

Talensi District Health Director appeals to government for district hospital



The Talensi District Health Director in the Upper East region, Estella Abazesi has appealed to the government for a district hospital from its agenda 111 initiative.

Speaking to the media about health delivery in the district, Mrs. Abazesi said, the Tongo health center does not have the capacity to operate as a district hospital for residents of the area.

According to her, it will be much appreciative to her outfit and the people of Talensi if the government establishes one of its agenda 111 hospitals in the district to meet the health needs of the growing district.



Buttressing her point, she said many health cases cannot be managed at the district health facility, yet it has been touted as a district hospital.

"This was the Tongo health center that was later turned to a district hospital when we became a district, so it lacked space and it lacks a lot of units for standard services that is why there is no mortuary. But through the district assembly, we acquired a large land to build the district hospital. So we are calling on the relevant authorities to come to the aid of Talensi and include us in the agenda 111 hospitals initiative. Because all the

health facilities in the district refer to the district hospital but here is the case it doesn't have the infrastructure to provide some of the technical services" she said

The government of Ghana has secured an amount of US \$100 million start-up fund through the Investment Infrastructure Fund (GIIF) for the commencement of work on 'Agenda 111' district, specialized and regional hospitals across the country.

The objective of the project is to significantly deepen the delivery of quality healthcare at the district level, boost access to healthcare services for all citizens towards ensuring the attachment of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 3.



Madam Estella Abazesi-Talensi District Health Director appreciated the effort by the Talensi District Assembly for expanding some of the CHPS Compounds in the district with maternity wards.

She urged the assembly to continue with the construction of more CHPS compounds to cover all the CHPS zones in the district in order to have effective all day and night healthcare delivery at the various communities.

Covid-19 vaccination exercise



The Talensi District Health Director Madam Estella Abazeszi has admonished opinion leaders in the district to help health professionals educate community members about the significance of the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination exercise.

In an interview with **A1 News**, Madam Abazesi stated that the Talensi District Health Directorate has made available enough vaccines in all health centers in the district and asked people to avail themselves. She said this is needed to control the spread of the virus.

According to Madam Abazesi, if traditional rulers as well as assembly members, actively take part in the mobilization and education on the importance of the jab, residents will see the need to get vaccinated to reduce the spread of the virus.

“What we expect and are calling on them [Chiefs] to do is to help us in the mobilization of their people so that we will go and give them more information about the vaccine and administer it to them.

We have made the vaccines available all over our health facilities and it is important for the people to take part in the exercise. [The challenge is that] some people still don't want to go for the jab especially the men. But if the Chiefs, the Assembly members, the media and all opinion leaders in the communities take part in educating the people, it will help all of us” she said.

Madam Abazesi urged the public to disregard the misconceptions about the vaccines that abound on social media and take part in the exercise. She described the vaccine as safe for everybody except persons under the age of 18 and pregnant Women.

AMBULANCE



The District Chief Executive for Talensi, Thomas Duanab Wuni has disclosed that the ambulance allocated to the Talensi Constituency has been fixed and returned to the area. He was responding to the National Democratic Congress's Talensi District Director of Communication Michael Nangena who claimed that the ambulance had broken down and was not available for use.

Speaking to **Samuel Mbura on A1 Radio's Day Break Upper East Show**, Mr. Wuni explained that due to the nature of the roads and the speed at which the ambulances travel, it is to be expected that there will be intermittent breakdowns.

"The ambulance has been fixed and brought back. I believe the reason for acquiring the ambulance was to help our people. The speed with which our ambulances go and the type of roads we have in this country; they are prone to having accidents. When you have too many of them breaking down at the same time, you need to schedule them to fix them. Yes, there may have been a delay in bringing back the ambulance but the ambulance is currently in the district," he explained.

He said the Talensi area is within the 4-zone belt; Bolgantanga, Talensi, Bongo and Bolgatanga East and sometimes Nabdam; a zone that pools its ambulances. This he explained meant that any of these areas could rely on the ambulance of the other areas, should the affected area face problems with their ambulance.

Mr. Wuni said the Assembly is currently in talks with the Ghana Ambulance Service to find an office space that will accommodate personnel of the Service.

Earlier on the same platform, Mr. Nangena claimed that some pregnant women had to rely on tricycles be able to be transported to the health facility for health care.

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