

GHANA NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION



SPEECH OF GNPC CEO AT SOD-CUTTING CEREMONY - THE CONSTRUCTION OF GH¢1.5M ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY CENTRE, PLUS FENCE WALL BY GNPC, AT THE HALF-ASSINI GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL ON TUESDAY, 26TH JULY, 2016, READ BY MRS. CARMEN BRUCE-ANNAN, CORPORATE AFFAIRS MANAGER, GNPC

Mr. Chairman, Awulae and Nananom, Honorable DCE, Your Excellency, Mr. Lee Ocran, Honorable Assemblymen, Administrators and Staff of the Half-Assini Government Hospital, Friends of the Media, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC) is happy at this important occasion and the opportunity to respond to a very important need of the people of Half-Assini, the Jomoro District, the Western Region, and the country at large.

GNPC, as the national oil company and anchor partner to all upstream petroleum operations in Ghana, is committed to ensuring that the people of Ghana obtained optimum benefits from our operations.

GNPC's social investments in the Western Region, and other parts of the country, are in line with the corporation's commitment to creating shared value, with Ghanaians.

We have identified Health and Education as very important areas to impact the lives of Ghanaians through improved health delivery and educational environment.

It is in pursuit of this commitment that the Board of Directors of GNPC approved the construction of this Accident and Emergency Centre at this Half-Assini Government Hospital, together with a Fence Wall, to secure the land here against encroachment, valued at **GH¢1.53Million**.

This is one of many such interventions that we are making to improve the health needs of our people.

Improved health delivery facility will lead to a more efficient and effective health delivery, for a healthier people for improved productivity and save lives. I must add that this is just one of many interventions that GNPC is making in the health sector.

Other Health area interventions by GNPC:

1. Completion and equipping of the ICU at the Burns Centre, Korle-Bu, Accra
2. Centre of Excellence for Sickle Sickle Cell Treatment and Training at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi.
3. Completion of the last floor of the 4-storey building and acquisition of equipment for the Effia Nkwanta Nursing and Midwifery Training College in Sekondi.
4. Support for research work at the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (i.r.o. Ebola);
5. Ghana Aids Commission; and
6. Support for Global Emerging Pathogens (GET) projects

Why Half-Assini Government Hospital?

Half-Assini is one of our key stakeholder communities, and therefore contributing to improved facility at a key hospital for a more efficient and effective health delivery, to save lives and for a healthier people here for improved productivity is a worthy course.

The Half-Assini Government Hospital is in close proximity to the offshore areas of our current operations. Therefore, the ultra-modern facility, apart from improving health delivery in the country, will also contribute to saving lives in emergency situations related to our operations.

Other Interventions: -

Schools Infrastructure by GNPC: -

1. Completion of a 6-unit classroom block and ancillary facilities for the Half-Assini Methodist JHS, Jomoro District.
 2. Completion of a 6-unit classroom block and ancillary facilities for the Nkroful Nyaneba Primary School, Ellembelle District.
 3. Completion of a 6-unit classroom block and ancillary facilities for the Adelekazo Primary School, Nzema East District.
 4. Completion of a 6-unit classroom block and ancillary facilities for the Salvation Army Primary School, Lower Dixcove, Ahanta West and
 5. Completion of an 18-unit classroom block and ancillary facilities for the Axim Girls Senior High School, Nzema East District.
- We have completed the procurement processes and paid for the supply of furniture for the above mentioned schools.
 - GNPC is in the process of concluding the Procurement processes to acquire Computer and accessories, to establish computer laboratories to the beneficiary schools.

Mr. Chairman, Nananom, ladies and gentlemen;

This project, when completed, will transform this hospital into a modern facility of international standards and will scale up the development of the hospital to benefit its status as a District Hospital.

It is our expectation that the contractors, the Project Management Team and all involved in the execution of this project, will live up to expectation to deliver the project on time.