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Table 3: Summary of Recoveries by Region, Mar 2020 – June 02, 2021

Region	Cases	Recovered/ Discharged	% Recovered/ Discharged	Active Cases
Ahafo	727	697	95.9	9
Ashanti	15,635	15,353	98.2	135
Bono	1,410	1,369	97.1	2
Bono East	1,439	1,412	98.1	3
Central	3,527	3,413	96.8	65
Eastern	4,315	4,213	97.6	30
Greater Accra	51,816	50,839	98.1	726
North East	229	219	95.6	1
Northern	1,654	1,625	98.2	0
Oti	443	432	97.5	4
Savannah	123	118	95.9	3
Upper East	1,320	1,276	96.7	0
Upper West	500	480	96.0	1
Volta	2,553	2,507	98.2	20
Western	5,896	5,821	98.7	35
Western North	888	853	96.1	27
International travellers(KIA)	1,753	1,735	99.0	18
TOTAL	94,228	92,362	98.0	1,079

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Reader,

We welcome you all to the May, 2021 edition of BHA Newsletter.

BHA has as its broad aim to promote the socio-economic development of the rural poor and by that working and contributing in a most professional and qualitative manner towards ensuring an improved quality of life.

In this month BHA has been actively engaging in the promotion of quality basic education for and among deprived and poor rural communities within its target regions and districts through various means of revisits to proposed project sites and routine checks on donations made to various schools.

We need to take a moment to be thankful to God Almighty. We want this 'message wall' to stand as a tribute to our readers and Ghana Freundeskreis for their kindness and support.

Thank you for being there over the last few years, and for strengthening our determination to be with you for many more special projects in the future. Thank you for your consideration and forthcoming response.

Together we have helped to address some problems of many under privileged.

In our May Newsletter we shall give an update on all our activities.

We strongly urge our readers to join hands with BHA in whatever capacity. Each drop counts.

Thank you once again for your generous support. "Nyame Nhyira Mo Nyinaa " (Translated God Bless You All)

EDS BENEFICIARY AT OLD LASHIBI TMA JHS TOPS ESSAY COMPETITION



Abigail Akpalu, Winner of Essay Competition

Old Lashibi TMA JHS is a school located at Lashibi in the hub of community 18, Tema, Ghana.

Currently BHA has eight (8) EDS Beneficiaries in the school.

BHA recently made a donation through an appeal made by the school to come to their aid to improve their learning experience.

Following a routine check of the school and how well the students are faring after receiving donations from BHA, it got to our attention that one of our eight beneficiaries named Abigail Akpalu who is in JHS 3, came out triumphant in an Essay Competition while, Osman Sekina, a non-Beneficiary came in second place.

Rotary Club, Spintex Branch dedicated to the promotion of education similar to BHA held an Essay writing competition for some students of Old Lashibi TMA JHS

The students were tasked to "Write about their Dreams, Power and Aspirations as a Girl Child". The age bracket for the competition was between age 12 to 16 years with a total of 10 participants.

This has made BHA very proud knowing that a one of eight EDS Beneficiaries is studiously learning and excelling in academics.

The Executive Director of BHA Mr Benjamin Turkson, insisted that the winners and students of Old Lashibi JHS use the essay competitions to improve their writing skills. He also implored them to critically heed to every advice from their teachers to come out top of their various classes.

Below is the Essay that won the Competition

TOPIC: MY DREAMS, POWER AND ASPIRATIONS AS A CHILD

“Gone are the days when females were considered as guardians of the home and not expected to do anything aside kitchen work and house chores. The 21st century has opened up many opportunities for the girl child in our world now. I am a young girl of sixteen years old and I attend Old Lashibi TMA JHS and in my final year.

Like many young girls of my age, I have a dream to become someone substantial and beneficial to my country and the world at large. I have an aspiration to become a doctor sometime in the near future. These are my dreams and desires and aim in life as I look forward to the future.

I thank God for the many women in our societies now that have been able to stand out. The likes of the (former first lady of America) Michelle Obama, our own Mrs Jean Mensah (Electoral Commission) Mrs Gloria Akuffo (Attorney General) to mention a few have enabled some of us to be able to dream of a brighter future. I believe once I put my mind to it with a dent of hard work, perseverance and with God on my side, I can stand out and my dream will come true.

