

SESSIONAL ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HON. RAYMOND NANA EBBAH ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE WASSA AMENFI EAST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HALL - WASSA AKROPONG.

HON. PRESIDING MEMBER,

HON. MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT,

HON. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS,

NANANOM PRESENT,

RELIGIOUS LEADERS,

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT AND UNIT, INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES,

THE SECURITY SERVICES,

OUR FRIENDS FROM THE MEDIA,

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with great pleasure that I join the Hon. Presiding Member in warmly welcoming all Hon. Assembly Members, the Hon. Member of Parliament, and all distinguished guests present to this First Ordinary Meeting of Wassa Amenfi East Municipal Assembly.

Hon. Presiding Member, permit me to express my profound appreciation and gratitude to Honorable Members for the immense support and cooperation extended to me.

I firmly believe that with the continued support and commitment of Honorable Members, we can collectively achieve even greater milestones for the benefit of our Municipality. Let us therefore continue to work in unity and

collaboration towards the promotion of rapid socio-economic growth and sustainable development within the Municipality.

Hon. Presiding Member, today's Sessional address has been captured under the following areas:

- Security Situation
- Health
- Social Welfare and Community Development
- Services Or Tertiary Sector
- Education
- Developmental Projects
- Agriculture
- Road infrastructure and
- Internally Generated Fund (IGF) Performance

SECURITY SITUATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY

Hon. Presiding Member,

The security situation throughout the Municipality has been generally calm and peaceful since the beginning of the year, 2026 up to date. This was because the Municipal Security Council (**MUSEC**) worked in collaboration with all the stakeholders.

The below are some of the intelligence report gathered till date.

No.	Type of Case	Actual
1	Armed Robbery	5
2	Stealing	12
3	Assault	23

4	Threat of harm	2
5	Threat of death	3
6	Defrauding by false pretense	4
7	Causing harm	5
8	Murder	1
9	Exposing child to danger	1
10	Fraud	1
11	Indescent assault	1
12	Possession of counterfeit currency	1
13	Attempt to commit crime wit, causing unlawful damage	4
14	Rape	1
15	Possession of narcotics	1
16	Trespassing	1

However, Hon. Presiding Member, a particular issue of security concern during the period under review is the surge in illegal gold mining (galamsey) activities in the Municipality particularly along the highways.

Despite MUSEC operations, public education and stakeholder engagements, the Assembly has not been able to eradicate these activities completely.

Whilst we are making efforts to clump down on illegal mining activities, the Assembly had renovated the MCE's Bungalow to be used as a temporary residence for the activities of NAIMOS with Hon. Members approval. This bold step we believe will help clamp down on the environmental destruction from illegal Mining.

I wish to entreat all Hon. Assembly Members to volunteer information on all illegal mining activities to help fight this menace in order to protect our natural forest and river bodies in the Municipality.

HEALTH

Hon. Presiding Member;

Hon. Assembly Members;

Health delivery is one of the important components of our mandate to the people we serve and the Assembly has over the years, invested heavily in the health sector in our Municipality, by providing consistent financial and material support.

During the quarter under review, the Health Directorate embarked on the following activities:

- Celebration of World Tuberculosis Day
- Celebration of World Malaria Day
- African Vaccination activities
- Celebration of Child Health Promotion Week

Hon. Presiding Member, on the 24th March, 2026, the Municipal edition was spearheaded by the Directorate with Community awareness campaigns on TB signs and symptoms in Wassa Akropong and Moseaso.

Hon. Presiding Member, the Municipal edition of the World Malaria Day was observed as an annual event featuring public education and promotion activities at Bawdie and Akropong with free Mosquito nets to safeguard people from malaria transmission.

Hon. Presiding Member, I must be hastening to add that the Directorate embarked also on Child Health Promotion Week, where Vitamin A supplements were given to children across the Municipality to improve nutrition and strengthen their immune systems.

Hon. Assembly Members, another area of great concern is the celebration of the World Hypertension Month which was celebrated in the month of May. The month was characterized with education on healthy lifestyle and carried out blood pressure screening for Staff at the Municipal Assembly and the Education Directorate.

