

**SESSIONAL ADDRESS DELIVERED BY HON. BENJAMIN
KESSIE, THE MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE (MCE) FOR
TARKWA-NSUAEM MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AT THE 1ST
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 3RD SESSION OF THE 8TH
ASSEMBLY HELD ON THURSDAY, 7TH AND FRIDAY, 8TH
JULY 2022 IN THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HALL.**

HON. PRESIDING MEMBER

HON. MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

HON. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

MUNICIPAL CO-ORDINATING DIRECTOR

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT AND UNIT HEADS

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I am filled with happiness to welcome you all to the First Ordinary meeting of the third Session of the 8th Assembly.

Hon. Presiding Member, I feel much honoured to stand before this August House as the Municipal Chief Executive of this Assembly to address Honourable Members and the people of the Tarkwa-Nsuaem

Municipality, on the state of our Municipality. This is in pursuance to Section 28 (1) and (2 a) of the Local Governance Act, 2016, Act 936.

Hon. Presiding Member, permit me to use this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all Hon. Members of the house, Heads of Departments and all Units for supporting the Assembly with formulation and implementation of key policies and programmes which have contributed significantly to the total development of the Municipality.

: Hon. Presiding Member, my address today is categorized under twelve (12) thematic areas, as follows;

1. Security
2. Revenue
3. Health
4. Education
5. Agriculture
6. Sanitation
7. Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty(LEAP)
8. Ghana Empowerment and Social Protection (GESp)
9. Strengthening of Sub-structure
10. Recruitment
11. Roads

12. Developmental Projects

SECURITY SITUATION

Hon.PM, Hon. Members, as the Chairman of the Municipal Security Council, let me state that the current security situation in the Municipality is relatively calm and peaceful.

This feat would be attributed to the vigilance of the Municipal Security Council (MUSEC) which held quite a number of meetings to monitor events closely and to take appropriate measures to defuse any potential threat to peace in the Municipality.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Hon. Presiding Member, let me take this opportunity to inform this august house that Government through the Ministry of National Security has enrolled a programme dubbed '**See Something, Say Something**'. This is a national campaign to raise public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorist related crime, as well as the importance of reporting suspicious activities to state and local law enforcement agencies.

I therefore entreat all stakeholders here today to serve as agents of vigilante group and report any suspicious activities by our neighbours or alien in our communities to the law enforcement agencies.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PERFORMANCE
(JANUARY, 2022 – MAY, 2022)

Hon. PM, Hon. Members, As you are no doubt aware revenue is the mainstay of the Assembly, and the ability of the Assembly to embark on any meaningful development project no doubt depends on the availability of funds.

In this regard I am happy to announce to you that Management has put measures in place to help the Assembly rake in more revenue in the year, 2022 and beyond,

Some of these measures are as follows

1. Periodic audit of value books in the business centres
2. Motivation of revenue collectors
3. Education of public on the important of paying revenue to the Assembly
4. Empowering the Sub-structures to collect revenue
5. Establishment of revenue taskforce
6. Providing logistic to revenue collectors
7. Looking out to recruit more commission revenue collector to be bond

INTERNALLY GENERATING FUND (I.G.F)

Hon. Presiding Member, permit me to report to you of the revenue generated by the Assembly from the internally generated sources during the period under review.

Am amount of Five Million Five Hundred and Thirty-three Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Cedis Fifty-Four Pesewas (GH 5,533,190.54) was mobilized through the efforts of the various departments, Units, and Sub-structures of the Assembly.

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Hon. Presiding Member, during the period under review, an amount of Three Million Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Ghana Cedis (GH 3,480,911.00) was released from the Mineral Development Fund Secretariat to the Assembly to execute developmental projects.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES COMMON FUND (DACF)

Hon. Presiding Member, an allocation of Three Hundred and Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four Cedis Forty pesewas (GH 361, 964, 40) was made to the Assembly by the District Assemblies Common Fund Secretariat as our share of the common fund during the period under review for developmental project.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES COMMON FUND (DACF - MP)

Hon. Presiding Member, Hon. Members, we are all aware that some percentage of our share of the District Assemblies common fund is allocated to the Members of Parliament for our constituency for both physical and other developmental programmes.

To this end an amount of Ninety five thousand one hundred and eighty two Ghana cedis sixty –two pesewas (GH 95,182.62) was released in favour of the Hon. Member of Parliament for implementation of projects and programmes

DITRICT ASSEMBLIES COMMON FUND (DACF – PwD)

As we may be no doubt aware a percentage of our share of the common fund is allocated to People with Disability to enable them pursue various projects of their choice which are economically viable and also serve as a means of employment.

