**TEMA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**SECOND QUARTER 2021 PROGRESS REPORT**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Social Welfare and Community Development works in partnership with people in their communities to enhance their wellbeing through promoting development with equity for the disadvantaged, vulnerable and excluded groups and individual. In addition the Department assists to organize community development programs to improve and enrich rural life. There are two (2) units that make up the Department, that is Social Welfare and Community Development units.

The second quarter activities are as follows;

1. **PROGRAMME DELIVERY (SOCIAL WELFARE UNIT)**

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| **7 Key/Top**  **Commitments** | **Results/Achievements** | **Relation to GSGDA I**  **Component** | **Relation to Presidents**  **Priority for 2020** |
| 1. Number of households on LEAP  2. Payment to LEAP households during the quarter  3. LEAP households on NHIS to access health care. | 489 households on LEAP to access cash transfers.108 male caregivers and 381 female caregivers.  71st and 72nd LEAP payment cycles were effected.  GHS 548.45 received as operations and mobilization fund.  1500 LEAP beneficiaries on NHIS - 920 females and 580 males | **Social Development** | **4.3.12**  **Social Development** |
| 1. 1. Identification and registration of PWDs | 8 PWDs were registered – 6 females and 2 males | **Social Development** | **4.3.13 Disability and Development** |
| * 1. Selection of PWDs applications | 79 applications were selected for vetting and pending disbursement – 40 females and 38 males   * Education – 7 females and 6 males * Medical – 6 females and 2 males * Livelihood support – 35 females and 23 males   14 Children – 9 females and 5 males | **Social Development** | **4.3.5 Poverty and Inequality** |
| 5. Registration and supervision of Early Childhood Development Centres to ensure they operate with the laid down standards. | Seven (7) early childhood development centres were supervised.  Two (2) day care centres submitted their documents and expired certificates for renewal. | **Social Development** | **4.3.7 Child and Family Welfare** |
| 6. Psychosocial support to clients and their families | 50 clients counselled on varied issues. | **Social Development** | **4.3.7 Child and Family Welfare** |
| 7. Serve as panel members at the T.D.C. and White House Family Tribunal Courts | Magistrates were assisted to make informed decisions on eighty four (84) cases on the welfare of children. | **Social Development** | **4.3.7 Child and Family Welfare** |
| 8. Mediate in child maintenance, custody/access and family reconciliation cases in the best interest of children involved | 57 cases were amicably resolved | **Social Development** | **4.3.7 Child and Family Welfare** |

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1. **PROGRAM DELIVERY NARRATIVE (SOCIAL WELFARE UNIT)**

The Social Welfare unit undertook its activities through the three core programs of the Department. The three core programs are justice administration, child rights promotion and protection (family and child welfare) and community care.

1. **JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION**

**1.1 FAMILY TRIBUNAL**

Social WelfareOfficers **s**erve as panel members on the T.D.C. and White House Family Tribunal Courts and assist the magistrates to make informed decisions on maintenance, custody, access, juvenile and other cases in the best interest of children. The total number of children involved are 26 - 15 females and 11 males

The numbers of cases are as follows;

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| **NATURE OF CASES** | **OLD** | **NEW** | **TOTAL** | **SETTLED** | **PENDING** |
| Maintenance | 0 | 5 | **5** | 4 | 1 |
| Custody | 0 | 2 | **2** | 2 | 0 |
| Access | 1 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 1 |
| Unlawful Entry/Stealing (Juvenile- indecent assault - 1  Young Offender (stealing -2) | 0 | 3 | **3** | 2 | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **1** | **10** | **11** | **8** | **3** |

**1.2 SOCIAL ENQUIR**Y **REPORTS (SERs)**

From April to June, 2021, thirteen (13) Social Enquiry Reports were ordered on young offenders and custody cases by the Court.

All reports were submitted and Twelve (12) recommendations of the reports were adopted by the court. One (1) SER was requested on a young offender and is pending.

**2. CHILD RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION (FAMILY AND CHILD WELFARE)**

**2.1 STATUTORY WORK WITH FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

The following cases were handled to ensure the development and survival of children.

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| **TYPE OF CASES** | **NEW CASES** | **TOTAL** | **SUCCESSFUL** | **PENDING** | **REF TO FT** |
| Child maintenance | 62 | **62** | 34 | 23 | 5 |
| Child custody | 6 | **6** | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Child access | 5 | **5** | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Family Welfare | 18 | **18** | **7** | **10** | **1** |
| **TOTAL** | **91** | **91** | **47** | **36** | **8** |

Children involved in the cases are 160 - 91 females and 69 males.

