

**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT (MCA), GHANA PROGRAM
SECOND ROUND DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC)
MEETING.**

MINUTES ON DAC SESSIONS IN NAZ

MEETING DATE : 16th December, 2009 DISTRICT : SAVELUGU-NANTON VENUE : DISTRICT ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE HALL NUMBER OF DAC MEMBERS PRESENT : ---27				
PROJECT	QUESTIONS ASKED	RESPONSE	CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBERS	REMARKS
Farmer and Enterprise Training	The starter packs have been a real success. One of the key issues of those who have been able to cultivate are having is where to store the grains. Even the one bag each member is to contribute to make 50 per FBO as collateral for the bank is difficult. Can MiDA fast track the rehabilitation of existing storage facilities?	Noted for the consideration of Management of MiDA.	District Director for Agriculture congratulated MiDA for the achievements so far – farmers training on Good Agronomic Practices (GAP), incentives for trained farmers, mileage allowances for TSPs, etc.	
Agric Credit	How can GH¢ 500 raise a rural poor farmer from a subsistence level to a commercial level? Why were farmers not given the monies as stated and approved in their business plans?	GH¢500 is a good beginning for a farmer who probably could not mobilize GH¢100 in the past. Some business plans were received late and the farming season was		

		far advanced.		
Land Activities				
Community Services	<p>Many roads were captured earlier in the programme. We have noticed some have been left out. Why?</p> <p>Was there an initial plan for the roads selected to be tarred or not?</p> <p>Will the District Engineering Unit and Consultant be responsible for the supervision and monitoring of the road rehabilitation process? Will the district Engineer get financial support from MiDA to help monitor projects?</p> <p>Why have Feeder Rds in the north been advertised so late.</p> <p>Would MiDA fence the schools?</p>	<p>Savelugu Nanton has the most feeder roads being rehabilitated under our programme in the North. MiDA has its limitations.</p> <p>It is a combination. The Transport Infrastructure Manager will come soon to shed more light.</p> <p>The Transport Infrastructure Manager will provide these answers when he visits the District.</p> <p>Feeder roads were advertised at the same time.</p> <p>We will consult management and get back to you.</p>		
General	<p>Can MiDA notify the assembly on their activities to be executed in the district?</p> <p>There is a missing link between MiDA and the communities they are working with. The assembly should be involved.</p>	<p>All Project plans are being finalised and will be communicated to the District Assembly.</p> <p>The DACs are a link, apart from the MiDA Zonal Offices. All projects in the District are</p>	<p>There were consultants at the district to survey and put up an overhead water tank for water supply to the communities.</p>	

	<p>How can a development plan submitted in 2006 and ending 2009 be the basis of implementation in 2010? Some of the schools have been completed. Other developmental Agencies have taken up others. We need to sit and reconcile.</p> <p>Can DAC meetings be increased in a year to clarify more issues?</p>	<p>discussed with the relevant District Officers like the Director of Agric. Director of Education, Director of Planning, etc.</p> <p>The District Assembly will be consulted extensively in the revision of all planned projects to ensure that there is no duplication.</p> <p>This suggestion will be forwarded to management.</p>		
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