

**Distribution of Items to Persons with Disabilities (PWD) by the
Disability Fund Management Committee and the District Chief
Executive of Assin South Assembly on 12th March, 2026.**

The Assin South District Assembly held its first Disability Common Fund Disbursement on the 12th March, 2026 at the District Assembly forecourt as part of Government's social intervention program geared towards improving the lives of the disadvantaged and the excluded in the society including Persons with disabilities into mainstream development. Hon. Johnathan Birikorang, the District Chief Executive (DCE) of the Assin South District took a commendable step towards empowering Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) by distributing various essential items to 41 PWDs.

This initiative is as a result of the district's continuous efforts to improve the livelihoods of marginalized groups, ensuring they have access to resources that enhances their personal and economic development.

The distributed items included (fufu machine, chest freezers, Electric sewing machine, Manual Sewing machine, knitting machine, cocoa spraying machine, cash for school children including apprenticeship and medical bills etc), tailored to meet the specific needs of the beneficiaries, ranged from mobility aids to tools and equipment for vocational and small-scale business operations.

This support is aimed at not only alleviating the daily struggles of PWDs in the District but also fostering their independence, enabling them to contribute meaningfully to their communities and the District at large.

In addressing the beneficiaries during the event, the DCE admonished that, the government's commitment to inclusive development and underscored the importance of providing opportunities for all citizens, regardless of physical abilities. The beneficiaries expressed their appreciation, highlighting the positive impact such assistance will have on their lives and livelihoods.

Approximately, the Disability Fund Management Committee vetted and approved Fifty-One (51) applicants as the successful applicants for the disbursement of items, start-up capital, health and Education. Due to some budgetary issues, the Committee and the District Assembly disbursed support under the income generating items and start-up capital.

Type of Disability	Sex Segregation	Education		Health		Business		Organizational Dep't
		No.	Amount (GH¢)	No.	Amount (GH¢)	No.	Amount (GH¢)	Amount (GH¢)
Physically Challenged	Male					11	37,641.00	6,000.00
	Female			3	10,741.00	12	43,128.00	4,300.00
Difficulty Seeing	Male					2	8,039.00	
	Female					4	15,438.00	
Difficulty Hearing	Male							
	Female							
Down Syndrome	Male							
	Female							
Mentally Challenged	Male					1	4,000.00	
	Female					2	8,006.00	
Others	Male					4	16,829.00	23,455.00
	Female					2	8,039.00	
Total				3	10,741.00	38	141,120.00	33,755.00
No. of PWDs Assisted		41						

Total Amount Disbursed (GH¢)	185,616
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From the Table, out of the 41 PWDs supported; Three (3) persons received Health Support and the remaining 38 beneficiaries were provided with various income generating items and capital as a form of economic empowerment. The PWDs who benefited from the disbursement program was segregated to be 18 males and 23 females. The distributed items included Fufu machine, Chest freezers, Industrial Knitting Machine, Industrial Overlock machine, Cocoa spraying machines, Caregiver's Support, as well as medical support which included hearing aids which were all items and support tailored to meet the specific needs of the beneficiaries, ranged from mobility aids to tools and equipment for vocational and small-scale business operations. The categories were; Income generating items (31), Educational support (8), Medical assistance (5) and Assistive devices (2) and start-up capital (22).

KEY CHALLENGES

The key challenges to the disbursement exercise was PWDs who were not called for the disbursement program but showed up to receive support. Other major challenges were related the network unavailability to communities which made it uneasy to reach beneficiaries to come on the day but were later identified through other community means and structures.

CONCLSION

The disbursement exercise was successful with the few challenges stated which should be avoided in future activities. The PWDs who benefitted expressed their delight and gratitude to the honorable DCE and DFMC committee members. The Department of Social Welfare sensitized the PWDs that, applications is still opened at the Department of Social Welfare office for PWDs who missed out to apply to be supported in the next disbursement.

ANNEX: Pictures from the PWDs disbursement program for March, 2026

