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**(MINISTRY OF GENDER, CHILDREN AND SOCIAL PROTECTION)**

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The Honorable Regional Minister,

**SUBMISSION OF 2025 SECOND QUARTER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PERFORMANCE REPORT:**

I submit herewith Narrative 2025 Second Quarter Administrative Performance Report (2025 April - June) of the Bono Regional Secretariat of the Department of Children under the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) for your perusal.

Counting on your usual co-operation.

Thank you.

 **Yours faithfully,**

 **George Yaw Ankamah**

 **(REGIONAL DIRECTOR)**

**THE HONORABLE REGIONAL MINISTER**

**BONO REGIONAL CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL (BRCC)**

**SUNYANI – BONO REGION:**

**CC:**

1. **THE REG. CO-ORD. DIRECTOR, BRCC**
2. **THE REG. PLANNING OFFICER, BRCC**
3. **THE ACTING NAT. DIRECTOR, DoC – ACCRA**
4. **THE PROGRAMS UNIT HEAD, DoC ACCRA**

**SECOND QUARTER REPORT**

**(2025 APRIL – 2025 JUNE)**

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN**

**(MoGCSP)**

**BONO REGION.**

**CHAPTER ONE**

**INTRODUCTION**

**1.1.0.: PREAMBLE:**

The Department of Children was formerly called the Ghana National Commission on Children (GNCC). The Mandate and Mission of the Department is to enhance the survival, development, protection and increase participation of children in the development process.

The Department’s Mandate has now changed from a Policy Formulation to a Policy implementing. The Department plays the role of Advocacy for the Rights of Children; advocate for resources to be allocated for the development of the child, survival and for their welfare to be enhanced; to facilitate the implementation of the National Plan of Action on Child Labour and Worst Forms of Child Labour; Strengthening State institutions responsible for the implementation of the numerous Social Interventions like the Compulsory Component of the Free Compulsory Basic Education (FCUBE), the Capitation Grant, Free SHS, NHIS Policy, School Feeding; Public Sensitization/Education of the various Laws and Policies on Children like the 2015 Child and Family Welfare Policy (CFWP, 2015) and the 2016 Justice for Children Policy (J4CP, 2016).

**1.1.1.: PROFILE OF THE RE-ENGINEERED MINISTRY:**

The Department of Children is one of the three Departments under the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP).

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) is a creation by an Executive Instrument (E.I.) 2013 as a successor to the Ministry of Women and Children’s Affairs (MoWAC) established in January 2001 by Executive Instrument 8.

**1.1.2.: THE MANDATE OF THE MINISTRY (MoGCSP):**

The Ministry is mandated to provide Services and Co-ordination to the public on issues of Gender, Children and Social Protection to enhance sustainable development.

**1.1.3.: THE MISSION OF THE MINISTRY (MoGCSP):**

The Ministry’s Mission is to promote the development of women, men, gender equity and equality, the survival, protection, development and participation of children through policy formulation, legislation, and program implementation with a well-motivated staff.

**1.1.4.: THE VISION OF THE MINISTRY (MoGCSP):**

The Ministry’s Vision is to ensure a harmonious functioning society in which equity and equality between the sexes are guaranteed and where the survival, protection and development of the child is assured.

**1.1.5.: THE VALUES OF THE MINISTRY (MoGCSP):**

The Ministry shall be guided by Commitment & Excellence; Transparency and Accountability; Social Justice, Equality and Equity; and Respect & Discipline as its Core Values.

**1.1.6.: THE MANDATE & MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN:**

The Mission of the Department of Children is to enhance the Survival, Development, Protection and increased Participation of Children in the development process.

The Department has five (5) main Divisional Structure headed by a National Director. These Units are Programmes & Projects; Information, Research & Advocacy; Monitoring & Evaluation; Counselling; and Finance & Administration.

**1.1.7.: ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS OF THE MINISTRY:**

His Excellency President John Dramani Mahama took office again on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 after winning the 2024 General Elections of Ghana.

His Excellency The President Nominated Honorable Dr. Agnes Naa Momo Lartey ***(MP for Krowor Constituency)*** as Minister and Deputy Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection on Monday February 3, 2025.

The Chief Director of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection is Dr. Afisah Zakariah.

**1.1.8 ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT:**

The Acting National Director of the Department of Children (MoGCSP) too, saw changes in Leadership from Mrs. Florence Ayisi-Quartey to Mr. Alexander Sefah-Boadu in Mid-2024.

