REPORT ON STAKEHOLDERS MEETING HELD AT BIPOA AREA COUNCIL ON 13TH OCTOBER, 2022

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OPENING

The District Co-ordinating Director (DCD) declared the meeting open at 10:01am following a prayer by Pastor Dogbe Adams.

REMARKS BY DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (DCE)

The DCE welcomed all Stakeholders and entreated them to contribute constructively to the discussion for the success of the meeting. She expressed his appreciation to participants for honouring the invitation. She accentuate that, it is expected of every District Assembly nationwide to engage stakeholders on the discussion of August 2022 Budget Implementation Performance, 2023 Draft Composite Budget of the Assembly, and 2023 Draft Fee Fixing Resolution.

She further stated that, the engagement is to discuss the status of mobilization efforts and measures to improve its collection to support development initiatives.

PFM BUDGET TEMPLATES

Purpose of PFM Templates and Target Groups

As more resources are being decentralized, it becomes important for central government and citizens to hold local governments to be more accountable to citizens for effective local governance and service delivery. The purpose of the PFM Templates is for the Assembly to disseminate budget information to the citizens. The Templates are intended to help ordinary citizens and the community as a whole to understand and participate in the management of the finances of the Assembly and in the process improve transparency and accountability of the public budget process to the citizens.

The administration of the Templates will enable the Assembly to:

- Provide regular financial and budget information and also on ongoing projects to the citizens;
- Elicit support and participation in the implementation in the activities;
- Communicate first-hand information on the activities of the Assembly to the citizens.

Target Groups and Beneficiaries

The template is designed primarily for all people within the Assembly targeting the following group of people:

- Trade Associations
- Self-employed artisans/professional associations and groups
- Landlords/Land owners
- Drivers Associations/Unions

- Civil Society Organizations
- Youth Groups
- Faith-based organizations
- Women Groups
- Disabled and marginalized groups
- Traditional Authorities
- Other interested organizations and persons

Mission: To improve the quality of life of the people through formulation and implementation of relevant policies and programs in close partnership with the communities, private sectors and other key stakeholders.

Vision: To be a one-stop investment destination in Agric-processing industry in Ghana.

For development to take place the (SEKYERE SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY) prepares ANNUAL PLANS and BUDGETS.



Planning and Budgeting Process

DISCUSSION OF AUGUST 2022 BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PERFORMANCE, 2023 DRAFT COMPOSITE BUDGET AND 2023 DRAFT FEE FIXING RESOLUTION

The Master of Ceremony (MC) invited the District Budget Analyst to lead the discussion. Mr. Mark Martin Antwi led the discussion of August 2022 Budget Implementation Performance. She informed stakeholders that the analyses cover an accumulation of Revenue and Expenditure performance for Sekyere South District Assembly from January to August of 2022 financial year and the Draft 2023 Composite Budget for the ensuing year. The analyses highlights on Internally Generated Fund since the Assembly had total control over the mobilization and disbursement of that Fund.

Funding and Sources

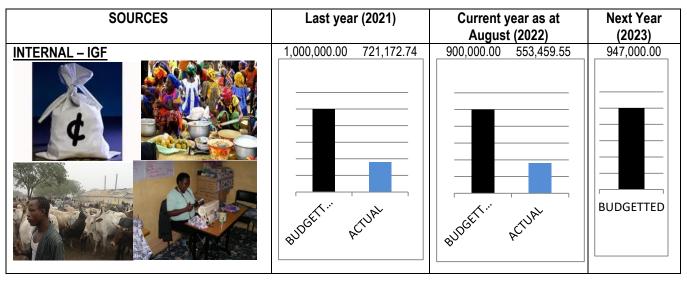
Assembly funding is categories in three sources of funds, namely;

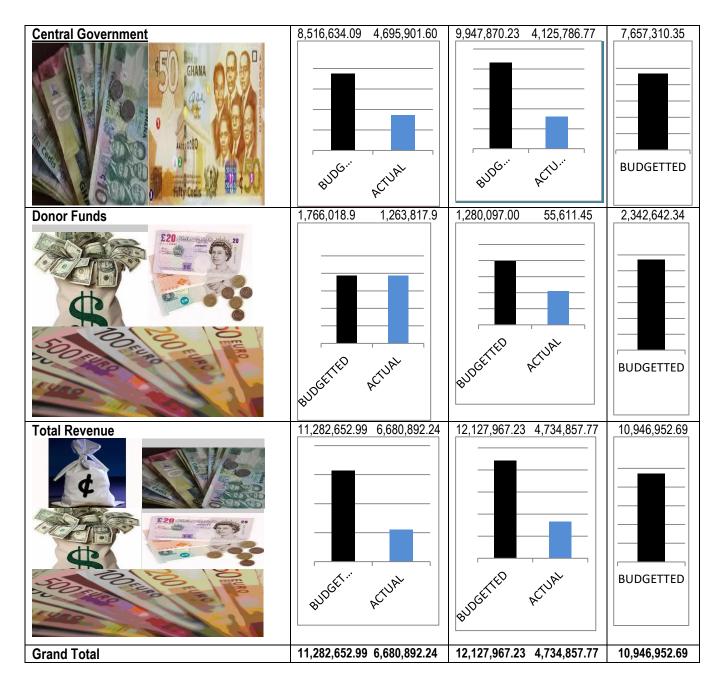
The first source is the Internally Generated Funds (IGF). These are funds mobilized by the Assembly itself through rates, permits fees, fines etc.