During the period under review, an amount of sixty-six thousand, two hundred and twenty-three Ghana Cedis, thirty-one pesewas (GH¢ 66,223.31) was released by the Common Fund Secretariat to the Assembly.

This was successfully achieved following needs assessment exercise, where various items and cash donation were made to the PWDs.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES COMMON FUND (DACF – HIV)

Hon. Presiding Member, distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen the percentage of the District Assemblies common fund targeted at people with HIV and other HIV related activities amounted to seven thousand, four hundred and seventy-five Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 7,475.00).

MODERNIZING AGRICULTURE IN GHANA (MAG)

Hon. Presiding Member, Hon. Members, let me factually say that since the implementation of the MAG the Central Government periodically release money to the Agriculture Department through the Assembly to carry out related programme of the MAG.

During the period under the review, an amount of fifty thousand, two hundred and seventy-five Ghana cedis, eighty-nine pesewas (GH¢ 50,275.89) was released by the Central Government through the Assembly for the Modernizing Agriculture in Ghana project.

GOVERNMENT OF GHANA/ SERVICES

Central Government allocated funds to some of the departments under the Assembly to run the affairs of the Departments.

An amount of thirty-nine thousand, three hundred and seventy-seven Ghana Cedis, forty pesewas (GH¢ 39,377.40) was received by the Assembly to be given to such departments in the pursuit of their activities.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SALARIES

Hon. Presiding Member, I am happy to inform this august house that an amount of one million, six hundred and fifty thousand and forty-

nine Ghana Cedis, forty-eight pesewas (GH¢1,650,049.48) have been received so far for the payment of the Assembly staff who are on the Government of Ghana (GOG) payroll under the period under review.

TOTAL REVENUE

Hon. Presiding Member, I am happy to inform you that accumulated revenue received by the Assembly during the period under review was Eleven Million Two Hundred and Eighty-Four thousand Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Cedis Sixty-Four pesewas (GH¢11,284,649.64).

EXPENDITURE

Hon. Presiding Member, an amount of Ten Million Twelve Thousand and Nine Hundred and Six Cedis Forty-Four pesewas (GH¢10,012,906.44) has been spent out of the revenue generated.

HEALTH

Hon. Presiding Member, our Municipality has recorded One Hundred (100) positive coronavirus cases (COVID, 19). Fortunately, all patients are responding to treatment.

However, Corona Virus still exist and that all protocols should still be observed.

Hon. Presiding Member, it is worthy to note that there is an outbreak of Monkey Pox and H2N3 Influenza which the Municipal Health Committee will do presentation on them to this august house.

EDUCATION

Hon. PM, despite our financial constraint, the Assembly continues to give education the needed attention and support it deserves for the development of the human resource base in the Municipality. In this regard, the Assembly has supported the Municipal Education Directorate in the areas of **Funds, Logistics, and Projects** for the organization of its activities.

Hon. Presiding Member, the Assembly supported the Municipal Directorate of Education with an amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Ghana Cedis (**GH 25,000.00**) during the preparation and the celebration of the 65th Independence Anniversary.

In addition an amount of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Ghana Cedis (**GH¢16,200.00**) to facilitate activities of Girl Child Unit under the municipal education including sensitization of parents on girl child issues, train girl child Co-ordinators in the basic Schools and peer Educators, and organization of the International Menstrual Day celebration.

Further to the above, in the area of logistics the Assembly during the period under review supplied the municipal Education Directorate with **120 Dual Desks, 20 Teachers' Tables with Chairs, 10 ICT Tables, 20 Chairs, 20 Hexagonal tables, 120 Chairs, 125 Mono Desks** to be redistributed to the schools across the Municipality in facilitation of teaching and learning.

Hon. PM., with regards to physical infrastructure such as the construction and rehabilitation of school projects embarked by the Assembly, details are provided in appendix marked ‘A’

SUPPORT TO TARKWA NSUAEM MUNICIPAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Hon. Presiding Member, the Assembly also supported Municipal Football Association an amount of Fifteen thousand Ghana Cedis (GH 15,000) to facilitate the 2021-2022 Juvenile Clubs in our Municipality league season.

AGRICULTURE

Hon. Presiding Member, the agriculture sector, is a major driver for improving household incomes and rural development for our people.

