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Dissemination of WASH & NTD Masterplan and Start-up of the new ANESVAD project – ‘WASH services in skin-NTDs endemic areas-Improving Health and Quality of Life’

Join us for the final Dissemination of the WASH and NTDs Masterplan, and Start-up of the WASH services in skin-NTDs endemic areas’ project.

Venue: Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly, Dunkwa on Offin | Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023 | Time: 10:00 – 13:00

Globally, it has been acknowledged that the provision of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) have broad public health benefits that reduce multiple diseases and contribute to non-disease outcomes.

[Neglected tropical diseases](#) (NTDs) are a diverse group of communicable diseases that affect more than one billion people and cost developing economies billions of dollars every year. Populations living in poverty, without adequate sanitation and in close contact with infectious vectors and domestic animals and livestock are those worst affected. Linking WASH and NTDs therefore has potential to impact on multiple NTDs through a single area of intervention.

In 2022, IRC Ghana together with the technical team from Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly and the Municipal Health Department developed the WASH and NTDs master plan with funding from the [Anesvad Foundation](#). The master plan seeks to support the local governments and development partners to localise the SDG and national targets in their jurisdiction, plan and provide resources to provide universal access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene and to reduce/eliminate neglected tropical diseases. The purpose is to contribute to mitigating the incidence/prevalence of skin related NTDs through the achievement of safe and sustainable water and sanitation for all in Upper Denkyira East (UDE) Municipal Assembly.

This is the final dissemination workshop with key stakeholders in the Upper Denkyira East municipality. The objective is to share the WASH and NTDs masterplan document and discuss the way forward with highlights of the new Anesvad Foundation funded project - “WASH services in skin-NTDs endemic areas–Improving Health and Quality of Life.”

The two-fold session will open with a brief welcome, overview, and launch of the masterplan; the second part will provide highlights of the new project as part of the start-up process and the way forward.

Programme:

Time	Activity	Responsibility
Understanding the context and final dissemination of the WASH & NTDs masterplan		
10:00	Opening Prayer/ Selfintroduction	
10:05	Introduction of chair/ Comments by Chair	
10:15	Welcome address/comments	
10:30	Brief overview of WASH & NTD Masterplan	
11:00	Q&A/ discussions	
11:30	Keynote Address & Launch of Masterplan	
Start-up of the new project – ‘WASH services in skin-NTDs endemic areas—Improving Health and Quality of Life’		
12:00	Highlights of key issues /activities/ roles	
12:20	Q&A/ Discussions	
12:45	Wrap-up/ next steps	
13:00	Launch /Departure	