I aspire to be a doctor in the near future for a number of reasons. First of all, I want to be able to uphold the medical issue in our country as a citizen by using my knowledge to serve the people of Ghana.

I intend to do this by helping the health issues of the ordinary Ghanaian. Growing up I have realised how many people have no idea of health problems and I believe this enables many to overcome certain health problems, as such I would like to become a medical doctor so that I can help explain how and why good health is necessary specially to people of little or no formal education so that they will understand their health.

Secondly, I would like to use my expertise as a trained doctor to help the weak and unhealthy to feel safe. It appears many poor or little income earners do not have the ability to consult a doctor because of the fee charge. I aspire to be a doctor, that all can ask for my service with no fear of not being able to pay. I believe it's my little effort for mother Ghana.

Thirdly, I aspire to be a doctor because I believe doctors have a good income earning to do the work they do. I desire to be a doctor to help the poor especially orphans and the street children. I intend to use a portion of my earned income to help such people in our society and the nation.

I am privileged by grace to have parents who through thick and thin are trying for me to be in school and realise my dreams but many others have not had it this way.

I see many of my age mates on the streets and looking for food when I help my mother to sell and it's a burden on my heart. It's my desire to help alleviate this problem with the little I'm able to make out of this great profession.

I am beside myself with joy and I believe I can and will achieve this dream and aspiration because I see many others before me and they are my heroes and mentors. I thank God for my teachers for I know they are pushing me to be the best I can be and to fulfil these aspirations of mine. These are my dreams and aspirations in life as a girl child."



Abigail Akpalu (Left) Mr Benjamin Turkson, Executive Director -BHA (Right)



(Winner)Right



Mrs Fransisca Eshun (Left) Abigail Akpalu (Middle) Mr Benjamin Turkson ,Executive Director -BHA (Right)

CONSTRUCTION OF WATER STORAGE TANK FOR SANKOR COMMUNITY



Washing your hands regularly is one of the first things that public health officials in Ghana and the World Health Organization have recommended to prevent the spread of COVID-19. BHA started the construction of a water storage facility for the people of Sankor Community to help eradicate these dire problems.

Water is a basic necessity and very essential for life. The project was done to help the people of Sankor to have access to good portable drinking water.

BHA is proud to inform our readers that the water project at Sankor Community is 95% completed and will be commissioned in June



NEARLY FINISHED CONSTRUCTION OF PLATFORM FOR THE STORAGE TANK

This water storage tank is a large rotational moulded durable plastic container and hidden away in the water tank is small device called a ball Valve which BHA purchased to help control the level of the water in the tank.



SIDE VIEW OF MOUNTED POLYTANK



FRONT VIEW OF MOUNTED POLYTANK

TITLE: THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOUR HELPER

Memory Verse:

1 JOHN 5:4 - "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world- our faith."

What will help you overcome temptations is the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God makes us strong, consistent and dedicated. Living with an anointing on your life makes it difficult to fulfill the desires of the flesh (The anointing is the representation of the Holy Spirit).

Walking in the Spirit also means you live according to the directions of God's word. It means you don't engage in ungodly conversations; you don't read books that present ungodly ideas, you get rid of friends who derail you from God's path, you make sure your spirit is clean, you listen to the voice of your conscience (the inner voice) and confess your sins when you sin.

Some believers live as unbelievers because they don't have any anointing on their lives. They haven't come to the point of allowing the Spirit of God to rule over them so they do everything unbelievers do. That is a dual faced living. God sees our hearts and wants us to walk in the Spirit. You are either walking in the Spirit or you're walking in the flesh; there's no middle ground.

Oil is less dense than water and so it always floats on top of water.

The presence of God's anointing on one's life causes him to rise above every difficult circumstance he faces and eventually makes him a winner. No anointed person sinks under the weight of difficult circumstances because the oil will keep him afloat.

When you have an anointing on your life and you face challenging times, tell yourself, "This life is going to get better because when the devil does his worst, God will do his best".