**2.2.1 ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION**

There are two (2) residential homes for children (RHC) in Tema. These homes provide temporal shelter for vulnerable children in need of care and protection. During the second quarter, eight (8) vulnerable children were referred to the department and they were placed at Save Them Young Missions, SOS Children’s Villages and Remar Christian Rehabilitation Centre. Investigations were carried out and some children were reunified with their biological parents or family.

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| **S/N** | **DATE OF ADMISSION** | **NAME** | **AGE** | **SEX** | **RHC ADMITTED** | **REMARKS** |
| 1 | 14/04/2021 | EE Baby WWWWWednesdWednesday | 5 days | F | SOS  Childrens’  Villages | The child is still at SOS Children’s Villages |
| 2. | 01/05/2021 | Kobby | 5 yrs | M | Save Them Young Missions | The child is still at the home. |
| 3. | 10/05/2021 | Comfort Otoo | 8 yrs | F | SOS  Childrens’  Villages | Comfort has been reunified with her mother |
| 4. | 18/05/2021 | Samuel Amoah | 13 yrs | M | Remar Christian Rehabilitation Centre | Still at RHC |
| 5. | 26/05/2021 | Samuel Agudey | 7 yrs | M | SOS  Childrens’  Villages | Still at RHC |
| 6. | 26/05/2021 | Issabella Agudey | 12 yrs | F | SOS  Childrens’  Villages | Issabella still at RHC |
| 7. | 15/06/2021 | Joshua  Frimpong | 13 yrs | M | Save  Them  Young  Missions | According to the director at the RHC, the child has absconded from the home. |
| 8. | 17/06/2021 | Edna Baamoyikor | 9 yrs | F | Save  Them  Young  Missions | Edna has been reunified with her biological mother, Beatrice Amevadzi. |

**2.3 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Twenty (20) clients who visited the office for enquiries on varied issues such as adoption, NHIS, Intestate succession law, among others were assisted.

**2.4.1 DAY CARE CENTRES**

Monitoring exercise was conducted in Seven ((7) schools during the quarter. Two (2) schools submitted their expired certificates for renewal. Their premises were inspected to ascertain whether they met the standards of the department as enshrined in the Children’s Act 1998 (Act 560), the Children’s Amendment Act 2016 and the Child Rights Regulations 2002 LI 1705.

**2.4.2** **SCHOOLS’ INSPECTION**

* Bitberce School Home
* T.M.A. No. 1
* T.M.A. No. 2
* The Rohi School
* Naylor S.D.A. School
* Tema Parent’s Association
* Ebenezer Daycare

**2.4.3 SCHOOLS CERTIFICATE DUE FOR RENEWAL;**

* Tema Parent’s Association
* Ebenezer Daycare

**3. COMMUNITY CARE**

Community care seeks to promote access to social development services for the disadvantaged and excluded individuals and groups in society e.g. the aged, persons with disability, children, and women.

**3.2 APPLICATION TO ACCESS 3% DACF**

During the quarter, the department registered Seventeen (17) PWDs.

**3.2.1 DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO PWDs**

During the quarter, no activity took place.

**3.2.2SELECTION OF QUALIFIED APPLICATION**

During the quarter, 79 application forms were selected for vetting from 2020 – 2021. Below are the details

