

DORMAA WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL SOCIAL SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION REPORT, 2025

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Executive Summary

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the social services implemented by the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development under the District Assembly for the ending implementation period, 2025.

The department as part of its core mandate successfully managed 38 out of the 40 cases it received in the year 2025. Child maintenance cases were (14) were highest among the case count.

Key successes chalked included successful disbursement of the Disability Fund to 71 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). Supervised 5 LEAP cycles (94th&95th, 96th, 97th and 98th) payments, GH¢198,946.00, to 212 household (cumulative) beneficiaries. Monitored LEAP Programme reassessment exercise. Facilitated registration and renewal of NHIS for 19297 people (7723 males and 11574 females) across the district, including 205 LEAP beneficiaries (101 males and 104 females), 287 PWDs (150 males and 137 females), 18805 Indigents (7723 males and 11574 females), which enhanced access to healthcare among the vulnerable. Undertook social campaigns

166 PWDs (85 Females and 81 Males) were trained on soap and detergent making, fostering improvement in livelihood of beneficiaries and the local economy. The Disability Fund Management Committee (DFMC) carried out monitoring of 50 PWDs supported with the Disability Common Fund to ensure supports received were being put into the intended use. It revealed that about 90% of the monitored beneficiaries had put the support received into the intended use. 44 PWDs (26 Males and 18 Females) were identified and registered, bringing the total registered PWDs in the district to 296 (153 males and 143 females).

More importantly, the department carried out sensitisation on Child Protection in 5 communities, which 468 people (213 males and 255 female) were reached. This interventions promoted positive behavioural change among parents, caregivers, and community leaders regarding child protection. There were also sensitisation on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in 5 schools, which also 590 pupils (328 males and 262 females). This empowered beneficiaries to identify and report cases of SGBV and to stand against the menace. Again, sensitisation of 5 communities on Girl Child Education and early school enrolment of children was executed, with 404 people (185 males and 218 females) participating. This intervention demystified the long held negative views about girl child education, and also provoked parents/caregivers to give more priority to the girl child education.

Despite structural bottlenecks including delayed funding and transportation constraints, the department successfully achieved approximately 85% of its targets outlined in the District Composite Annual Action Plan.

1.0 Introduction and Mandate

The Department of Social Welfare and Community Development is a decentralized department of the Dormaa West Assembly established under Legislative Instrument (L.I) 1961.

Mission Statement

To work in partnership with individuals, families, groups, and communities to improve their social and economic well-being through professional social services and community mobilization with equity for the disadvantaged.

2.0 Objectives

1. To facilitate the integration of the vulnerable and excluded into mainstream society,
2. To protect and promote the rights of the child and administer juvenile justice interventions
3. To promote community-driven development through adult education, extension services, and self-help initiatives.

3.0 IMPLEMENTATION AND PERFORMANCE

The Social Welfare unit structured its implementation around three statutory core programme areas.

3.1 Child Rights Promotion and Protection

The department handled and successfully resolved 38 diverse cases relating to child welfare, maintenance, and family stability.

Table 1: Breakdown of Child Rights and Protection Cases Received

NATURE OF CASES	Cases	New Cases		Children Involved		Cases Resolved		Cases Referred to Family Tribunal/Police		Cases Withdrawn		Cases Pending	
	BF	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Child Maintenance	0	0	14	16	11	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Custody	0	5	4	3	5	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Paternity	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family Welfare	0	0	9	8	5	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Neglect	0	0	2	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Labour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Delinquency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elopement/Child Marriage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Child Abandonment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teenage Pregnancy	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	8	32	29	29	7	32	0	0	1	0	0	0

3.2 Monitoring of Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDCs):

The department monitored 13 ECDC in the district to ensure compliance with national minimum health, safety, and instructional standard. Two (2) of the centres registered with the Department.

Table 2: ECDC Inspected

s/n	Centre	Location	Category	Status of Registration	Cert. Date Issued	Expiry Date of Cert.	Reg. No.	No. of Children			No. of Caregivers/Teachers		
								Boys	Girls	Total	Not Trained	Trained	Total
1.	Elim Bliss Academy	Nkrankwanta	C	Not Registered				55	52	117	4	0	4
2.	St. Anthony of Padua Preparatory School	Nkrankwanta	C	Not Registered				50	30	80	2	1	3
3.	Life Academy Complex	Nkrankwanta	C	Not Registered				64	85	149	6	0	6
4.	Peace Preparatory	Nkrankwanta	C	Not Registered				2	11	13	2	0	2
5.	Glorious Hope Prep. And JHS	Nkrankwanta	C	Not Registered				26	22	48	2	0	2
6.	Rock Academy	Nkrankwanta	C	Registered	05/11/2025	04/11/2026	D.S.W/BR/DWD/007/25	60	63	123	2	0	2
7.	Arahman Preparatory School	Nkrankwanta	C	Not Registered				11	10	21	2	0	2
8.	Christ the King Preparatory School	Nkrankwanta	C	Not Registered				10	19	29	2	0	2
9.	Temple of Praise Preparatory	Nkrankwanta	C	Not Registered				6	14	20	1	0	1
10.	Peace Preparatory School	Diabaa	C	Not Registered				19	23	42	2		2
11.	Divine Teaching Preparatory	Diabaa	C	Not Registered				5	26	31	1	0	1
12.	St Mary's Academy	Brofoyeduru	C	Not Registered				18	25	43	2	1	3
13.	El-Palat Academy	Nkrankwanta	C	Registered	05/11/2025	04/11/2026	D.S.W/BR/DWD/006/25	13	10	23	2	1	3
Totals								339	390	739	30	3	33

