

SEKYERE EAST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
SOCIAL WELFARE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2021

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BACKGROUND

In 1943/1944 the post of secretary of Social Services was created by the colonial Administration to undertake the co-ordination of Social Welfare throughout the then Gold Coast. A year later, the nucleus of the Department was formed by the provision of Executive Staff for the secretary of Social Services, and then came the Department of Social Welfare and Housing.

In 1948, the Social Development branch of the department was established and an experiment in Community Development (called Mass Education) was started by means of a mobile team in Togoland. In August 1951, a plan for mass literacy and mass education was prepared by the Ministry of Education and Social Services. In 1952, the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development was established. In 1981, the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development was divided into department of Social Welfare and Department of Community Development.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

The department of Social Welfare, now Department of Social Development was established in 1946 with a mandate for both Social Welfare and Housing. In 1950, its mandate changed, it was limited to only Social Welfare.

The current mandate of the department is to take the lead in integrating the disadvantaged, vulnerable, person with disabilities and excluded into mainstream society.

VISION

A harmonious society in which the survival and development of the sexes, children, the vulnerable and persons with disability are guaranteed

MISSION

To achieve gender equality and equity;

To facilitate the enforcement of the rights of children;

To promote the integration and protection of the vulnerable excluded and persons with disability;

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the department are as follows:

To develop targeted social interventions for vulnerable and marginalized groups;

To provide community based rehabilitation programmes in all communities in the country for persons with disabilities;

To provide professional social welfare services in the municipality to ensure that statutory responsibilities of the Department of Social Development are carried out in the field of Justice Administration, child rights promotion and protection and community care;

To co-ordinate and regulate specialized residential services for children, the disabled and the under privileged youth;

To create awareness on the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, population issues and family planning in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the Assembly and other agencies to promote community care strategies;

The Department has three (3) core programmes; child rights promotion and protection, justice administration and community care.

FUNCTIONS

The functions of the department are to:

Develop and coordinate community-based rehabilitation programme for persons with disabilities;
Promote access to social welfare services for the disadvantaged, vulnerable and excluded groups and individuals;
Facilitate opportunities for NGOs to develop social services in collaboration with the communities.
Carryout the department's statutory functions in the field of children's right promotion and prevention;
Secure minimum standards of operation of day care centres through registration, training and regular inspection under children's Act (560) of 1998.
Provide homes for the homeless, orphaned and abandoned children and assisting in finding for persons and foster parents to care for children whose mothers are seriously ill, hospitalized, in severe state of depression, incarcerated in prisons;
Create awareness on prevention and provide care and support to OVC and PLWHA in the municipality;
Ensure income serucity among the disadvantaged, vulnerable and excluded through the Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty Programme (LEAP);
Facilitate the adoption of children;
Promote social, economic and emotional stability in families

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MANDATE

The department of community development has national responsibility of facilitating the enhancement of living standards both rural and urban communities in Ghana.

Activities Assigned To Officers

S/N	PROGRAMME	OFFICERS IN CHARGE	CONTACT NUMBER
1	<p>CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION AND PROMOTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration and monitoring of Day Care Centers • Monitoring and Supervision of Childrens Home • Handling of non-maintenance cases, Custody, Paternity, Child Abuse, Family Reconciliation, Domestic violence cases, Spousal abuse and General Counseling • Provide Shelter Home services for the vulnerable • Rescue, Rehabilitate and Reintegrate victims of Trafficking in Persons • Intervene in Child Labour cases • Facilitate fostering and Adoption services 	<p>Awale Hammid Mohammed</p> <p>Louisa Acheampomaa</p>	<p>0249723277</p> <p>0246266495</p>
2	<p>COMMUNITY CARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate implementation of LEAP activities • Identify and register Persons with Disabilities • Facilitate empowerment programmes for PWDs • Undertake sensitization and social education programmes on social problems • Register and supervise NGOs and CBOs • Intervene in cases of children in Worst Forms of Child Labour • Implement activities on Gender • Assist in the Registration and Renewal of Indigenes and PWDs onto the NHIS 	<p>Eric Bediako</p> <p>Janet Ntow</p> <p>Cynthia Oppong Barfi</p>	<p>0244968007</p> <p>0249130550</p> <p>0246371816</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance to destitute, psychiatry patients and stranded people 		
3	JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make representation at the Juvenile and Family court • Conduct Social Enquiry Reports for the court • Provide Probation and Aftercare services 	Mcdalane awusie Ellen Sena Tsini	0243231392 0244929959
4	HOME SCIENCE EXTENSION /LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilise community members for communal labour and self-help projects • Teach rural women home management • Train the youth in employable skills • Organize community members for their inputs into the preparation of budget and MediumTerm Development Plan 	Mercy Owusu Comfort Agyekum Bernice Dish Sarpong	0242717478 0244435879 0243578660
5	ADULT EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise literacy and adult education programmes 	Emmanuel Arthur Collins Appiah- Kubi Fred Kwakye Asante	0243814484 0545214160 0243766440
6	EXTENSION SERVICES	Priscilla Agyei Cecilia Addai Frimpong	0246319983 0245828258