The eagle believer confesses scriptures to himself and declares them to every challenging situation. As a believer, you must be careful of the things you hear, see, say and do because they influence your spirit. The more you linger around sin, the more difficult it is to overcome them. Shy away from sin. Draw closer to God and to the things of God.

PRAYER:

Pray that you will walk according to the spirit of God. Amen!

GHANA HEALTH SERVICE - COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 vaccination in Ghana began on Monday 1st March 2021 after the country became the first recipient of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine apart of the COVAX initiative. The COVID-19 vaccine was to be distributed in phases in Ghana.

As of Friday, April 30, a total of 849,527 AstraZeneca vaccines had been administered to the public.

On Wednesday, May 19 the second doses of Covishield, the Oxford AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine had been administered to the segmented groups who received their first doses in March following the receipt of some additional 350,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccines, at the Kotoka International Airport, from the Democratic Republic of Congo under the Covax facility, in the early hours of Friday, May 7.

The public is still advised to adhere to the preventive measures such as wearing of nose masks and social distancing to help curb the spread of the virus.

Below are some of the measures the government of Ghana are still taken to prevent the spread of the Covid-19:

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
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces such as remote controls and doorknobs.

Table 1: Confirmed cases of COVID-19 and Treatment Outcomes, Ghana as at 2nd June 2021.

Category	Number of cases	Recovered/ Discharged	Severe	Critical	Dead	Active
Routine Surveillance	32,768	90,627	16	6	787	1,079
Enhanced Contact Tracing	59,707					
International travelers (KIA)	1,753					
Total	94,228	92,362	16	6	787	1,079

****Severe-16, Critical 6**

Table 2: Positivity rate by Surveillance type for samples tested in Ghana Mar 2020- June 2021

Surveillance Type	Total no. Tested	Total no. positive	Positivity rate
Routine Surveillance	335,989	32,768	9.8
Enhanced Contact Tracing	561,689	59,707	10.6
International travellers (KIA)	291,274	1,753	0.6
Total	1,188,952	94,228	7.9

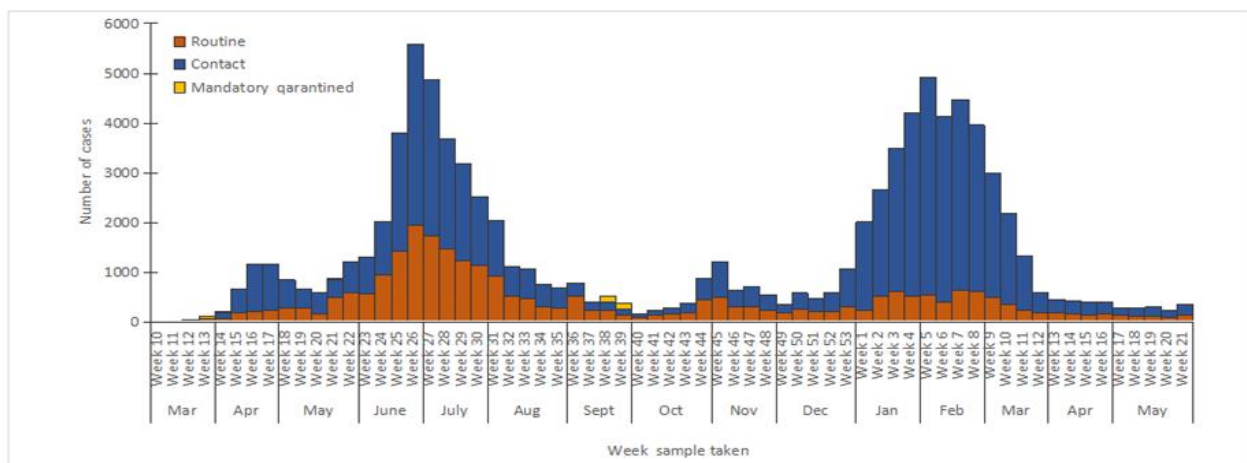


Figure 3: Distribution of COVID-19 cases in Ghana by week sample taken, Mar 2020- May 2021

Source: Ghana Health Service.

Contact Details



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."

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