembly is expected to generate an amount of GHc27,862,255.8 towards the implementation of the Medium Term Development Plan.

Mr. Charles Abbey of the African Development Program, partners in the project implementation disclosed that the Ga East is the latest addition in its first year of implementation although the SPEFA project is in its second year of implementation. Eleven (11) Municipal and Metropolitan Assemblies including Ashiaman and KMA have already begun the process.

Mr. Abbey was hopeful that all municipalities not originally included in the project would be brought on board to equip them and help them pass in the FOAT (Functional Organization Assessment Tool) Assessment, which is a tool used to assess the performances of the District Assemblies and qualify for the Urban Development Grant and District Development Facilities.

the sanitation in the capital. A number of 15 people have died their lives to the disease which has come as an alarming sign. Inadequate access to water in many homes in the rest of the country has been met with all the services. Measures on public health have been put in place to ensure that the diseases being recorded are under control. The need for public health workers to sensitize city dwellers on the dangers of poor disposal of waste in open places. Measures public are called to ensure that the city is free from any symptom of disease. The health facility is a must for the development of the Metropolitan Assembly. It must double its capacity of filth and disease. The new legislations must prove on the ground in the city.

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loss of civilian life in violation of the said Human Rights statement. In Palestine, the attacks were according to UN agencies.
"After Israel killed boys on a repeatedly struck marked hospital, he gravely concerned the safety of civilians on the ground offered Goldstein, Deputy and North Africa Human Rights Watch.
Whether peace necessarily requires the importance of human organizations or essential to use any evidence of "war crimes" are many who would path of protest and solidarity, but using rights channels to voices of the victims at international level.

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