

REPORT ON EMERGENCY MEETING BETWEEN THE STAFF OF AWUTU SENYA WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY AND HON. GIZELLA TETTEH

Date: Monday, 20th January, 2025

Venue: Awutu Senya West District Assembly Hall

Chairperson: Hon. Gizella Tetteh (Member of Parliament, Awutu Senya West)

Attendees: Staff of the District Assembly, Nominees For District Chief Executive, District Coordinating Director, and other key stakeholders

1. UPGRADING OF AWUTU BREKU TO A MUNICIPALITY

Hon. Gizella Tetteh led discussions on the possibility of upgrading Awutu Breku from a district to a municipality. Key considerations raised included:

- **Population Growth:** Awutu Breku has experienced significant population expansion, which qualifies it for municipal status.
- **Economic Activities:** Increased commercial activities, real estate development, and improved social amenities support the upgrade.
- **Administrative Efficiency:** Elevating the district to a municipality would grant it more autonomy and resources, improving governance and service delivery.
- **Government Requirements:** The assembly was urged to ensure compliance with all necessary legislative and administrative requirements for the upgrade.

2. FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE ASSEMBLY

The financial standing of the District Assembly was a major point of discussion. The key issues highlighted included:

- **Internally Generated Funds (IGF):** The assembly acknowledged the need to enhance IGF through better revenue mobilization strategies.
- **Government Allocations:** Delays in funds disbursement from the central government were identified as a major constraint.
- **Expenditure Priorities:** Staff salaries, infrastructure development, and social services remain key expenditure areas, requiring prudent financial management.
- **Possible Solutions:** The MP and assembly officials explored revenue diversification options, including public-private partnerships and enhanced tax collection methods.

3. WORKERS' NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

The assembly staff shared several concerns affecting their productivity, including:

- **Inadequate Logistics:** Limited office equipment, vehicles, and other essential resources hinder efficient service delivery.
- **Delayed Salaries and Allowances:** Some workers reported delays in salary payments and other financial incentives.
- **Capacity Building:** A need for regular training programs to enhance staff efficiency and professional development.
- **Work Environment:** Concerns about poor office space, lack of modern facilities, and an inadequate internet connection were raised.

4. NEEDS AND WANTS OF THE DISTRICT

The meeting also addressed broader development priorities for the district. The following were identified as urgent needs:

- **Infrastructure Development:** Construction and rehabilitation of roads, schools, and health facilities.
- **Water and Sanitation:** Improved access to clean drinking water and better sanitation facilities.
- **Employment Opportunities:** Support for youth employment initiatives, skill training programs, and entrepreneurship.
- **Security:** Strengthening law enforcement and community policing to ensure safety.
- **Healthcare and Education:** Expansion of existing healthcare centers and improvement of school infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

Hon. Gizella Tetteh reaffirmed her commitment to addressing the concerns raised and pledged to work closely with the assembly and other stakeholders to ensure progressive development. The assembly leadership was tasked with developing an action plan to implement some of the suggested solutions while collaborating with the MP for further interventions.

Recommendations:

1. Establish a task force to oversee the upgrading process of Awutu Breku to a municipality.
2. Improve IGF collection strategies to strengthen financial stability.
3. Address workers' concerns by improving logistics and professional development opportunities.
4. Engage stakeholders for infrastructural development and investment attraction.

The meeting ended with a renewed commitment to work collectively towards the development of Awutu Senya West.

