ABLEKUMA CENTRAL MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

*DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE*

**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Ablekuma Central Municipal Agricultural Department started operating in 2020. The Department covers three (3) operational areas. Which consist of Operational area 1 (Lartebiokorshie, Nmenmette and Abossey Okai), Operational area 2 (Mataheko and Adwenbu) and Operational area 3 (Mambrouk and Gbortsui).

The major source of funding for Agricultural activities of the department has been from the Modernizing of Agriculture in Ghana (MAG) program with support from the Assembly.

Livestock, Poultry and Vegetable production are the Agricultural activities within the Municipality. Due to the lack of arable lands, livestock production is the major Agricultural activity in the Municipality.

Since the interventions of MAG, the Municipality has experienced a gradual increase in Home and Institutional (School) gardening as a result of urban gardening trainings.

**2.0 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR**

During the period under review, twenty-six (26) activities were planned and all the 26 were implemented. AEAs demonstrated fourteen (14) improved technologies to farmers which were made up of eight (8) crop technologies (IPM, Mulching, Record keeping, Regular Watering, Soil fertility management, Climate adaption, Proper use of Agrochemicals and Good spraying methods), six (6) livestock technologies (Biosecurity measures, Proper Housing, Farm Sanitation, Proper Medication methods, Record keeping and Inbreeding) and One (1) fish farming technology.

Four Hundred and Sixteen (416) farmers were visited during the period under review which consists of 275 males and 154 females. 139 farmers (Males = 76, Females = 63) were reached with improved crop technologies while 277 farmers (Males = 199, Females = 78) were reached with improved livestock technologies.

During the period under review, Two Hundred and Ninety-three (293) dogs and Eighty-seven cats were vaccinated against rabies, Seven Hundred (700) Poultry birds vaccinated against Gumboro, One Hundred and Three Sheep and Three Hundred and Twenty-nine Goats vaccinated against PPR, and Two Hundred Cattle vaccinated against CBPP across the Municipality.

Six (6) agro-input dealers have been identified to be operating within the Municipality. Four (4) are identified to be duly registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate (PPRSD). The unregistered input dealers are two (2).

**2023 IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES FOR MAG AND IGF**

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| **S/N** | **MAG** | **IGF** |
| 1. | Technical Review Meeting | Sensitize Market Women on Aflatoxins, Proper Handling of Food and HIV/AIDS |
| 2. | Management Meeting | MPCU Monitoring |
| 3. | Departmental Monitoring | Conduct Container Gardening Demonstration |
| 4. | HOD Monitoring | Farmer’s Day Celebration |
| 5. | Technical Review Meeting |  |
| 6. | Training of Staff Zoonotic Disease |  |
| 7. | TEDMAG Training |  |
| 8. | Train 32 Staff and Farmers on Aquaculture Production and HIV/AIDS Sensitization |  |
| 9. | Conduct Aquaculture Demonstration |  |
| 10. | Conduct Container Gardening Demonstration |  |
| 11. | Train 30 Staff and Home Gardeners on Pest and Disease identification and its Management |  |
| 12. | RELC Planning Session |  |
| 13. | Train 35 Staff and Farmers on Climate Mitigation Measures |  |
| 14. | Train 40 Female teachers and Staff on Mushroom Production and Processing |  |
| 15. | Train 20 Butchers and Meat Handlers on HACCP and Food Safety |  |
| 16. | RELC Review Session |  |
| 17. | Train 35 women OFSP Yoghurt Production |  |
| 18. | Train 30 women on Soap Production |  |
| 19. | Train 30 Staff and Female farmers on Promotion of Agribusiness Enterprises |  |
| 20. | MPCU Monitoring |  |
| 21. | Annual Budget Preparation |  |
| **GOG ACTIVITY** | | |
| 1 | Training of Staff on nursery establishment and management | |

**3.0 STAFF STRENGTH**

For the period under review, the Department have a staff strength of Nine (9). Which consist of Two (2) Senior Agric. Officers (DAOs) which one is acting as the HOD, One (1) Vet. Officer, one (1) Assist. Agric. Officer (MISO), Two (2) Vet. TOs, a Production Officer (AEA), an Executive Officer and a National Service Personal.

**4.0 CHALLENGES**

* Inadequate field staff
* Lack of Veterinary Clinic

**4.0 CONCLUSION**

The year under review was a favourable one agricultural activity especially Crop production.