**1.1.9 ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF BONO RCC:**

The Bono Regional Co-ordinating Council (BRCC) now has a New Honorable Regional Minister in the Person of Honorable Lawyer Joseph Addae Akwaboah. He was officially introduced to The Regional Heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) on Wednesday, 12th February 2025.

**1.1.10 THE BURIAL OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF DIRECTOR OF BONO RCC:**

Unfortunate News: The Bono Regional Chief Director, RCD Andrews Mensah passed on to His Maker in the evening of Friday, 21st March 2025 was buried on Saturday, 14th June 2025 at Kokoa at Jaman North District of Bono Region.

The Regional Chief Director doubled as The Regional Chairperson of the Bono Regional Child Protection Committee (BRCPC).

*May His Soul Rest in Perfect Peace!!!*

**CHAPTER TWO**

**CHILD PROTECTION DURBARS & CAPACITY BUILDING:**

**2.0.0.: TRAININGS IMPLEMENTED:**

The Bono Regional Secretariat of the Department of Children under the auspices of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) during the year 2025 2nd Quarter helped Build the Capacity of already established Child Rights Clubs’ Members / Partners as below;

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| **No.** | **Child Protection Issue** | **Sponsored By** | **Scheduled Date** | **CP Toolkits & Issues** |
| 1. | Child Protection Engagement with Caregivers on Compassion Project: | Jinijini Pentecost Child & Youth Development Centre, Jinijini-Berekum West District | Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 | Lead Facilitator, George Yaw Ankamah (Chief Programme Ofiicer) used Child Development Ladder, Maize Plant, Tug-of-War, CP Flashcards and Talks on Temperament |
| 2. | Child Protection School Engagement and Sensitization: | Fountain Gate Church’s Christ’s Child Child & Youth Centre, Yawhima | Saturday, 17th May 2025 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm | * Lead Facilitator, George Yaw Ankamah (Chief Programme Officer) used The Good & The Bad Flash-Cards used to Sensitize Child Rights’ Clubs’ Members
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| 3. | Child Protection Durbar on Parental Responsibility, Key To Youth & Children’s Development: | Nwanwasua Pentecost Child and Youth Development Centre, Nwanwasua, Sunyani Municipality. | Friday, 20th June 2025 from 10:00am – 1:00pm | * Over One Hundred and Fifty (150) Caregivers attended
* Lead Facilitator, George Yaw Ankamah (Chief Programme Officer) used Maize Plant and Tug-of-War Flash-Cards were used
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| 4. | Child Protection Durbar on Protecting Every Child, Building Our Future Together: | Duayaw-Nkwanta Pentecost Child & Youth Development Centre, Tano North District | Saturday, 21st June 2025 from 9:00am to 1:30pm | * Over Two Hundred and Forty Children (240) & Thirty (30) Caregivers attended.
* Lead Facilitator, George Yaw Ankamah (Chief Programme Officer) used Circle of Support and Tug-of-War CP Flash Cards were used
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| 5. | Child Protection Community Durbar on Child Online Protection: | Fountain Gate Church’s Christ’s Child Child & Youth Centre, Chiraa | Saturday, 21st June 2025 from 11:00am – 2:00pm | * Lead Facilitator Mr. David Asare, (Programme Officer) used Child Protection Flash-Cards used to Sensitize Child Rights’ Clubs’ Members
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**CHAPTER THREE**

**CHILD RIGHTS PROMOTIONS & EDUCATION:**

**3.0.0.: RADIO PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED:**

The Bono Regional Secretariat of the Department of Children under the auspices of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) during the year 2025 2nd Quarter had these Media Encounters and Engagements to educate and sensitize e the general public on Child Protection related issues, National Laws, Policies and International Protocols / Conventions;

