

## OFORIKROM MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION UNIT

#### ANNUAL REPORT, 2020

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS	OBJECTIVES	EXPECTED OUTCOME	BASELINE INDICATORS AT DEC. 2019	TARGET FOR THE YEAR 2020	2020 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN	START DATE	END DATE	COLLAB. PARTNERS & SOURCE OF FUNDING	ACTUAL RESULT	CHALLENGES AND REMARKS
Domiciliary Inspection	To detect the existence of nuisances and call for their abatement	Nuisance free houses and surroundings	Insanitary conditions in most residential premises	Increase inspection coverage to 75%	24,959 domiciliary inspections carried out	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Assembly members, Unit C'ttees	19,110 houses met nuisance free standards	Inadequate logistical support
Eating Premises Inspection	Promote proper sanitary practices	Good sanitary practices in eating houses	Most eating premises operate under poor sanitary conditions	Maintain regular inspection of eating premises	1,827 eating premises inspections conducted	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Assembly members, Unit C'ttees., FDA	1,324 eating houses maintain good sanitary conditions	Inadequate logistical support
Drinking Bars Inspection	Promote proper sanitary practices	Good sanitary practices in drinking bars	Most drinking bars operating under sub-standard state	Maintain regular inspection of drinking bars	390 drinking bars inspection conducted	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Assembly members, Unit C'ttees	122 drinking bars met acceptable standards	Inadequate logistical support
Mineral Water Factory Inspection	Promote the provision of safe drinking water	Safe drinking water	Mineral water factories in poor hygienic state	Intensify education on water hygiene	19 factories inspections conducted	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	FDA, Fire Service	16 factories produced safe water	Inadequate logistical support
School Health	Maintain a clean and safe school environment	Clean schools	Schools not well kept (Insanitary conditions)	Intensify school health programs	No school health program was held during this period	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	GES, GHS, Community Dev't, Social Welfare	Schools were closed due to COVID 19	-CONVID 19

Market Duties	Sweep markets daily	Clean markets	Most markets full of filth	Maintain regular market cleansing	5 markets swept daily	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Market Queens, Revenue Collectors	Markets reasonably kept clean	Inadequate labourers to help in market sanitation
Hotel Inspection	Encourage the provision of comfortable accommodation	Clean and pest free hotel accommodation	Hotels operating under poor hygienic state	Organise training for hoteliers and intensify inspection	26 hotels inspections conducted	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	GTA, Fire Service, Police	26 hotels complied with directives	Inadequate logistical support
Guest House Inspection	Encourage the provision of comfortable accommodation	Clean and pest free Guest houses	Guest houses operating under poor hygienic state	Organise training for operators and intensify inspection	13 Guest houses inspections carried out	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	GTA, Fire Service, Police	13 Guest houses complied with directives	Inadequate logistical support
Hostel Inspection	Encourage the provision of comfortable accommodation	Clean and pest free hostels	Hostels operating under poor hygienic conditions	Organise training for potters and increase inspection	127 hostels inspections carried out	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	GTA, Fire Service, Police	58 Hostels complied with directives	Inadequate logistical support
Poultry Farm Inspection	Promote disease free birds and poultry products	Healthy birds and poultry products	22 Poultry farms within the Municipality	Liaise with stakeholders for proper maintenance of farms	8 farms inspections conducted	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Veterinary Service,	8 Farms reasonably kept clean	Inadequate logistical support
Service of Statutory Notice	Serve Notices for abatement of nuisances detected	Community members change attitude for better environment	Indiscriminate disposal of waste in our communities	Strengthen health inspection and education	4,889 Notices served	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Judicial Service, Assembly members	4,765 complied with Notice	Lack of co-operation from community members
Service of Criminal Summons	Obtain and serve recalcitrant sanitary offenders	Reduce sanitary offences	Community members not committed to keeping clean environment	Strengthen health education	124 Summons served	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Judicial Service, Assembly members	32 successful prosecutions	Lack of transport to arrest bench warrant cases

Clean-up Campaigns	Organise clean ups at least once every month	Well organised and clean communities	Filthy community environment	Create awareness on clean environment	16 Clean-up exercises organised	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Judicial Service, Assembly members	16 clean-ups exercise organized during the year	Lack of adequate tools
Community Durbars	Hold durbars once every quarter	Regular Community durbars held	Poor environmental health standards in communities	Intensify collaboration with community leaders on sanitation	No durbar was organized during the year due to COVID 19	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Assembly members, Unit C'ttees, Chiefs	No durbar was organized due to COVID 19	Target not met as a result of suspension of social gathering due to COVID - 19 lockdown.
House-hold Latrines	To encourage the provision of house-hold latrines in residential premises	Most residential premises have latrine facility	Total number of houses with latrine facilities in the Municipality 9,380	Increase construction of latrine facilities in residential premises by 20%	No. of residential premises with latrine facility – 10,946	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Assembly members, Unit Committee members chiefs	Inspections done on construction of new toilets	Inadequate logistical support & non-enforcement of building regulations
Public Toilets	To provide public toilets in most public places	Toilets facilities in most public places	Total number of public toilet facilities in the Municipality 52	Increase number of public toilet facilities in the Municipality by 10%	No of public places with toilet facilities 56	01/01/2020	31/12/2020	Assembly members, Private Toilet managers, Chiefs	Inspections done on completed toilets	Inadequate logistical support

S/NO.	KEY CHALLENGES	MITIGATION STRATEGY
1.	Inadequate Technical staff	Additional Technical staff should be posted to the Unit
2.	Lack of transport	Need for means of transport for the Unit
3.	Lack of Sanitary labourers	Need to employ sanitary labourers
4.	Lack of uniforms for staff	Supply of uniforms to staff
5.	Poor staff motivation	Motivation of staff especially T&T and in-service training should be considered

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

### **A. PREMISES INSPECTIONS**

Premises inspection played a key role in the Unit's routine activities during 2020. Common Nuisances detected during domiciliary inspections during the year under review included:

- i. Overgrowth of weeds.
- ii. Dumping of refuse on unauthorised ground and into drains.
- iii. Insanitary drains.
- iv. Accumulation of refuse in domestic containers.
- v. Accumulation of waste water in catch pits

The Unit also conducted inspections at eating premises, hostels, hotels/guest houses, poultry farms, mineral water factories and markets within the Municipality. It was realized that most of these facilities operated under poor hygienic conditions. The Environmental Health Unit carried out educational programmes for managers of these facilities as a move to improve the situation. However, stakeholder meetings will be organized to find a sustainable solution to these poor hygienic conditions at the facilities.

### **B. NOTICES OF ABATEMENT**

Notices of Abatement were served on community members who created Nuisances or other sanitation problems to abate them. Those who complied were further given education so that they would not repeat these offences. However, the recalcitrant ones were prosecuted at the Court.

**C. CLEAN-UP EXERCISES**

Sixteen (16) clean-up exercises were held during the year under review.

**D. COMMUNITY DURBARS**

The Unit could not organize any Community Durbar because of the outbreak of the Corona virus pandemic.

**E. Procurement of Skip containers**

The environmental health unit requested for 8No. Skip/waste containers to help collect solid waste at all the dump site in the municipality. The Assembly subsequently procured 8No. 16cubic meter Skip containers which were distributed to the seven dump sites within the municipality as follows Anloga Junction 2, Ayigya Zongo 1, Deduako 1, Kokoben 1, Appiadu 1, Ayeduase 1 and Oforikrom M/A School 1.