Hon. Presiding Member it is important to note that through my facilitation as the Municipal Chief Executive with support of the Omanhene, Tetrete Okuamoah Sekyim II, a business mogul “DJ” donated a brand-new ambulance to the Ambulance Service Department for emergency response and patient transport.

Again, through a similar process “DJ” and “PK” purchased a 220Kilovolt Genset for and refurbished the Pediatric Center of the Akropong Government Hospital respectively.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Presiding Member, Hon. Assembly Members,

The Department handled and successfully resolved **thirty-three (33)** child protection and family welfare cases during the period under review. Through the Department’s intervention, a total amount of **Forty-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Ghana Cedis (GH¢46,650.00)** was secured and paid as maintenance and compensation to affected clients.

The cases addressed are as follows:

- Failure to maintain a child – **5 cases**
- Family welfare and reconciliation matters – **19 cases**
- Paternity cases – **4 cases**
- Custody and access cases – **4 cases**
- Emotional abuse case – **1 case**

In addition, the Department collaborated with the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) to facilitate free registration and renewal of health insurance for **3,316 indigent persons, comprising 1,505 males and 1,811 females**, to improving healthcare access for vulnerable members of the municipality.

Furthermore, the Department undertook four (4) Public Education Programmes through Asona 96.5 FM and Rivers 90.1 FM on child rights, child protection and other social welfare services.

SERVICES OR TERTIARY SECTOR

Honourable Presiding Member, Honourable Assembly Members,

The Assembly, through its business development and entrepreneurship support programmes, implemented a number of activities aimed at strengthening local enterprises and improving livelihoods.

As part of efforts to promote women's economic empowerment, a Women Advocacy Training Programme was organized for **25** selected **women** entrepreneurs at **Adonoi and Abotareye** to enhance their entrepreneurial and leadership capacities.

In addition, support was provided to 51 local artisans and entrepreneurs in **Akropong, Bawdie, Adonoi, Japa, Abotarye, and Ankonsia** to help them with business plans and proposals to access funding and opportunities.

This Municipal-wide exercise benefited **56 Business Advisory Centre (BAC) clients, made up of 35 males and 21 females, between January and March 2026**

Furthermore, the Assembly undertook field visits and Business Development Services training for BAC clients in **Akropong, Asikuma, Japa, Afransie, Adonoi, and Abotarye**. A total of **68 clients benefited from this initiative, including 25 males and 43 females** to improve business performance and sustainability.

EDUCATION

Hon. Presiding Member;

Education continues to be a major priority to the Government in general and Wassa Amenfi East Municipal Assembly in particular.

I wish to also inform you that the Education Directorate has embarked on the underlisted activities in the period under review:

1. Monitoring and Supervision of schools
2. Inter-School Cultural Festival at the various Circuit Centres
3. Inter-Circuit Cultural Festival at Wasa Akropong
4. Four (4) Parents -Sponsored Mock Examinations
5. Training of KG to Basic 3 teachers on Reading Materials
6. Training of Basic School Teachers on Creative Arts and Design on Circuit Basis
7. End of term Examination for BS 1 - JHS 2
8. Data Collection on Enrolment and Infrastructure for both Public and Private schools.
9. Municipal Assembly sponsored mock for 2026 BECE candidates
10. Inter District Reading competition for Lower Primary at Takoradi.
11. Inter-Regional Under-13 Milo games organised at Essipon – Takoradi
12. Writing of 2026 BECE at the 14 Examination Centres with support with logistics such as vehicles and fuel from the Municipal Assembly
13. Briefing session with all Private Schools managers on teacher licensing, registration and pedagogical training

14. One day workshop on the teaching of Beacon of Light for all Public and Private JHS English teachers.
15. Distribution of Insecticide mosquito nets to Public and Private schools for Basic 2, 6 and JHS 1 Pupils.

DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS

Hon. Assembly Members;

During the period under review, the Assembly embarked on some developmental projects of which some have been completed and others are at various stages of completion.

I wish to assure Hon. Assembly Members that Management will ensure the completion of all uncompleted projects within the stipulated time.