**BUSINESS SUPPORT**

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| **SN** | **NAME** | **AGE** | **SEX** | **COMMUNITY** |
| 1 | Jemima Mensah | 71 | F | Community 1, Site 15 (IP77) |
| 2 | Reuben Aboanor | 37 | M | Communiy 1 Site 2(B/237) |
| 3 | Jeffery Ano Foster | 44 | M | Tema Newtown |
| 4 | Kweku Andoh Nyarko | 37 | M | Tema Newtown (ABK21) |
| 5 | Gloria Kpaglo | 40 | F | Tema Newtown, St. John’s street |
| 6 | Gladys Donkor | 34 | F | Community 1 |
| 7 | Jonathan Koranteng | 58 | M | Tema Newtown, Abonkor, near shining star |
| 8 | Samuel Yeboah | 51 | M | Community 1, Site 19 |
| 9 | Theodore Degbe | 32 | M | Tema Newtown (B16) |
| 10 | Fati Abubakari | 58 | F | Community 4(EF25) |
| 11 | Ahiadoho Kwame Emmanuel | 44 | M | Community 1, Site 1 |
| 12 | Sandra Alornyedzi | 24 | F | Tema Newtown, Abonkor, near shining star (D39) |
| 13 | Gladys Kwao | 38 | F | Tema Newtown, Abonkor(82/1) |
| 14 | Nyabue Augusta | 45 | F | Awudum, Tema Newtown |
| 15 | Esther Obuor | 21 | F | Abonkor, near happy home(B8), Tema Newtown |
| 16 | Rita Tamatey | 26 | F | Abonkor(SW44), Tema Newtown |
| 17 | Benedicta Apetorgbor | 43 | F | Community 7 (AT61), Tema |
| 18 | Gabriel Adomako | 31 | M | Awudum, near Anglican School(5C) |
| 19 | Godwin Dornu | 22 | M | Abonkor,near shining star, Tema Newtown |
| 20. | Mary Ansah | 45 | F | Abonkor, near happy home, Tema Newtown |
| 21 | Emmanuel Adjebey Adjei | 48 | M | Tema Newtown, near naval base(10A) |
| 22 | Nyampong Dorcas | 43 | F | Community, Site 19(GM154) |
| 23 | John Mensah | 38 | M | Bankuman(209), Tema Newtown |
| 24 | Mawunyo Gbemu | 36 | F | Community 1, Site 19 |
| 25 | Doris Quarshie | 58 | F | Tema Newtown |
| 26 | Sualitu M. Bancey | 63 | M | Community 1, Site(1/13G) |
| 27 | Martha Omanu | 27 | F | Newtown, U compound |
| 28 | Nana Manfoah Owusu | 47 | F | Community 7, near Joint Church(GT-0U8-6559) |
| 29 | Cynthia Dora Tetteh | 40 | F | Community 1, Site 1(1/PU8) |
| 30 | Isaac Andoh | 31 | M | Manhean, near mantse park |
| 31 | Petiafo Simon Tetteh | 54 | M | Abonkor(Plot no 57), Tema Newtown |
| 32 | Theresa Arthur | 37 | F | Community 1, Site 1(B35) |
| 33 | Ambila Mba | 30 | M | Community 1, near TDC |
| 34 | Mark Kofi Apreku | 34 | M | Community 1, Site 3(1/71) |
| 35 | Gokah Believe | 36 | F | Abonkor, Tema Newtown |
| 36 | Doris Quarshie | 58 | F | Tema Newtown(T/75) |
| 37 | Eric Mensah | 45 | M | Community 1, Site 12 |
| 38 | Manko Tetteh | 32 | F | Tema Newtown(25C) |
| 39 | Ofosu Hene | 49 | F | Community 12, near United Christian Outreach |
| 40 | Gyan Elizabeth Abena | 41 | F | Abonkor, near shining star, Tema Newtown |
| 41 | Grace Korkor | 44 | F | Abonkor, near St. Margaret, Tema Newtown |
| 42 | Joseph Tetteh | 45 | M | Abonkor, near shining star |
| 43 | Yayra Agbenatoe | 40 | F | Tema Newtown(U-Compound) |
| 44 | Godfred Abubakar Arthur | 23 | M | Aonkor(ABK21), Tema Newtown |
| 45 | Emmanuel Kumako | 50 | M | Abonkor, near St. Margaret, Tema Newtown |
| 46 | Helina Nkrumah | 27 | F | Manhean (A2) |
| 47 | Maxwell Oduro | 38 | M | Tema Newtown(D13) |
| 48 | Quansah Mary | 39 | F | Abonkor, Tema Newtown |
| 49 | Shadrack Atsu Segbaya | 58 | F | Tema Newtown |
| 50 | Faustina Korkorbi Tetteh | 59 | F | Tema Newtown |
| 51 | Josphine Taylor | 51 | F | Community 9, AB4 |
| 52 | Steven Kwasi Togoe | 33 | M | Community 12, near Good News |
| 53 | Safo Nana Achiaa | 39 | F | Community 9 |
| 54 | Kwaku Opare | 33 | M | Community 1, Meridian |
| 55 | Ezekiel Acquah | 12 | M | Tema Newtown |
| 56 | Abonah Rebecca | 36 | F | Abonkor, Tema Newtown |
| 57 | Rita Oppong | 26 | F | Abonkor, near St. Margaret, Tema Newtown |
| 58 | Barikisu Moro | 14 | F | Jericho, Tema Newtown |