Our objectives in the area are:

- a. Improve production efficiency and yield
- b. Improve post-harvest management and
- c. Promote livestock and poultry development for food security and income generation in our Municipality.

In this connection the Assembly in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture this year has supplied five **(5)** bags of maize seeds **(45kg bag)** at a subsidized rate for farmers across the Municipality.

Hon. Presiding Member, under the Planting for Export and Rural Development (PERD) Assembly provided Two Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (GH 200,000) to raise forty-five thousand **(45,000)** oil **palm** seedlings to take care of **701** farmers including 283 female farmers this will help to sustain the 1D1F in our Municipality.

Again, the Assembly in collaboration with Kent Farms is cultivating 55 acre of rice farm at Simpa to support grain production.

Hon. Presiding Member, I am happy to inform you that Assembly in collaboration with Anglogold Ashanti has supported Planting for Food and Jobs (PFJ) activities by providing input such as rice seed, fertilizers and wellington boots for forty-two **(42)** farmers to cultivate twenty-five **(25)** acres- vegetables and ten **(10)** acre-rice field at Taberebie.

In addition to that Government has supplied free Agro chemicals to maize farmers in our Municipality to combat the fall armyworm menace.

Hon. Members, under the Rearing for Food and Jobs (RFJ) our Municipality received **200** pigs which were supplied to 50 pig famers including 12 females.

In addition to that pig farmers have been supported with piglets as a breeding stock.

Hon. Presiding Member, in a joint effort with the Goldfields Ghana Limited we provided oil palm seedlings, pigs (breed piglets), vegetable seeds, Wellington boots, and fertilizers have to the Youth in Horticulture production.

While it is worthy of mention that **130** farmers across the Municipality are into palm oil production programme including **57** female.

SANITATION

Fumigation exercises have been done across all the Senior High Schools in the Municipality against bed bugs.

Again, fumigation exercises have also been done at all breeding sites against insects and pest in the Municipality wide.

LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP)

Hon. Presiding Member, I am happy to inform you that the 75th LEAP cycle payment has successfully been paid to 800 LEAP beneficiaries located in 54 communities across the municipality under the period under review.

GHANA EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (GESP)

Hon. Presiding Member, it is gratifying to note that sixteen youth between the ages of 18 – 35 and differently challenged in our

Municipality are currently benefitting from the skill training programme under the GESP.

COMMUNITY VISITATION BY THE HON.MCE

Hon. Member, as part of my mandate as the Municipal Chief Executive is to visit all the communities in our municipality for needs assessment.

In this regard, I have planned to visit all the communities before the end of this year, 2022 which the itinerary will be communicated to all Hon. Members in due cause.

I therefore, entreat all Hon. Members to be part of the organization when is time for the visit to our Electoral Areas and also communicate to our community members when the itinerary is out.

STRENGTHENING OF SUB-STRUCTURE AND UNIT COMMITTEE

Hon. PM., the role of the sub- structures is very crucial in the decentralization process especially when it comes to revenue mobilization and development.

In response to recommendation from the Executive Committee, training work shop has been organized for all members of the sub-

structures including the unit committee members across the municipality.

In addition to that they have also been tasked to identify revenue collectors within their areas to be bonded by the Assembly to help them mobilize revenue for their activities.

RECRUITMENT (I.G.F)

Hon. Presiding Member, despite the limited financial resources of the Assembly, Nineteen new personnel have been enrolled onto our local payroll.

The following are the officers:

NAME OF STAFF	JOB TITLE
Seidu Amidu	City Guard
Ishmael Quagyan	City Guard
Godfred Namani	City Guard
Pius Anyam	City Guard
Ransford Abiola Abeka	City Guard
Michael Ackah	City Guard
Emmanuel Appiah	City Guard
Richard Yeboah	City Guard
Ernest Badu Sackey	City Guard

Justice Akwesi Obour	City Guard
Irene Blay	City Guard
Johnson Arthur	City Guard
Dominic Aboah	City Guard
Cynthia Archer	City Guard
Francis Odo	City Guard
Kwame Simon	Watchman
Samuel Adu Gyamfi	Business Development Officer
Cornelia Mantey-Williams	Business Development Officer
Happy Eunice Boakye	Secretary

RECRUITMENT (G.O.G)

Hon. Members, this is to inform you that the Government of Ghana led by His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo has taken a giant stride to reduce unemployment rate that has been a Problem to the citizen for the past years.