It is refreshing to announce that the Assembly has completed the construction of **10 No. Boreholes with hand fitted pumps at Baidenkrom-Akrofrom, Nyamebkyere, Kojo Father, Asesensu, Bonakrom, Dampoase, Kyebikrom, Gyedua, Mensahkrom, and Jonjoso while Construction of 1 No. CHPS Compound with 1 No. Mechanized Borehole is at 90% rate of completion.**

Hon. Presiding Member, please permit me to take Hon. Assembly Members through the status of project implementation of the Assembly through a slide presentation.

AGRICULTURE

Hon. Presiding Member

During the period under review, the Agriculture Department of the Wassa Amenfi East Municipal Assembly had started the registration of Nkoko nkitikiti and as of now **One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Farmers (1,730)** had registered comprising **One Thousand Three Hundred and Ten Males (1,310)** and **Four Hundred and Twenty females (420)**.

The Department had also started the construction of a structure at the Municipal Assembly premises to receive and keep **10,000 birds for four weeks before distribution to registered farmers.**

Hon. Members, I deem it a privilege to inform you that the Nkoko Nketenkete program is finally here to stay and registration is still ongoing. I therefore plead with Assembly Members to encourage community members to enroll on the program.

The Department in order to provide technical advice and monitor farm progress had embarked on about **Five Hundred and Sixty (560)** Home and Farm visits.

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Hon. Assembly Members:

During the period under review, a total of **31.40 km** of road infrastructure were completed as captured below:

1. Routine maintenance or reshaping on Wassa Akropong-Moseaso Road = 6.20 km.
2. Adiembra - Abesewa Jaman - Gyapa road = 5.30 km.
3. Nsuopunu junction-Nsuopunu and Dadieso-Abeneso road=7.70km.
4. Adesu - Ashireso road = 4.0 km.
5. Brepro junction- Brepro Fante road = 8.20 km.

6. Sushenso - Wagadugu and Bowia junction Bowia road = 6.70 km.
7. Sushenso - Moseaso PH 1 road = 3.60 km.
8. Adanse - Aserewadi- Gyedua road = 6.0 km.

Hon. Presiding Member, the Assembly had facilitated the construction of a 2m x 2m box culvert at Asikuma- Ankwagya road.

Hon. Presiding Member, Hon. Assembly Members,

I am also pleased to report on the activities undertaken by the Department of Urban Roads during the period under review.

1. Routine Maintenance (Road Fund Projects)

The **Department of Urban Roads (DUR)** under this programme, graded the following roads:

- Gethsemane Road and adjoining roads;
- Sika Hotel–Farmers Road;
- Dimpa Hotel Road; and
- Slaughter House Road and adjoining roads.

I am happy to report that all the above projects have been successfully completed, inspected, and certified for payment.

Additionally, during the first quarter of the year, the DUR Regional Office awarded a contract for pothole patching works within the **Wassa Akropong Township, covering an area of 900 square metres.** Although the contractor has taken possession of the site, physical works are yet to commence.

3. Government of Ghana (GoG) – Big Push Projects

As part of preparations for the Government of Ghana's Big Push Programme, **12 kilometres** of road survey were conducted within **Wassa Akropong, Dadieso-Japa, and Bawdie.** These inventories will support planning and implementation of future road improvement interventions under the programme.

INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS (IGF) PERFORMANCE

Hon. Assembly Members;

During the year 2026, an estimated amount of **GH¢5,723,500.00** was to be realized by the Assembly. As at the end of May, 2026 an amount of **GH¢2,599,963.27** had been collected representing approximately **45.43%** of the budgeted figure. It is evidential that the IGF performance is encouraging as compared to the previous year.

Hon. Assembly Members,

I am happy to announce that steps have been taken to improve the mobilization of IGF in the Municipality and notably amongst them is the completion of the valuation of commercial properties.

CONCLUSION

Hon. Presiding Member:

I wish to once again take this opportunity to commend each and every one for your untiring efforts and commitment to the course of the Assembly in ensuring that we meet the expectations of the people we serve. I wish you a fruitful deliberation.

Thank you for your attention.

May God bless us all