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Table 3: Summary of Recoveries by Region, Mar 2020 – 29 Jul 2021

Region	Cases	Recovered/ Discharged	% Recovered/ Discharged	Active Cases
Ahafo	847	768	90.7	56
Ashanti	18,348	16,943	92.3	1,258
Bono	1,625	1,448	89.1	131
Bono East	1,670	1,495	89.5	142
Central	3,866	3,614	93.5	203
Eastern	4,906	4,614	94.0	205
Greater Accra	56,789	53,605	94.4	2,929
North East	232	221	95.3	1
Northern	1,676	1,636	97.6	10
Oti	545	463	85.0	75
Savannah	135	121	89.6	11
Upper East	1,328	1,279	96.3	5
Upper West	500	481	96.2	0
Volta	3,150	2,687	85.3	427
Western	6,070	5,945	97.9	85
Western North	937	921	98.3	8
International travellers (KIA)	2,370	1,988	83.9	382
TOTAL	104,994	98,229	93.6	5,928



Dear Reader,

We welcome you to this month's edition of the August BHA Newsletter!

We are very pleased to update and share with you our activities in this month's Newsletter.

BHA's vision is to see a Ghanaian society in which poverty and its related issues including illiteracy, ignorance and deprivation completely eradicated, leading to total development.

I would like to take a moment to simply say Thank you to God Almighty. "I will give thanks to you Lord with all my heart. I will tell of all your wonderful deeds" (**Psalm. 9: 1**) Develop an attitude of gratitude and give thanks for everything that happens to you,

knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation.

Thank you Ghana Freundeskreis for all the support and encouragement in our lives. You are so amazing and all of us are lucky to have you.

Thanks for being an inspiration to us and to others, and as we express our gratitude, we want you to know that your support has made us more driven than we used to be.

It is our dream to love the unloved, help the helpless, to be a beacon of light in the dark and bring hope to the hopeless. Little deeds of kindness go a long way. Please join us put smiles on people's faces!

TIME WITH EDS BENEFICIARIES OF OLD LASHIBI JHS



FROM LEFT MR FRANCIS ADOTSE, AGBENYO CLINTON, ABIGAIL APKALU MAYFAIR ADJEI-NKANSAH OF BHA, SAMUEL AGBODEKAH, MR ERIC ABOAGYE AND PETER OKUTU

When is giving beneficial?

Giving is beneficial when it is done voluntarily. “Let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart,” says the Bible, “not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

What do we learn from this ?

The Bible encourages giving that is done voluntarily and with the right motive. It shows that such giving benefits not only the recipient but also the giver. **(Proverbs 11 :25 ; Luke 6 :38)**
Jesus said : “There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving.”

BHA is proud to let our readers know the kind of joy there is in giving to the needy and helping them achieve their greatest dreams. There is a profound undefinable feeling of happiness in seeing the warm smiles that come with gratitude on the faces of the recipients.

BHA donated IT equipments and stationaries to Old Lashibi JHS just a some few months ago. The BHA team made it a priority to pay the school a visit to check on the EDS Beneficiary students and to find out how they excelled throughout the school year. Some findings were also done to know how the donated items aided their studies. Evidently, stationery is a basic requirement for learning. Without it, students are incapable of writing down notes, drawing, working on school projects and assignments. Students and teachers informed us on how elated they were about the donations.

(BHA's volunteer) Mayfair Adjei-Nkansah, interviewed some teachers and EDS Beneficiaries to know in detail how these items benefited them individually.

The teachers as well as students informed us on how the projector also make for a better interactive learning experience.

The computer screen projects unto the big projector screen, allowing the PC or information age generation of youth to capture and study in a more familiar and interactive manner.



NOTEBOOKS BEING USED DURING A SOCIAL STUDIES LESSON



PROJECTOR BEING USED DURING A SCIENCE LESSON



ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW OF ABIGAIL APKALU AN EDS BENEFICIARY OF BHA



ABIGAIL APKALU (LEFT) AND MAYFAIR ADJEI-NKANSAH (RIGHT)

1. Tell us about your challenges before you received the donated items from BHA and Ghana Freundeskreis?

Answer: I borrowed textbooks from friends and after learning I sent them back or had to come early to school to learn before class began. There was also inadequate finance which made it impossible to join a class meaning I had to stand aside when classes were in session because I couldn't pay fees.

2. Tell us how the items donated contributed to your studies?

Answer: The items donated to me by Blue Horizon Aid helped me to study at my leisure time.

3. Who is your Role Model?

Answer: My role model is Mr. Benjamin Turkson. I look up to him and I want to be just like him because he is touching lives by helping the poor and needy and that is something good, I also want to do when I have the chance to.

ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW OF AGBENYO CLINTON AN EDS BENEFICIARY OF BHA



AGBENYO CLINTON (LEFT) AND MAYFAIR ADJEI-NKANSAH (RIGHT)

1. Tell us about your challenges before you received the donated items from BHA and Ghana Freundeskreis?

Answer: Learning ICT was a little bit difficult for me. I didn't have enough exercise books for classwork and homework too

2. Tell us how the items donated contributed to your studies?

Answer: The projector helped me to learn ICT easier and faster. The exercise books helped me to have both classwork and homework for all subjects.

3. What is your Career goal?

Answer: I would like to pursue a career in accounting by going to the secondary school and looking to further my studies abroad.

4. If you had a chance speak to BHA's Executive Director and Ghana Freundeskreis, what would you tell them?

Answer: I would like to thank them for their support in our education and that I am grateful for everything they are doing for us and the school.

ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW OF SAMUEL AGBODEKAH AN EDS BENEFICIARY OF BHA



SAMUEL AGBODEKAH (LEFT) AND MAYFAIR ADJEI-NKANSAH (RIGHT)

1. Tell us about your challenges before you received the donated items from BHA and Ghana Freundeskreis?

Answer: There were times I had no books for some subjects, and I sometimes used to come to school without money. Understanding the ICT subject was a little difficult for me.

2. Tell us how the items donated contributed to your studies?

Answer: The exercise books donated to me helped me get books for every subject and jotters to help me jot down important notes. The projector also helped me during lessons.

3. What is your Career goal?

Answer: My dream is to become one of the best surgeons ever known and I wish to continue my studies overseas to help me achieve this dream better.

4. If you had a chance speak to BHA's Executive Director and Ghana Freundeskreis, what would you tell them?

Answer: I would like to thank them very much for this help they have given to me and would also like to tell them that there are other students in my school who are also brilliant but very needy.

ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW WITH MR FRANCIS ADOTSE OF OLD LASHIBI JHS



This was a short interview with Mr Francis Adotse, an RME & Social Studies teacher at Old Lashibi JHS. This was his response :

1. How has teaching been after you received the donated items from donors?

Answer: Most beneficiaries are now regular in school and well-motivated to study, Learning has become more exciting to students.

2. What are some of the struggles you go through as a teacher at Old Lashibi?

Answer: Lack of desks, proper ventilation, inadequate space in the classrooms due to large class size.

3. Can you describe an experience with donated items received?

Answer: Students feel loved and are really motivated in class. They signed on to competitions from other external organizations' and came out successful.



ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW WITH MR PETER OKUTU OF OLD LASHIBI JHS

This is a brief interview with Mr Peter Okutu who is an ICT teacher at Old Lashibi JHS. This is what he had to say :

1. How has teaching been after you received the donated items from donors?

Answer: Students are always ready to learn now. They get to class on time, with their books and very attentive when class begins.

2. What are some of the struggles you go through as a teacher at Old Lashibi?

Answer: Difficulty in carrying out ICT practicals for over 70 pupils using just about 10 computers.

3. Can you describe an experience with donated items received?

Answer: The projector specifically makes learning easy, faster and very convenient.



ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW WITH MR ERIC ABOAGYE OF OLD LASHIBI JHS



An interview with Mr Eric Aboagye who is a Science & ICT teacher at Old Lashibi JHS answered these few questions below :

1. If you were granted one wish concerning Old Lashibi School, what would that be?

Answer: I would gladly wish for a well-equipped science laboratory.

2. What are some of the struggles you go through as a teacher at Old Lashibi?

Answer: Practical presentation of lessons is quite a challenge as well as visual presentations that help students understand better.

3. Can you describe an experience with donated items received?

Answer: Myself I'm a very happy man now, and the students are able to do more practical work with the help of the projector. It displays the pictures, videos, diagrams of whatever you want to teach, basically giving them an in-depth information and understanding.



TITLE : DO THE WORK WITHIN TIME

***MEMORY VERSES : ***

PSALM 39 :4-5 - *_“Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered- how fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand.

My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath.”_*God has a work for us to do and that is the work of salvation. Ephesians 2 :10 says "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

God has created us for a purpose and it is for us to do good works. What are the good works? It is the good works of joining God in the salvation of humanity. The Bible says in Matthew 22 :14 that many have been called to this task of saving people.

If many are called and you are part of the many then you are also called. In Mark 16 :15 the Bible says Go ye into the world, preach and make disciples.

Whatever work you are doing for God, you do not have forever to do it. It means you must do the work within a certain space of time.

The scripture in Psalm 39 :4-5 makes us understand that we are mere vapour; today we are here on earth and tomorrow we are taken into eternity by our Maker.

In view of this, today do the work that God has called you to perform. Preach as often as you can, pray as often as you can, win as many souls as you can, plant many churches as you can and impact lives as much as possible.

***PRAYER : ***

Dear Lord, we cannot tell what will happen tomorrow so help us to do use every day wisely by doing your work within time

GHANA HEALTH SERVICE - COVID-19 VACCINE



Source : [Myjoyonline.com](https://www.myjoyonline.com)

The Ghana Health Service (GHS) has, within a week, vaccinated 300,000 people since the Covid-19 mass vaccination programme commenced on March 2, 2021.

According to the Director-General of GHS, Dr. Patrick Kuma-Aboagye, "We aimed at vaccinating 570,000 people in the first phase of the exercise but exceeded the 70 percent threshold within a week.

He appreciated the efforts by the media for creating awareness on the vaccine, which aided Ghanaians to willingly avail themselves to be vaccinated. Government of Ghana received its first batch of Oxford AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, under the Global Access (COVAX Facility) on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

It is also making frantic efforts to secure Cold Chain equipment that is capable of storing vaccines under negative temperatures. The GHS Boss announced that a locally-developed App would soon be launched to aid in appointment and registration of people onto the electronic database system to speed up the vaccination programme.

The mass vaccination exercise will continue till the end of October, this year about 20 million Ghanaians are expected to be vaccinated although government's ambition is to vaccinate the entire population.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- Observe social distancing; Avoid handshaking
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, dispose the tissue in a closed bin, and then wash your hands.
- Always wear a mask, particularly when leaving home.

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OUR CORE VALUES

Belief in God

We proclaim that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead.”

Excellence

“We will strive to be the best of the best in our service delivery. Exceeding Expectations will be our Hallmark.”



Respect

“Everyone has equal value. We will treat everyone with equal respect”



Credibility

“Trustworthiness, transparency, accountability, integrity towards all our stakeholders.”



Blue Horizon Aid (BHA) is a rural, peri-urban development, advocacy and relief organization dedicated to working with poor women, children, families and their communities.

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