The second sources of funds are inflows to the Assembly from GOG and statutory funds like DACF, DDF, and UDG from the central government as grants transferred to the MMDAs. This source of funds is very important to the Assembly as it provides extra funds for provision of services and development projects.

The third source is funds from development partners and non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and other institutions.

1.0 Funding and Sources





From the Discussion, the Assembly as at August 2022 had receipted an amount of Four Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Seven Ghana Cedi Seventy-Seven Ghana Pesewas (GH¢4,734,857.77) out of a total Annual Budget of Twelve Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven Ghana Cedi, Twenty-Three Ghana Pesewas (GH¢12,127,967.23). Based on the Assemblies Performance in Revenue Mobilization exercise, the Internally Generated Fund Budget for the ensuing year was set at Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand Ghana Cedi only (GH¢947,000.00). Also, Approved Revenue Budget from all sources for the ensuing year was set at Ten Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two Ghana Cedi, Sixty-Nine Ghana Pesewas (GH¢10,946,952.69).

Uses of Assembly Funds

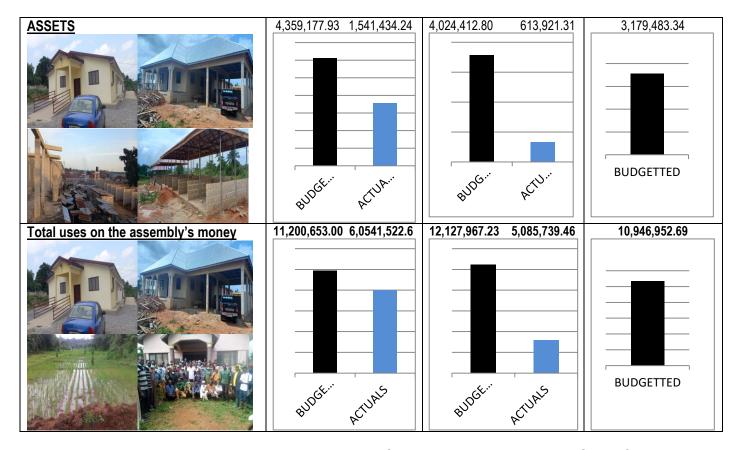
The District Assembly expenditures is categorized in three Economic Classification, namely;

Salaries and Wages: This represents salaries and wages for personnel of the Assembly including salary related allowances and expenses. It includes both the direct payments by the Assemblies and payments from Central Government.

Goods and Services: This covers administrative and overhead expenses and services the Assembly rendered as per the Assembly Budget.

Assets (Development Projects): Investment and capital expenses for Developments Projects as captured in the Assembly Budget.

2.0 Uses of Assembly Funds (MONEY) Last year (2021) **Current year as at August** Next Year (2023) **EXPENDITURE (1)** (2022)3,521,244.97 3,605,817.47 5,021,510.35 **SALARIES & WAGES** 4,237,531.23 3,143,289.27 **BUDGETTED BUDGETTED ACTUALS** 1,328,528.88 3,320,230.10 1,394,270.89 3,866,023.20 2,745,959.00 Goods and Services **BUDGETTED** ACI'J."



The Assembly expended Five Million, Eighty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Nine Ghana Cedi, Forty-Six Ghana Pesewas (GH¢5,085,739.46) out of the total Expenditure Budget of Twelve Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven Ghana Cedi, Twenty-Three Ghana Pesewas (GH¢12,127,967.23). The Expenditure Budget approved for the year 2023 is Ten Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two Ghana Cedi, Sixty-Nine Ghana Pesewas (GH¢10,946,952.69).

DISCUSSION AT BIPOA AREA COUNCIL

Participant expressed their concern on lack of toilet facilities and refuse dump containers in their communities. The Environmental Health Officer explained that, by law, every household must have a toilet facility whereas public toilet is used to serve outsiders or strangers but the opposite is what is happening now in various homes. He further advised participant to make conscious effort to get toilet facilities in each and every home to avoid indiscriminate defecation which results in varied diseases. With respect to the refuse containers, negotiations are on-going with Zoom lion Ghana to supply a limited number for communities.

Participant made an inquiry on the benefit they will get from bringing stray animals to the Assembly. The Environmental Health Officer answered that, stray animals have been ceded to Area Councils; revenues generated from the ceded items are shared on a 50% basis between the District Assembly and Area Councils. The 50% allocation to the Area Council helps in the developmental activities of the communities.



Participants made an inquiry on the processes involve in acquiring permit in the Assembly. The Physical Planning

Officer explained to the house that, to acquire a land from a Chief or a Family Head, one needs to ascertain an

allocation on a Stool Lands letterhead which is signed by the Chief. Based on the Allocation Paper, the Assembly

inspect the location of the Land and trace it on the community layout. From there, the drawing of the intended

building is made to facilitate Building Permit processes. He further emphases that Building Permit is vital in solving

Land disputes cases and also use as guarantee for securing loan.

Nana Kwasi Atuahene applauded Management for the stakeholder's engagement meeting and urged Management

to organize these engagements frequently for the development of the district.

CLOSING REMARKS

The District Coordinating Director thanked all participants for their cooperation and acknowledged the performance

of the various stakeholders for their contributions and suggestions in the development of the District. Madam

Mensah Lucy said the closing prayer at 2:36 p.m.

ANTHONY KWENIN

DIST. COORDINATING DIRECTOR

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