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| **No.** | **Description** | **Date** | **Media Network** | **Type of Program** | **Collaborated with** |
| 1. | Child Protection Discussions after a 3 year old Child was drowned at Zongo-Abetifi Area in Sunyani after Heavy down-pour: | Monday, 19th May 2025 | SunCity FM (97.1) in Sunyani | Morning Show from 9:00am to 9:45am | The Bono Regional Director, George Yaw Ankamah of DoC was Guest through a Phone Conversation |
| 2. | Child Protection Discussions after a 3 year old Child was drowned at Zongo-Abetifi Area in Sunyani after Heavy down-pour: | Tuesday, 20th May 2025 | BONO FM (88.3) in Odumase, Sunyani West | Afternoon Show Hosted from 3:38pm to 3:58pm | Bono DoC (MoGCSP) Regional Director was Guest.  |
| 3. | Interview on “Planning & Budgeting on Children’s Rights” which was The Annual Theme for 2025 Day of the African Child (DAC)  | Monday, 16th June 2025 | SunCity FM (97.1) Afternoon News in Sunyani | Afternoon News Hosted by Osei Kwadwo Kokroko from 4:20pm to 4:30pm | The Bono Regional Director, George Yaw Ankamah of DoC was Guest through a Phone Conversation |
| 4. | How To Protect Our Children after The 2025 BECE Exams: | Wednesday, 18th June 2025 | Service Radio (104.9) in Sunyani Municipality | Morning Show Programme from 9:30am to 11:00am Hosted by KKB (Obibini-Blackman)  | The Bono Regional Director, George Yaw Ankamah of DoC was Studio-Guest  |
| 5. | Sensitizing The Public on Child Trafficking issues: | Thursday, 26th June 2025 | Service Radio (104.9) in Sunyani Municipality | Morning Show Programme from 9:00am to 9:30am Hosted by KKB (Obibini-Blackman) | The Bono Regional Director, George Yaw Ankamah of DoC was Guest through a Phone Conversation |

**CHAPTER FOUR**

**NETWORKING AND STAKEHOLDERS’ COLLABORATION:**

**4.0.0.: PROGRAMMES ATTENDED:**

The Bono Regional Secretariat of the Department of Children under the auspices of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP) during the year 2025 2nd Quarter attended the under listed Programmes organized by Key Stakeholders in the order of;

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| **No.** | **Activity Attended** | **Organized & Sponsored By** | **Location & Date** | **The Department’s Inputs** |
| **2025 2nd Quarter Meetings Attended by The Department of Children:** |
| 1. | 2024 End of Year Review Workshop for All Regional Planning Co-ordinating Unit (RPCU) Members and All M/DCEs in Bono Region: | Co-ordinated Bono Regional Planning Directorate of Bono RCC, Sunyani | At Legon Distance Learning Centre, Sunyani on Wednesday, 23rd April 2025 | The Program Officer of The Department of Children, Bono Region, Mr. David Asare  |
| 2. | Participating in 2025 World Press Freedom Day: | By Ghana Journalist Association, Brong AHafo  | At Wesley Methodist Church Conference Hall, Sunyani on 5th May 2025 | The Regional Director of the Bono DoC, Mr. George Yaw Ankamah attended |
| 3. | Regional Planning Co-ordinating Unit (RPCU) 2025 1st Quarter Meeting: | By Bono RCC | At the Conference Hall of the Bono RCC on Thursday, 8th May 2025 | The Regional Director of the Bono DoC, Mr. George Ankamah attended |
| 4.  | Invitation to The 2nd Local Learning Event: | By Global Media Foundation (GLOMEF) | At Glamossay Hotel, Abesim – Sunyani on Wednesday, 28th May 2025 | The Program Officer of The Department of Children, Bono Region, Mr. David Asare attended |
| 5. | Invitation to A Menstrual Hygiene Day Forum: | By ActionAID Ghana in Collaboration with Young Urban Women’s Movement (YUWM) | At Shiela’s Executive Hotel, Fiapre – Sunyani | The Administrative Secretary of the Department of Children, Madam Ernestina Nimo attended |
| 6.  | Invitation To A “THANK YOU TOUR” By The PRESIDENT of The Republic, HE John Dramani Mahama: | By Bono RCC, Sunyani | At Jubilee Park, Sunyani on Friday, 30th May 2025 | The Staff of the Department Attended. |
| 7. | Invitation To The Final Funeral Rites of the Late Chief Director – Mr. Andrews Mensah: | By Bono RCC, Sunyani. | At His Hometown, KOKOA on Saturday, 14th June 2025 | The Staff of the Department Attended |
| 8. | Invitation to a Workshop to Train Informal Sector Workers on Workplace Abuses: | By ActionAID Ghana in Collaboration with Young Urban Women’s Movement (YUWM) | At The Regent Resort Hotel, Abesim-Sunyani on Tuesday, 24th June 2025 | The Regional Director of the Bono DoC, Mr. George Ankamah attended |