Those absorbed onto GOG staff list include the following:

NAME OF STAFF	JOB TITLE
Edward Kofi Anofi	Asst. Director IIB

Emmanuel Tayi	Asst. Director IIB
Priscilla Adjei-Asare	Asst. Director IIB
Benedicta Quayson-Otoo	Asst. Director IIB
Ketua Kukuwah Mensah	Asst. Director IIB
Nana Metsirba Williams	Asst. Director IIB
Florence Esi Kumador	Snr. Executive Officer
Judith Selby	Snr. Executive Officer
Hannah Asamoah	Asst. Budget Analyst
Rosina Annan	Asst. Internal Auditor
Dolph Kusi	Asst. Internal Auditor
Ebenezer Ampong Baidoo	Asst. Internal Auditor
Andrews Essuman Gyedu	Asst. Statistician
Clement Fiifi Gordon	Asst. Engineer
Charles Nuamah	Asst. Engineer
Emmanuel Nketsiah	Asst. Env'tal Health Analyst
Monica Shaidah	Env'tal Health Officer
Rexford Nredah	Asst. Statistician

POSTING OUT OFFICERS

Hon. Members, as you may be aware posting and transfer of officers is part of the culture in the public service and during the period under review the following officers were posted out to other Assemblies where their services are equally required:

S/N	NAME	GRADE	STATION
1	Yvonne Kawuri Dandori	Asst. Director I	Ayawaso West Municipal Assembly
2	Kennedy Lawer Odjer	Asst. Human Resource Manager (additional staff)	Wassa Amenfi central District Assembly
3	Christiana Babbie Baffoe	Senior Executive Officer	Wassa Amenfi East Municipal Assembly
4	Immaculate Saudata Yakubu	Higher Executive Officer	Prestea Huni Valley Municipal Assembly
5	Bernice Oppong	Senior Environmental Health Officer	Prestea Huni Valley Municipal Assembly
6	Anku Irene Asante	Chief Environmental Health Assistant	STMA

7	Ali Jalil Mahama	Senior Development Planning Officer	Amenfi East Municipal Assembly
8	Dela Kofi Amegashie	Senior Social Development Officer	Wassa Amenfi Central District Assembly

POSTING IN OFFICERS FROM OTHER ASSEMBLIES TO TARKWA-NSUAEM MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

Hon. Members, the following officers have also been posted to our Assembly during the period under review:

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>PREVIOUS STATION</u>
1	Michael Agyin	Human Resource manager	Wassa Amenfi Central D/A
2	Frank Kotoku	Asst. Chief Environmental Health Officer	Nzema East Municipal Assembly
3	Joyce Edem Ayeh	Chief Environmental Health Assistant	Wassa Amenfi East Municipal Assembly

4	Theophilus Tamatey-Agbo	Senior Development Planning Officer	EKMA
5	Ernest Anokye	Procurement Officer	Nzema East Municipal Assembly
6	Judith D. Terkperkour	Procurement Assistant Officer	Wassa Amenfi West Municipal Assembly
7	Boakye Francis	Assistant Director I	Prestea Huni Valley Municipal Assembly

TARKWA-APIMENIM ROAD

Hon. Presiding Member, Hon. Members, it is with joy to note at long last the reconstruction of Tarkwa-Apimenim road has now come into reality.

I can factually say that the contractor is on site and work has commenced.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS IN TARKWA TOWNSHIP

Hon. Presiding Member, I am happy to inform this August House that the under sized culvert which caused inundation at the cyanide junction has been reconstructed with funding from the Municipal Assembly.

This construction has come to solve the perennial flooding problem at the cyanide junction whenever it rained is under reconstruction with funding from the Municipal Assembly's locally generated funds.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROJECT

Hon. Member, the Assembly has initiated for the implementation of five new projects (5), the procurement processes were duly followed and awards letters issued to the successful bidders.

The following are the projects:

1. Construction of 1No. 3unit Classroom Block with Ancillary Facilities, landscaping, 1No. 6 Seater Environ-Loo and Tree Planting around the facility at Agona.
2. Construction of 1No. Community Centre with Landscaping and Horticulture works at Dompim.
3. Construction of 1No. Community Centre with Landscaping and Horticulture works at Cyanide.
4. Fabrication and Supply 15 Refuse Containers – Municipal wide.
5. Supply and Installation of a Generator Plant at the Tarkwa-Nsuaem Municipal Assembly.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Hon. Members, as you are already aware, the Assembly is undertaking a lot of projects under the Internally Generated Funds, District Development Facility, District Assemblies Common Fund and the Mineral Development Fund. These projects are at different stages of implementation.

