

REPORT ON WA EAST DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE STAKEHOLDER IN MANWE, BULENGA, GORIPIE, KPAANAMUNA, BUNA, KANDEH, DANYAUKURA, BISIKAN, SAAHI, VIESIE AND GOH COMMUNITIES IN THE WA EAST DISTRICT HELD ON 12, 13 AND 14TH OF AUGUST 2022.

INTRODUCTION

The Head of the Wa East District, Hon Dr Ewurah Kandia Suleman Mahama, together with, Regional Mineral Commission Representative, Soldiers and some key staff of the Assembly initiated community visits to 12 number communities located within the jurisdiction of the Bulenga Area Council.

The Hon District Chief Executive on 12th, 13th and 14th August, 2022 visited some communities in Wa East within Bulenga, and Manwe zones. The purpose of this call was to engage the chiefs, youth and women of these communities on illegal mining and the recent security activities in those zones.

The communities visited are as follows: **Manwe, Bulenga, Goripie, Kpaanamuna, Buna, Kandeh, Danyaukura, Bisikan, Saahi, Viesie and Goh.** The challenges and concerns of the people were noted and for redress by the Hon DCE with the intention to engage the Mineral Commission for the best of advice.

ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN WA EAST DISTRICT

Hon Dr. Ewurah Kandia Suleman Mahama, the DCE in his introductory remarks to the people touched on the following:

- i. He shared with the people their grievances on the recent Security disturbance and promised to find a lasting solution.
- ii. He also explains to the chiefs and people of those areas on the reasons for the recent disturbance on illegal mining.
- iii. Hon DCE also provided an enabling environment for the chiefs, youth and women together with some military men to express themselves on mining activities in respect to mining in Ghana.
- iv. He also took all that present, through community mining as his intention to replace illegal mining in the District.

- v. The DCE added that his office has taken delivery of equipment for the start of community mining in the Wa East District and they have started distributing them to some communities in the District.
- vi. Again he has obtained community mining licences certificate for our brothers involved in community mining.

CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES THE COMMUNITIES RAISED

- i. The people of Buna, Kpaanamuna, Manwe, Goh and kandeh asked for more boreholes to solve their current water problem.
- ii. The chiefs also complained of cattle destroying their farms.
- iii. Some women and youth groups made mention of lack of employable activities in the Wa East district.
- iv. Insecurity in the District is now alarming
- v. Bad roads within the Wa East District.

DCE's RESPONSES

- i. The DCE said the District Assembly has plans for drilling boreholes and he the DCE spread them across the District and he is away some will come to those communities
- ii. He told the chief and people about his intention to place a universal levy for all electoral areas for cattle destroying farms crops. Hon DCE added that he has summoned the leadership of all Fulani headsmen in the District and cushioned them on the said problem.
- iii. The DCE raised the issue of working hard to bring developing partners into the district for Rural Economic growth and he is ensuring that the use women and youth within the District for their work. He assured the people avail themselves when the opportunity arrives.
- iv. With the assistance of the Ghana Police and other security agencies we are blessed to have increase numbers of Security personnel posted to Wa East for beef up security. Also a new police station has been commissioned at Kundugu to add to the existing number, mentioned by the DCE.
- v. The DCE said he has developed personal plans for the bad roads in the District and has made arrangement for the keep start of these activities before end of year.

The DCE concluded by encouraging the chiefs and people of those communities to be bold and confident in themselves when dealing with issues concerning Wa East District.

CONCLUSION

The DCD thanked attendees for their inputs and promised to make the engagements a routine. In all a total of 397 people comprising of 283 males and 114 females.

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PHOTO REPORT IN RESPECT OF THE VISIT TO THE COMMUNITIES



Figure 1: DCE addressing stakeholders at Manwe and Buna respectively



Figure 2: DEC presenting mining equipments to Bulenga and kpaanamuna communities



Figure 3: DCE and District Mining Association executives at Community mining site.



Figure 4: DCE, Soldiers and Paramount Chief of Manwe