

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

MINUTES ON DAC SESSIONS IN NAZ

MEETING DATE : 17 th December, 2009				
DISTRICT : WEST MAMPRUSI				
VENUE : DISTRICT ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE HALL				
NUMBER OF DAC MEMBERS PRESENT : ---19				
PROJECT	QUESTIONS ASKED	RESPONSE	CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBERS	REMARKS
Farmer and Enterprise Training	Is there room for new FBOs to be enlisted?	Migrated members can be replaced.		
	What are the procedures to forming an FBO?	The criteria is with the District Directors of Agric.		
	What accounted for the reduction in the inputs requested for by the FBOs?		The FBOs submitted their request for agricultural inputs like fertilizer late. The Ministry could not meet the demand for inputs like fertilizer.	
	Some FBOs in Wulugu are yet to receive their incentive package. Why the late delivery?	The RIC should investigate and give us feed back.	Some farmers have retrieved	

			their monies from the fertilizer suppliers who never supplied.	
Agric Credit	<p>Why farmers received loans far below the requested amounts?</p> <p>Is there any package for the marketing and processing women groups?</p>	<p>Funds were late so farmers agreed to reduce acreages. Funds are still available in Banmarigu Bank for FBOs. Banmarigu Bank Manager explained.</p> <p>Women are usually part of the FBOs.</p> <p>7 FBOs are production and marketing out of 45 FBOs.</p> <p>38 FBOs in phase 1 had part as processing and nearly half of 58 FBOs in phase 2 are women. MoFA confirmed.</p>		
Land Activities				
Community Services	<p>Why is the 3-phase electrification project ending at Nasia when Walewale is the capital?</p> <p>Why emphasis on water supply and not on sanitation also?</p>	<p>VRA to bring 3-phase from Pwalugu to Walewale. VRA-NED official answered.</p> <p>Water brings about sanitation. Sanitation is part of the package. Consultants are in touch with WATSANs</p>		

	<p>How will irrigation projects be executed?</p> <p>Is there any package for transport owners? Asked GPRTU.</p> <p>Nasia-Janga and Walewale-Yama-Kpasinkpe roads are examples of poor roads linking main agric production centers. Why have they been left out in the roads development project?</p>	<p>Rehabilitation of existing ones and direct supply of water from the Volta Lake to the field on “Fast Track” basis.</p> <p>You are part of the value chain services.</p> <p>Noted for a response from Management.</p>		
General	<p>VCT teachers have complained about allowances</p> <p>We hear MiDA has donated some books to the Assembly and we are to pick them up in Accra, Why should the assembly go to Accra to pick MiDA-donated books?</p> <p>There should be a review of sites selected for next phase of schools.</p> <p>Can vegetable production be considered for all year round production?</p> <p>Some vegetable farmers are too close to the river. What will MiDA do?</p> <p>Can MoFA be empowered to sensitize people on bush burning?</p>	<p>Promise to investigate issue.</p> <p>The assembly should be proactive.</p> <p>GES Director should write to MiDA.</p> <p>Dry season vegetable production is already underway e.g. sweet potato</p> <p>Safe distance is mandatory. MiDA is mainstreaming EIA standards. Assembly to involve EPA.</p> <p>It is community triggered and</p>	The	

	<p>Wood poles for electrification are burning. How can MiDA help?</p> <p>Can MiDA assist MoFA to facilitate the supply of compost manure?</p> <p>SINAPI ABA TRUST (SAT) gives loans to processing and marketing women groups. Why we left out in MiDA implementation activities?</p>	<p>requires community-based solution. The District Assembly should be at the forefront.</p> <p>MiDA is recommending steel poles.</p> <p>Low appraisal of manure. Requires funding.</p> <p>SAT is part of FNGOs. SAT to attend a meeting at end of the month.</p>	<p>District Assembly by-laws required</p> <p>There were some for sale at GH¢ 7.5 per bag and 5 bags required per acre.</p> <p>MoFA should educate farmers to use manure</p>	
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