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REPORT ON DEFATS FORMATION AND REACTIVATION FOR THE PTAE DISTRICTS

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Introduction

Promoting Transparency and Accountability in Education (PTAE) is a USAID funded project that is being implemented by NOYED-Ghana on behalf of NNED in the northern region of Ghana. The project seeks to address the concerns among education stakeholders regarding the judicious use of educational resources. The project is being implemented in 25 districts of the three northern regions of Ghana and will span for 18 months.

DEFATs Formation

As part of activities under the project, District Education for All Teams (DEFAT) were to be formed. The DEFAT concept is the brainchild of the Northern Network for Education Development (NNED) and the Ghana National Education Campaign Coalition (GNECC). DEFATs have thus been set up as purely civil society groups with a responsibility of mobilizing grassroots to track educational resources within their districts as well as campaign for improved management of these resources to ensure quality education for all children. They are not meant to replace existing government structures such as the District Education Oversight Committee (DEOC), District Education Planning Teams (DEPT) or the District Assembly Social Services Sub-committee, but are there to advocate and lobby duty bearers in education to achieve equitable allocation of educational resources and meeting the Education for All Goals.

Following the successful consensus building workshop held with directors of education and other education stakeholders on the need for resource tracking towards enhancing transparency and accountability in the use of educational resources, a 5-7 member DEFATs were formed in all the 15 PTAE Districts as a critical structure of NNED to support the implementation of the PTAE project. In each of the districts, the membership of the team was drawn from education stakeholders including media, NGO/CSO, retired educationists, women group, PTA/SMC, assembly/social services sub-committee, among others.

In forming each of these teams, the district directors were actively engaged to help in identifying individuals from these bodies with keen interest in promoting the quality of education in their respective districts. This was to further deepen their awareness about the PTAE Project as well as ensure their co-operation towards smooth implementation of the project.



Districts where DEFATs were already in existence were reactivated and in some cases reconstituted to ensure conformity to the NNED guidelines on the membership of the team.

The processes towards forming and reactivating existing DEFATs took several phases. Phase 1 involved sending notices of DEFATs formation to the various directorates of education. They were informed of the mandate of DEFATs and the bodies that can have representation in the DEFAT team. Staff from NOYED-Ghana then visited each district based on a prearranged date.

Phase 2 of the formation saw the zoning of the PTAE districts into two zones. Zone 1 had 8 districts namely, Tamale Metropolis, Savelugu-Nanton Municipality, Sagnarigu District, Tolon District, East Mamprusi, West Mamprusi and Mamprugu Moaduri districts. Zone 2 had Yendi, Kpandai, West Gonja, East Gonja, Mion, Saboba and Gushiegu Districts as well.

All these districts were successfully visited and the teams successfully constituted and reconstructed. They were informed of training on the roles of DEFATs to equip them effectively to deliver as far as quality of education is concerned.

Membership composition of the DEFATs

Membership of the District Education for All Team (DEFAT) is context specific. Members are drawn from all key stakeholders of education at the district level, ranging from:

- i. Recognized NGO's/ CBOs.
- ii. Pupils /students.
- iii. GNAT/TUC/Civil Servants Association
- iv. Women's Group.
- v. Media.
- vi. Traditional authorities.
- vii. Religious bodies.
- viii. Assembly members (Social Services subcommittee)
- ix. PTA's / SMC's.
- x. Eminent personalities/Individuals preferably retired educationists.



For effective planning, organization and coordination, DEFAT members could number between five (5) and seven (7).

Terms of Reference for DEFATs

1. Create awareness and canvass support to improve education delivery in the district.
2. Create platforms for discussing educational issues at the district and community level
3. Act as an advocacy group on achieving quality education in the district
4. Co-ordinate CSO's inputs into District Education plans.
 - i. Mobilize resources including funds for education campaign in their districts.
 - ii. Support local community structures like PTA's, SMC's etc with training, information on current educational policies.
 - iii. Serve as focal group for the achievement of NNED's objectives
 - iv. Link up / report to the NNED Regional Lead Agencies as the case may be.
 - v. Mobilize resources for education.
 - vi. Track the use of resources meant for education.
 - vii. Ensure that education is prioritized in all District development plans.

Conclusion

The District Education for All Teams were successfully constituted and some reactivated. Membership was drawn from a caliber of personalities who have keen interest in quality education in the various districts. They are people of substance who can assist champion the course of education delivery. They would be undergoing DEFAT role training and capacity building workshop on education resource tracking in Tamale on a slated date. This training will further equip them to effectively play their role to ensuring that the PTAE project is implemented successfully and also to support education delivery in their respective districts.