Appendix 'A'

<u>NO</u>	<u>PROJECTS NAME</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF WORK DONE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1	Construction of 8 – Seater W.C. toilet for Presby School at Brenuakyim - Tarkwa	DACF	100% Completed	Handed over Retention withheld
2	Construction of No. 6 – Unit Classroom Block with ancillary facilities at Domeabra	MDF	100% Completed	Handed over Retention withheld
3	Completion of 1No. 3-Unit Classroom Block Office, Store, 1No. 6-Seater Enviro loo toilet and 1No. 2-Bay Urinal at Amantin	DACF	75% Completed	Handed over, In use Classroom and Urinal completed, Toilet facility halted

4	Construction of Concrete Overhead Water Tank at Dompim	STOOL LANDS	100% Completed	Handed over, In use Retention withheld
5	Supply and Installation of Curtains for Municipal Assembly Block Complex at Ahwetieso	IGF	87% Completed	Handed over, In use Retention, Released, Ongoing
6	Renovation of B.N.I. Duty Post, High Court Judge Duty Post and Assembly Hall Complex at Tarkwa	IGF	75% Completed	Handed over, In use B.N.I. Duty Post and High Court Judge Duty Post completed Old Assembly hall has been repackaged
7	Construction of Community Centre, Office and Store, Washroom at Adiewowo Phase II	NPA	100% Completed	Commissioned Retention withheld

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Hon. Members, the Executive Committee met on Wednesday, 29th June, 2022 and the following recommendations were made for the consideration and approval by the General Assembly;

1. That the Assembly should resource the Works Department with Personal Protective Equipment Such as Safety Boots, Reflectors, Jackets, Had Hats to enhance daily monitoring activities.
2. That the Assembly should have a plan to support all ongoing self-help projects being undertaken by Hon. Assembly Members within the Municipality.
3. That the Assembly should make a provision in the budget to procure a new Grader for the Assembly.
4. That all Honorable Members should support the Assembly by using their Community Information Centre's to create public awareness on the Business Data Collection exercise.
5. That the Assembly should renovate the Ministry Annex Block which contain the Assembly's Revenue Unit at Tarkwa Na Aboso to benefit the status of the Assembly.
6. That the Assembly should construct a new distribution pipe line for the Dompim Concrete Over-Head Water Tank to ease the pressure on the pump and increase its life span.

7. That the Assembly should form a Special Task Force purposely for the decongestion at the Ransbet Supermarket stretch along the Tarkwa Main station to give way to traffic.
8. That The Assembly should give Update on the Mile 8 (Adiyie) Police Station to the General House.
9. That the Assembly should procure relief items and logistics to NADMO Department to be able to respond and assist victims rapidly when they are displaced.
10. That the Assembly should add the Municipal Disaster Management Committee meetings into the Assembly's annual calendar.
11. That the Assembly should embark on dredging of major drains in the Municipality to mitigate flooding and also reintroduce community Monthly clean-up exercise in order to desilt our choked drains, clearing of weeds and trimming of tree.
12. That the Assembly should support a refresher training for science teachers to build their capacity for effective delivery of science related subject in their various schools.
13. That the Assembly must work on the leakages in the roof at the Municipal Education Office Complex and further resource the Directorate with Office logistics such

as Desk Top Computers, Printer and Photocopier to help them perform their official duties well.

14. That the Assembly must institute a special scholarship programmes through negotiations with the mining companies for the best WASSCE student in the Municipality.
15. That the Assembly should supply the Environmental Health Unit with Pick-Up to facilitate effective discharge of their duties.
16. That the Assembly should rehabilitate the existing malfunctioning boreholes within the Municipality.
17. That the Assembly should procure additional refuse trucks and maintained the existing faulty ones.
18. That as a matter of urgency the Assembly should rehabilitate the Tarkwa Municipal Library to improve educational facilities in the Municipality.
19. That the working hours of the Municipal Guards be extended to weekends due to series of events and occasions that take place on weekends across the Municipality.
20. That as a matter of urgency the Assembly should hand over the completed Tetrem Presbyterian School Toilet for use.

Hon. Presiding Member, I move that this document be accepted for discussion by this August House.

Thank you.