

**REPORT ON THE ORIENTATION OF GHANA SCHOOL FEEDING  
PROGRAMME FOR CATERERS UNDER THE PROGRAMME- BEKWAI MUNICIPAL  
HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2025**

The School Feeding Programme, since its inception in 2006, has chalked some tremendous success and has obviously made positive impacts on education in the Bekwai Municipal Assembly. The current eighty-six (85) participating schools have had absolute support from the Municipal Assembly.

The total current enrolment now stands at 26,194 and data on the eighty-five (85) schools benefiting from the feeding programme with eighty-one(81) contracted and Oriented caterers in the Bekwai Municipal.

The four(4) remaining non-beneficiary schools in the Municipality are; Daa M/A primary, Bedomase M/A primary, Anyinam M/A primary and Aboaso-Odumase M/A primary school.

In order to ensure food hygiene, safety, nutritious and health meals for pupils and schools under the Ghana School Feeding Programme, the National School Feeding Secretariat-Accra on the 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 organised a one-day orientation workshop for contracted caterers for the programme at Presby church, Bekwai. The participating Districts were;

1. Bekwai Municipal
2. Obuasi Municipal
3. Fomena District
4. Adansi Asokwa District
5. Bosomtwe District
6. Jacobu District.

All the eighty-one(81) contracted caterers of Ghana School Feeding Programme in Bekwai Municipal were present at the orientation programme.

The orientation sited on healthy meals which comprised GSFP Menu and balanced diet and to purchased locally produce farm products from farmers in these areas. Personal hygiene was also an area talked about by the Facilitators of the programme. The caterers were educated on issues that would promote the aim/ vision of the School Feeding Programme.

**Benefits of the Programme**

The Ghana School Feeding Programme has yielded the following benefits:

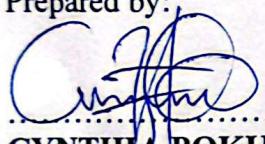
- The enrolment ratio of boys and girls keeps increasing at all the beneficiary schools.
- There has been a drastic reduction in both pupils and teacher's absenteeism.
- Drop- out rate due to poor parental care has reduced considerably.
- Pupils no longer run away from school during break period because of hunger.
- Pupils are now de-wormed and given vitamin A supplements (capsules) in school.
- The children are taught good eating methods and improved hygienic practices.
- Pupils look physically healthy and more active, thus no incidence of malnutrition have been recorded so far in any of the beneficiary schools.
- Promoting and enhancing sustainable agricultural development and small- scale businesses since food items are locally sourced. \*

## Challenges

The following are some of the challenges the unit faces:

- There are no dining facilities at any of the beneficiary schools; hence the children are fed in their classrooms, an activity which does not argue well for effective teaching.
- Due to the sharp increase in enrolment, there have been extra demands on infrastructure (classrooms), furniture and even teachers.
- The remaining four(4) non-beneficiary schools are pressurizing the Municipal Assembly to be hooked onto the programme.
- There is also delays in the payment of funds, thereby causing discomfort and hardship for some caterers in the Municipality

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