# REPORT ON DISABILITY COMMON FUND DISBURSEMENT HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 AT ASSIN SOUTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

## INTRODUCTION

The Assin South District Assembly held its third Disability Common Fund Disbursement on the 25th of September, 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. This initiative is part of the District's continuous efforts to improve the livelihoods of marginalized groups, ensuring they have access to resources that enhance their personal and economic development.

In attendance at the ceremony were the District Chief Executive for Assin south, the District Coordinating Director, the Chairman and some executive members of the Ghana Federation of Disability for Assin South, some Departmental heads and staff of Assin South District Assembly as well as some media persons.

The program started exactly at 9 O'clock am with a prayer said by the Chairman for Ghana Federation of the Disabled Assin South District and the chairman for the DFMC (Mr. Anthony Atta Ampomah). The honorable DCE Hon. Jonathan Birikorang formerly welcomed all 70 beneficiaries drawn from over 20 communities to the program.

The Hon. Chief Executive then talked about the government initiative for persons with disabilities and how the government deems it fit to give PWD's sustainability by supporting them to start a trade or learn apprenticeship. The DCE further stated that, it's the wish of the government of Ghana to make sure that all disable children are given proper education thus the opinion leaders and parents should make sure such children within their communities access the disability common fund in other to be enrolled in school. He further admonished those who were selected for the first and second disbursement to make good use of the items being presented to them and also stressed that other persons with disabilities who were not selected will be targeted in other phases of the disbursement program since not all the PWD's in the District could

be selected for one disbursement program. The DCE emphasized that, the government's commitment to inclusive development and underscored the importance of providing opportunities for all citizens regardless of their physical or any other disabilities. The Hon. DCE encouraged the PWDs who were to receive the items as well as start-up capitals to put it to good use and not misuse or worst case sell it.

This initiative aligns with national policies aimed at promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities, reaffirming the District's dedication to creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for all its citizens. 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.

The beneficiaries expressed their appreciation, highlighting the positive impact such assistance support has and will be on their lives and livelihoods.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Approximately, one hundred and twenty (120) people applied for the common fund for PWDs through the office of the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development. A seven (7) member Disability common fund committee comprising the District social welfare officer, district finance officer, chairman for the committee, chairman for blind, deaf and physical and the officer for BAC vetted the forms and approved Seventy (70) applicants as the successful applicants to receive support under Health, Education, start-up Items and capital for the third disbursement for the year. The distributed items included Tricycle (Aboboyaa), Fufu machine, Vulcanizing Machine, Chest freezers, Vegetable machine, Manual Sewing machines, Agricultural materials, Cocoa spraying machines, Wheel chairs, Laptop, start-up capital for traders, educational support and Health related assistance as well which are tailored to meet the specific needs of the beneficiaries, ranged from mobility aids to tools and equipment for vocational and small-scale business operations.

DISBURSEMENT TABLE

| 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 | - | - | 2 | 13,650.00 | 8 | 40,788.00 | 10,500.00 |
| | Female | 1 | 1,400.00 | 1 | 4,220.00 | 11 | 64,765.00 | |
| Difficulty Seeing | Male | | | - | | 3 | 18,416.2 | |
| | Female | | | 1 | 3,000.00 | 7 | 24,899.00 | |
| Difficulty Hearing | Male | 2 | 3,200.00 | | | 7 | 46,922.00 | |
| | Female | 3 | 4,628.00 | | | 3 | 11,214.00 | |
| Down Syndrome | Male | - | - | | | - | - | |
| | Female | 1 | 2,000.00 | | | 1 | 3000.00 | |
| Mentally Challenged | Male | - | - | | | 2 | 13,225.20 | |
| | Female | 1 | 1,100.00 | | | 3 | 19,899.20 | |
| Others | Male | | | - | - | 3 | 19,888.00 | 14,100.00 |
| | Female | | | 1 | 6,030.00 | 1 | 5191.00 | |
| Total | | 8 | 12,328.00 | 5 | 26,900.00 | 57 | 293,211.8 | 24,600.00 |
| No. of PWDs Assisted | | 70 | | | | | | |
| Total Amount Disbursed (GH₵) | | 357,039.80 | | | | | | |

From the table the committee was able to support 8 PWD beneficiaries with various educational needs. Among the 8 PWDs, 2 of them were children from different basic schools, one was from the demonstration school for the Deaf (Mampong-Akuapem), one payment went to student who gained admission to Takoradi Tehnical University whiles 3 of the PWDs were children who attend school for the Deaf/Blind in Cape Coast. Also, 2 PWDs were provided with two wheel chairs to aid their movements whiles 2 were also provided with Laptops to assist them in their learning. The disbursement

program also saw 57 PWDs benefiting from diverse economic empowerment items and start-up capitals to aid them start or empower them in their businesses or trades. Lastly, five (5) PWDs who had formed group were supported a Tricycle (Aboboyaa) and were most admired among the other PWDs.

The committee made sure the targeting of the beneficiaries cut across all the 8 electoral areas within the district and made sure that all the types of disability were also included. Some assembly members including community focal persons were on one hand to help identify the beneficiaries from their communities and to get their items. The program came to an end around 2:30 pm and the committee members made sure every beneficiary had his or her item and have joined a bus to their various destinations. Beneficiaries who were not present at the day of the disbursement were called to come to the office for their items which they did.

**CONCLUSION**

Overall, the program was a success and the challenge that the committee faced was from other persons with disability who were not selected for the program who somehow showed up and expressed their displeasure as to why they were not selected. The committee encouraged them to get registered and apply for their preferred item of trade so the committee may consider it in the next disbursement.

**ANNEX: Pictures from the PWDs disbursement program**












ASPACNC
Family Month






WESTPOOL