Generally, the centres were all in good standing

3.3 Community Care

This segment covers social safety nets and the economic empowerment of impoverished and marginalized demographics

3.3.1 Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)

The department supervised payment of 5 LEAP cycle grant of GH¢198,946.00 347 beneficiary households (cumulative). Table

Table 3: Annual District Performance of LEAP Cash Transfers 2025

Total Allocation (LEAP)	GH¢312,817.89	Total No. of LEAP Households	140
Total amount credited by GhiPSS	GH¢312,817.89	Total Households credited by GhiPSS	140
Total amount cashed out	GH¢198,946.00	No. of Households cashed out	347
Total amount not cashed out	GH¢113,871.89	No. of Households not credited	0
Total amount not credited	GH¢0.00	No. of Households not cashed out	212

3.3.4 Support for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

Utilising the District Assembly Common Fund (DACF) 3% PWD allocation, the Disability Fund Management Committee (DFMC) organized public disbursements to scale up economic independence.

Table 4: Allocation of the 3% DACF PWD Support Fund

Type of Disability		Education		Health		Business/Economic		Caregiving Support		Org'nal Dev't
		No.	Amount GH¢	No.	Amount GH¢	No.	Amount GH¢	No.	Amount GH¢	Amount GH¢
Physically Challenged	Male	0	0	4	12000	24	134500	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	5	14500	10	29400	0	0	0
Visually Impaired	Male	1	3000	1	2000	8	25500	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	1	3000	1	3500	0	0	0
Deaf/Dumb	Male	1	3500	0	0	1	3000	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	1	4000	1	1950	0	0	0
Epileptic	Male	0	0	0	0	1	2500	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	2	5500	0	0	0
Cerebral Palsy	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autism	Male	1	2500	0	0	0	0	2	4000	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2000	0
Multiple Disability	Male	0	0	0	0	1	3000	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	1	3000	1	3000	0	0	0
Spinal Cord Injury	Male	0	0	1	3000	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	1	3500	0	0	0
Total		3	9000	14	41500	51	215350	3	6000	0

Total No. of PWDs	71
Total Amount Disbursed	GH¢271,850.00

Beneficiaries received items such as corn mill, water pumping machine, refrigerators, hearing aid, fufu pounding machine, deep freezers, hairdryer, and motorbike. Some were also given funds to start or expand their businesses, while others were also given support for medications, payment hospital bills, educational supplies and basic needs.

3.3.5 NHIS Registration and Renewal Health Insurance:

The department facilitated registration and renewal of NHIS for 19297 persons (7723 males and 11574 females), including 205 LEAP beneficiaries (101 males and 104 females), 287 PWDs (150 males and 137 females), 18805 Indigents (7723 males and 11574 females), fostering access to healthcare.

Table 5: NHIS Registered/Renewed for Vulnerable

Category	New Registration		Renewals		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
LEAP Beneficiaries	6	7	95	97	205
PWDs	23	15	127	122	287
Indigents	53	37	7419	11296	18805
Totals	82	59	7641	11515	19297

6.0 Challenges

Despite the remarkable outputs recorded, the department faced critical setbacks that limited overall operational scale:

Untimely and Inadequate Funds:

Severe delays in the release of Government of Ghana (GoG) decentralized funds and the PWD component of the DACF stalled field activities and slowed down program scheduling.

Logistical Constraints:

The lack of a dedicated utility vehicle or motorbikes heavily restricted field monitoring, home visits, and emergency child protection responses in far-to-reach, riverine, or rough-terrain communities.

Inadequate Office space and Equipment:

The department operates shares one office space with two other departments, creating congestion and posing a threat to privacy of case work and clients.

Recommendations and the Way Forward

Prioritise IGF Allocations:

The District Assembly Management should prioritise the department by assigning regular quarterly allocation from IGF to keep emergency rescue and field monitoring operational.

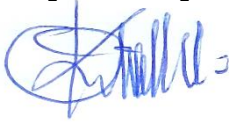
Procurement of Logistics:

The Assembly should allocate funds to procure at least 2 heavy-duty motorbikes specifically for the community and Social Welfare field officers.

Establishment of a Child Protection Fund:

Set up a local fund dedicated to providing immediate relief, feeding, and medical attention to abandoned or abused children before long-term care plans are formalized.

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