

OFORIKROM MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION UNIT
REPORT ON SCREENING OF FOOD AND DRINK HANDLERS
2020

1.0 INTRODUCTION

As part of its official duties, the Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit of the Oforikrom Municipal Assembly is mandated to organise medical screening of food and drink handlers in the Municipality at least once a year.

The exercise for the year 2020 has been organised throughout the Municipality which comprised the Oforikrom, Ayigya, Bomso and Ayeduase Sub-districts. Below is a report on the exercise:

- a. **Objective of the Exercise:** To identify and screen at least ninety percent (90%) of food and drink handlers in the Municipality by the end of 2020.
- b. **Methodology adopted to achieve Objective:**
 - i. Sensitize all concerned through announcements on Information Centers, Assembly Members, Information Services, NCCE and Organised food handlers Associations.
 - ii. Select easily accessible centers in the various catchment areas for the taking of samples
 - iii. Taking of blood and tissue samples for laboratory analysis
 - iv. Referral of clients found unfit for treatment and re-screening after treatment
 - v. Award of certificates to persons found fit
- c. **Period of Exercise :**Publicity was from 7th September to 2nd October 2020 while the Screening date; 14thSeptember To 16th October
- d. **Total Number of Persons Screened:** 892
- e. **Number Found Fit:** 857
- f. **Number Deferred for Treatment:** 35
- g. **Percentage Fit:** 96%

2.0 CONCLUSION

The turn up was quite encouraging considering the scare of COVID-19 which kept some vendors out of business for fear of contracting the disease since at that time education on the transmission of COVID-19 was not so clear and extensive.

However, Honourable Assembly members must be appreciated for their support during the exercise.

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