List of DEFATs members across the 15 districts



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NO.	NAME	DISTRICT	DESIGNATION	CONTACT
1	Mohammed Yazidu	Karaga	NGO	0240175666
2	Fuseinin Zakaria	Karaga	GNAT	0202329613
3	Alhassan Mohammed	Karaga	Social Services	0203864017
4	Yakubu Adam	Karaga	PTA/SMC	0208357870
5	Alhassan Afishetu	Karaga	Women Group	050375112
6	Alhassan Bawah	Karaga	Religious Group	020543306
7	Abukari Mahama	Karaga	Tradition Authority	0248089160
8	Abdul-Rahman Iddrisu	W/MD	NGO (Aurora)	
9	Ahamed A. Gafaru	W/MD	NFED	
10	Azaratu Nantomah	W/MD	Assembly	
11	Sulemana F. Nantomah	W/MD	Individual	
12	Baba Bukari	E/MD	CSOs	0244358487
13	Abdulai Baba Zaato	E/MD	GNAT	0208430498
14	Issah Mahama	E/MD	SMC	0507377090
15	Dakurugu Bukari	E/MD	Retired Educationist	0209157538
16	Braimah Collins	E/MD	Assembly Person	0208816495
17	Rev. Grace Aga	E/MD	Women Group	0208405219
18	Chief Baba Issifu (Mba Masu)	E/MD	Traditional Leader	0505748686
19	Madam Christianer Aalangbong	Tolon	GNAT	0207527381
20	Alhassan Yakubu (Kpanalana)	Tolon	Traditional Authority	0245432221
21	Afa Alabani	Tolon	Religious Body	0249157401/0263141250
22	Hon. Adam Hudu Abu	Tolon	Assembly Person	0208565672
23	Mr. Joseph Nabila	Tolon	Eminent Personality	0246306985



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24	Seidu Salifu	Tolon	PTA/SMC	0241829792
25	Mma Fuseina	Tolon	Women Group	
26	Alhaji Mumuni Abdulai	Sagnarigu	PTA/SMC	0504343743
27	Chief Mahami	Sagnarigu	GNAT	0208389312
28	Issah Zelia	Sagnarigu	Women Group	0245850086
29	Peter Aidoo	Sagnarigu	Retired Educationist	0243701486
30	Naabapira Alan Burns	Sagnarigu	Trad. Authority	0244695437
31	Abdalla Mohammed	Sagnarigu	Social Service	0203598975
32	Mauricia Bonsing	Savelugu/Nanton	GNAT	020841481
33	I.B.M Seidu	Savelugu/Nanton	SMC	0244165910/0207541407
34	Suale A Abdul-Rahaman	Savelugu/Nanton	MEFAT	024509817
35	Mohammed Abukari	Savelugu/Nanton	MEFAT	0243418421
35	Abdul-Darhim	Savelugu/Nanton	MEFAT	0246481260
36	Iddirisu Kofi Abdulai	Savelugu/Nanton	MEFAT	0243314333
37	Haruna Nurudeen	MMD	Teacher Union	0205371724
38	Abdul- Aziz T. Haruna	MMD		0246423978
39	Mensah Zachariah	MMD		0248114832
40	Mmusah Zuba	MMD		0541588520
41	Salitu Tampuri	MMD		0203427814
42	Mama Lamisi	MMD		0506846695
43	Ibrahim Nahma	MMD		
44	Inusah	MMD		0200322758
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47	Alhassan Yak	Tamale Metro	EDU. CHAIR	0207778346
48	A.A Iddi	Tamale Metro	NGO	0244305785
49	Abdul-Karimu Tamimu	Yendi	GES	0243069930
50	Amuhgra Yakubu	Yendi	Women Group	0244027277
51	Mohammed Awal M.	Yendi	GES	0242149290
52	Salifu Imoro Alhassan	Yendi	GNAT	0201999794
53	Mohammed Izideen	Yendi	Assembly man	
54	Abdul-Mumin Abdulai	Yendi		0205783911
55	Edward A K Dawuni	Yendi		0242005110
56	Gershon M. Nagbija	Saboba	SMC/PTA/ Retired Educationist	0246350657/0205598338
57	Satala P Robert	Saboba	Traditional Authority	0245313492
58	Abance Christiana	Saboba	GNAT-LAS	0242887156
59	Mayeh K. Roger	Saboba	Religious Leader	0205976806
60	Grifori K. Jacob	Saboba	Social Services	0206378827
61	Niyoro Lord	Bole	NGO	0208852538
62	Hadrat A. Fuseini	Bole	Retired educationist	0242502602
63	Mary Mumuni	Bole	Social district assembly rep	0246160458
64	Abdulai Hajia Hawa	Bole	Women group	0242710810
65	Yakubu Abdul-Rahmani	Bole	Social services	0248276961/0507823720
66	Alijata Haruna	West gonja	Women group	0243389534
67	Tolodompewura Abdalla Ahmed	West gonja	Media	0240998613
68	Mary Teni Azotikemah	West gonja	Social services	0209157288



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70	Samuel Sarfo Antwi	West gonja	GNAT	0243244042
71	Mahama A. Beno	West gonja	Coordinator	0243564116/0266251945
72	Abdulai Abdul-Fatawu	Kpandai	Chairman	0505898855
73	Aidam David K.	Kandai	Member	
73	Martha Awiagah	Kandai	Member	
74	Issifa Emmanuel	Kandai	Member	
75	Sambil Samuel	Kandai	Member	0200727212
76	David Ninkabs	Kandai	Member	
77	Adam Alhassan M	Mion	GES	0246347332
78	Fr. Isidore Aayano	Mion	Religious	0246681027
79	Abdulai Abdul-Rahaman	Mion	Assemblyman	0200723617
80	Awuviri Rashida	Mion	District Assemble	0242574353
81	Mustapha Issahaku	Gushegu		0242269825
82	Mahama A. Alikali	Gushegu	GNAT	0244029615
83	Iddirisu A Karim	Gushegu		0205780857
84	Isaac Yakubu Nuhu	Gushegu	SMC/PTA	0205704249
85	Hajia Mariama Y.	Gushegu		0203846161
86	Mumuni Yakubu	gushegu		0208644290
87	Iddi Modoow	Gushegu	Teacher Union	0205191389