**MEDICAL SUPPORT**

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| **SN** | **NAME** | **AGE** | **SEX** | **COMMUNITY** |
| 1 | Nana Ama Antwi | 47 | F | Community 9, opposite the cemetary |
| 2 | Francisca Aba Donkor | 23 | F | Community 1, Site 21, near the police station |
| 3 | Hannah Korsah | 15 | F | Tema Newtown, U-Compound |
| 4 | Nmai Abbey | 45 | M | Tema Newtown, GHPA House |
| 5 | Abena Princess | 4 | F | Ashaiman |
| 6 | Reuben Seyram Azasoo | 7 | M | Manhean, Tema Newtown |
| 7 | Adjei Korshie Salomey | 6 | F | Abonkor, Tema Newtown |
| 8 | Rita Oppong | 25 | F | Abonkor, near St. Margaret, Tema Newtown |

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT**

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| **SN** | **NAME** | **AGE** | **SEX** | **COMMUNITY** |
| 1 | Quaye Lordford | 6 | M | Abonkor, Tema Newtown |
| 2 | Sharon Appiah | 8 | F | Community 10 |
| 3 | Kelvin Quansah | 5 | M | Manhean, Tema Newtown |
| 4 | Selasi Awadzi | 36 | M | Bankuman, Tema Newtown |
| 5 | Kind Dewornu | 21 | M | Community 1, Site 12 |
| 6 | Peace Awadzi | 29 | F | Bankuman, Tema Newtown |
| 7 | Mabel Sododzi Oforiwaa | 10 | F | Abonkor, near Guiness Bar, Tema Newtown |
| 8 | Blessing Quansah | 10 | F | Manhean, Tema Newtown |
| 9 | Prince Quansah | 8 | M | Manhean, Tema Newtown |
| 10 | Agbosu Delali | 24 | F | Community 4 |
| 11 | Benjamin Saah | 27 | M | Community 4 |
| 12 | Justina Marmiley Wusa | 10 | F | Manhean, Tema Newtown |
| 13 | Nadia Djablateh | 10 | F | Community 1, Site 1 |

**3.3 LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY (LEAP) PROGRAMME**

LEAP is a conditional and unconditional cash transfer programme for extreme poor households to cushion them against livelihood shocks. The eligibility criteria is the aged (65 years and above) without subsistence support, orphans and vulnerable children through their caregivers, persons with severe disabilities without productive capacity and pregnant women and or mothers with infants below one year. It is conditional on households to register children below 12 months with the birth’s registry, ensure children below 5 years periodically undergo growth monitoring and immunization, enroll and retain children of school going age in public schools, ensure children are not engaged in worst forms of child labor, national health insurance registration for LEAP household members.

LEAP promotes income security and social inclusion for poor households. Further with the introduction of the GhIPSS e-zwich payment system financial inclusion is promoted among the household caregivers.

489 households are on LEAP to access the bi-monthly cash transfers in Tema. The number of male caregivers are 108 and number of female caregivers are 381. household count is Tho Thousand (2000). An amount of GHS 548.45 was received as operations and mobilization funds. The breakdown; community focal persons (CFPs) mobilization GHS 225.00; fuel GHS 37.50; sanitation GHS 200.00; supervision GHS 48.90; printing GHS 7.50, reporting and administration GHS 30.00.

Also caregivers engaged in petty trading have invested part of their transfers into their businesses for profits.

The 71st and 72nd cycle payments were effected to 489 households during the second quarter. The metro office urgently needs a computer with its accessories and a modem to promote effective communication with LEAP Management Secretariat (LMS) and other stakeholders. The office requests for a vehicle for effective monitoring of LEAP activities.

1. **CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATIONS**

In conclusion, the enumerated successes achieved during the quarter are largely attributable to the commitment of staff to promote social development. However, these challenges faced by the Metro office should be addressed for maximum output.

1. Memoranda for request for funds for office use were not honoured. This greatly impeded effective and efficient service delivery. Memoranda should be honoured for office administration.
2. No vehicle or T&T to undertake official visits/monitoring. Management should provide vehicle for officers to undertake official assignments.
3. Staff Strength. Following the creation of Tema West from Tema Metro Assembly only eight (8) staff are left. There is the need to post professional staff to the Department to augment staff strength.
4. Office accommodation and furniture. Office space is small and overcrowded. Moreso furniture in the office is obsolete. There is need for a bigger space furnished with modern fittings, fixture and furniture.

Notwithstanding, the aforementioned challenges officers executed their duties professionally with efficiency. It is important to emphasize and recommend that the challenges as stated should not be overlooked as these would impede effective and efficient service delivery.

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