

## **CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ORGANIZED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The staff of the department carried out a number of training activities aimed at mainstreaming and highlighting vulnerable group issues particularly disabled women groups at Sheaga/Tindongo Area Council, Tongo Area Council and Winkpgo Area Council in the Talensi District Assembly with the view to deepening and promoting equality as well as non-discrimination particularly against women and girls. Below are activities undertaken to achieve all-inclusiveness.

### **SHEABUTTER EXTRACTION**

The department after having assessed the needs of PWDs women groups and to some extent the local economic activities predominant in the West zone of the district decided to engage and train one hundred and four (104) women that were organized into one group to benefit from the training on sheabutter extraction at Winkogo within the Winkogo Area council.

Staff of the department began the training by welcoming all present and asks for their full participation in the programme. In attendance were key personalities from the various communities which included: the Chiefs and elders, Mangazia, Biisi Naba, Tindanas, and Assembly members.

Community members showed interest in the activity and participated in the discussions which were not necessarily only on the training but contributions aimed at identifying other challenges in the community and how to help solve some of them if not all.

This training was carried out in collaboration with the district Business Advisory Center (BAC) the body mandated to carry out such programmes or trainings in order to empower this group or category of our population to ensure gender equity in our governance system.

The women were taken through how to process safe and hygienic sheabutter as well the packaging of sheabutter to meet international standard in order to enhance their chances of getting market for their final product. This was followed with training on basic book keeping

technics and the culture of savings which place emphasis on the need to save earnings made from the sale of their sheabutter. After the training session the group was introduced to a micro finance institution in the district and encouraged to save with them or alternatively join the VSL group in the various communities.

## **BASKETORY**

The second training programme preceding the sheabutter training was on basket making another most popular business venture or activity usually engaged by people from the Eastern Zone part of the district. A total of one hundred and five women (105) were reached with the intervention at Sheaga within the Sheaga/Tindongo Area Council. This number was also put into one group.

Again, Staff of the department commenced the training by welcoming all present and called on them to take the programme serious. In attendance were key personalities from the various communities which included: the Chiefs and elders, Mangazia, Biisi Naba, Tindanas, and some community members.

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This training was carried out in collaboration with the district Business Advisory Center (BAC) the body mandated to carry out such programmes or trainings in order to empower this group or category of our population to ensure gender equity in our governance system.

The women were taken through how to process the straw as well the designing of baskets to meet international standard in order to enhance their chances of getting market for their final product. This was followed with training on basic book keeping technics and the culture of savings which place emphasis on the need to save earnings made from the sale of their baskets. After the training session the group was introduced to a micro finance institution in the district and encouraged to save with them or alternatively join the VSL group in the various communities.

## **DRESSMAKING**

The last training to climax this all important innovation was on dressmaking at the Rehabilitation Center in the Tongo Area Council. Some one hundred and one women benefited from this training.

As usual, Staff of the department started the training by welcoming everybody and encouraged them fully participate in the training programme. A number of key community leaders from the various communities which included: the Chiefs and elders, Mangazia, Biisi Naba, Tindanas, and the Assembly members.

Community members showed interest in the activity and participated in the discussions which were not necessarily only on the training but contributions aimed at identifying other challenges in the community and getting solutions to some of them.

This training was carried out with the support of the district Business Advisory Center (BAC) the body mandated to carry out such programmes or trainings in order to empower them and provide a source of livelihood in order to deepen gender equity in the Talensi district.

The women were taken through the process of dressmaking as well basic designs and all the tools involved in dressmaking. Participants were advised to be creative so as to enhance the quality of their dresses for a good market for their final product and to persevere during the two-year training period. Master trainers were also involved since the apprentices will be handed over to them for the rest of the training programme to complete. This was followed with training on basic book keeping technics and the culture of savings which place emphasis on the need to save earnings made from the sale of their baskets. After the training session the group was introduced to a micro finance institution in the district and encouraged to save with them or alternatively join the VSL group in the various communities.