

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA

## GA WEST PRESBYTERY

### DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES- 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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**PREAMBLE:** *“Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.” (Luke 8:44).*

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

This report covers the activities of the Department of Development and Social Services (DSS) of the Presbytery for the year 2025. The report focuses on the Strategic Goals, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the extent to which they were met, some strategies and way forward. It also touches on some notable events and challenges during the period under review.

In line with the DSS Goals all other activities were observed to the fullest at the Districts and Congregational levels. Below are the details:

#### **DDSS-01 GOAL: HEALTHY LIVING, SANITATION AND CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS PROMOTED:**

- a) **HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION:** During the 2025 health week celebration, almost all the Congregations and Preaching Points, undertook various health related activities. Example of such activities include: Health Talks, Health screening, Health Walks/ aerobics, and Cleaning of our environment and sanitation within our communities.
- b) **AGENTS HEALTH SCREENING EXERCISE:** The Agents and Spouses Annual Health Screening Exercise took place successfully at the beginning of the year under review. It covered almost all the agents and their spouses. Remarkable among other things was the medical officers who were invited to the presbytery office where they met the agents and their spouses, as and when they came in for their laboratory results. We hope this side of the exercise will continue in subsequent years since it helps eliminate the long queues some agents previously had to go through in the major hospitals before meeting medical officers with their laboratory results.
- c) **Presbytery 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Health Walk – Kenkeyfest.** The Presbytery YAF led this all important event that brought together a cross section of members from the entire Presbytery storming the major streets of Dansoman. It started from the Sakama junction through to the Emmanuel Congregation church premises at Dansoman. Upon arrival, there was a talk on healthy lifestyle, financial wellbeing and an aerobic session. The event was highly successful as it achieved its objectives of promoting good health,

building fellowship and strengthening unity in the Ga West Presbytery. It is highly recommended that the Presbytery YAF takes it up and make it an annual event.

- d) GWP SALEM WATER PROJECT FINALLY SITED AT MANHEAN:** The year under review could not bring the GWP Salem Water Project into fruition. Upon the advice of the Presbytery Session Council Standing Committee, the Project has been re-located to Manhean. It is estimated that if completed, the project will also provide potable water to the Chairperson's residence, the GWP- Office Complex and the community at large. We are through with the technicalities what is pending is funds to start the physical construction. Furthermore, in order to facilitate the process, the technical team is being consulted again to put the project in phases. This will be done by the third quarter of 2026. We are also considering partnership with Districts, Congregations and interested individuals to come on board to bring this profitable venture into a reality, by the end of 2026.

**DDSS-02 GOAL: LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT INTERGRATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY:**

Much has not been done in this area due to the non-availability of our potential beneficiaries. We only hope things will improve in 2026. On the other hand, some districts like Abeka, have started a serious campaign on making all their chapels easily accessible to all differently able persons in and out of the district. It is highly recommended that all districts would also place premium attention on it.

**DDSS-03 GOAL: AGRICULTURE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG MEMBERS IS PROMOTED:**

The Presbytery Farms is growing from strength to strength. This has resulted in the inauguration of the farm board to critically manage the affairs of the farm. The Presbytery's special initiative on appreciating all Agents and staff of the Presbytery, at the end of the year, continued during the year under review. Plans are in place to expand GWP Farms to become a formidable income generation venture, going commercial as we produce more birds and eggs for the community at large. Furthermore, a new structure will be put up in 2026 to increase the number of layers from a thousand to two thousand. More discussions are on going to access some of the Day Old Chicks from the government's special initiative on poultry production. The Presbytery has also tasked the farm board to also prepare to start gari production in 2026. To that effect, the shed and fire oven have been constructed.

During the 2025 National Farmers' day celebration, some of our church members and schools within the presbytery were awarded at the various district and municipal levels. Notable amongs them was the Rev. Samuel Adom Adja. We congratulate him and the others on that. It is recommended that Districts, congregations, preaching points and individuals should begin to invest in agriculture to improve upon their income.

**DDSS-04 GOAL: JESUS CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY WELL ORGANISED:**

The GWP- 2025, Jesus Christmas Street Party for Children and the needy in the community, outside the church bracket, was well organized and patronized at the District and congregational levels. Some Districts and Congregations organized theirs on the Christmas Day, others on the Boxing Day and the final batch on the New Year's Day, During the year under review.

Some went onto the streets to reach out to the needy with varrying food items, water and drinks. Others also distributed shoes, clothes and educational materials to over 12,000 people. Some took the opportunity to share the good news and gospel tracts amidst sharing the food items. In all about 658 souls were reported won for Jesus. Glory be to God.

**DDSS-05 GOAL: GENERAL WELFARE NEEDS (VISITATION, FUNERAL, MARRIAGE, NAMING, ETC) OF MEMBERS ARE MET:**

This Goal is within the mandate of Congregations and Preaching Pointss at the District level and shall surely reflect in the Districts report.

**DDSS-06 GOAL: INDIGENTS AND THE DISTREESED MEMBERS ARE SUPPORTED:**

Some Congregations reported donating cloth, food items and or money to some visually inpaired and death and damp members of their congregations, during the Christmas season.

A congregation in the Abeka district raised funds to fully support a member to successfully go through a Gallstone surgery costing about forty thousand Ghana cedis. He is now actively return to work and church. Glory to God.

**CONCLUSION:**

We give thanks to God Almighty for another year of greater performance. DSS, hopefully, will, all things being equal, continue to work harder to complete our on-going projects and activities. In 2026, greater slides will be made in the area of entrepreneurial skill development and agriculture.

**SOME NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Ebenezer Congregation in the Manprobi District, completed and commissioned the first Phase of their Salem Water project, during the year under review.
- The Ramseyer Congregation, in the Sakaman District, also commissioned a fully furnished sick bay for the congregation.

**FEW CHALLENGES:**

- The inactiveness of some Members on some sub-committee members of the department.
- Difficulty in getting feed back and reports from the Districts Chairpersons/ Coordinators.

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Humbly submitted through the Office of the Clerk of Presbytery.

**SIGNED**

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