



ADA WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES IMPLEMENTED: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2025

Introduction

This report provides an overview of Social Welfare and Community Development activities carried out by the Department during the reporting period. It highlights key programmes implemented, progress made, challenges encountered and recommendations for strengthening service delivery.

Programme Areas Implemented:

Child Protection

- ❖ Conducted case management for reported cases of child neglect, abuse, trafficking, child marriage and vulnerability.
- ❖ Undertook follow-up visits to households to ensure child safety and well-being.
- ❖ Collaborated with key stakeholders to support reintegration activities.
- ❖ Provided counselling and guidance to affected families.

Family Welfare Services

- ❖ Assisted families experiencing conflict, marital issues and parental challenges.
- ❖ Facilitated mediation sessions to improve family stability.
- ❖ Provided psychosocial counselling to vulnerable individuals and households.

Nature of Cases	Number Received	No. of Children Involved		Remark
		Male	Female	
Child Maintenance	82	50	43	All cases were settled in the Department
Custody/Access	7	5	7	Case was settled
Family Reconciliation	0	0	0	No case was received
Abandoned and Missing children/ persons	3	2	1	No case was received
Alleged child trafficking	1	1	0	Case is pending

Child and Family Welfare	32	17	26	Case is pending
Child Marriage	1	0	1	Case is pending
Teenage Pregnancy	1	0	1	Case pending
Paternity	3	0	3	Referred to the Family Tribunal
TOTAL CASES	129	75	91	

PWD Support and Social Inclusion

- ❖ Coordinated the disbursement of grants to sixty – four (64) persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Monitored beneficiaries to ensure effective use of funds for income-generating activities.
- ❖ Worked with stakeholders to support inclusive development initiatives.

LEAP (Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty)

- ❖ Undertook LEAP reassessment and validation of beneficiary households.
- ❖ Monitored compliance and five (5) payment cycles.
- ❖ Provided support to beneficiaries for NHIS membership renewal.

Probation and Correctional Services

- ❖ Participated in thirty – eight (38) cases handled by Family Tribunal covering maintenance, juvenile issues and divorce.
- ❖ Supported reintegration of offenders into communities.
- ❖ Prepared four (4) social enquiry reports for court proceedings.

Community Sensitisation and Public Education

- ❖ Conducted sensitisation sessions in schools and communities on child rights, domestic violence, online safety, and social protection programmes.
- ❖ Engaged traditional authorities, opinion leaders and community groups to promote awareness and support for development initiatives.

Collaborations and Stakeholder Engagement

The Department collaborated with:

- ❖ Ghana Police Service

- ❖ Ghana Health Service
- ❖ Ghana Education Service
- ❖ National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE)
- ❖ Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ)
- ❖ NHIA

NGOs (including SOS Children's Villages Ghana, Volta Resilience Foundation)

Community leaders and Faith-Based Organisations

These partnerships enhanced social protection activities, referrals, case handling and community engagement.

Challenges Encountered

- ❖ Inadequate logistics (transport, office equipment and field resources).
- ❖ Delayed responses from some partner agencies affecting case resolution.
- ❖ Limited funding for community sensitisation programmes.
- ❖ Increasing workload with insufficient staffing in key areas.

Recommendations

- ❖ Strengthen logistical support to enable effective field monitoring.
- ❖ Enhance inter-agency collaboration through regular joint meetings and coordinated action.
- ❖ Increase funding for sensitisation and community engagement programmes.
- ❖ Provide continuous capacity building for staff on emerging social welfare issues.

Conclusion

The reporting period recorded significant progress in social protection and community development activities. Continued support from the Assembly, development partners and community stakeholders will further strengthen service delivery in the coming year.