

**OFFICE OF THE OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

**CLIENT SERVICE CHARTER**

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## CHAPTER ONE

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Office of the Offinso North District Assembly is one of the District Assemblies in Ghana. The Offinso North District was inaugurated on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2008. It is one of the 27 District Assemblies in the Ashanti Region and has its capital as Akomadan. Until 2008, the district was known as Offinso District but as a result of redemarcation of districts in 2008 however, Offinso North District was carved out and the district boundary redefined and named North District Assembly under a Legislative Instrument 1856.

### 1.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The Legislative Instrument LI 1856 provides for the establishment of the Offinso North District Assembly and its area of Authority and Electoral Areas. These Electoral Areas are;

- Ahenebrum Electoral Area
- Krofofrom Electoral Area
- Nsuoase Electoral Area
- Mankramso Electoral Area
- Tanokwaem Electoral Area
- Zongo Electoral Area
- Nyinatase Electoral Area
- Sraneso No1 Electoral Area
- Old Mireku Electoral Area
- New Mireku Electoral Area
- New Atwene Electoral Area
- Old Atwene Electoral Area
- Esoro/Dme Electoral Area
- Nkramom Electoral Area
- Ebuom Electoral Area
- Wawase Electoral Area
- Nsenoafie Electoral Area
- Papasisi Electoral Area
- Safokrom Electoral Area
- Akrofoa Electoral Area
- Nyame Bekyere No1 Electoral Area
- Darso Electoral Area

- Nkwaaknwaa Electoral Area
- Kobreso Electoral Area

## **1.2 VISION**

To be world class district providing its residents with high quality of life through efficient service delivery, provision of basic amenities and ensuring peaceful co-existence in partnership with all stakeholders.

## **1.3 MISSION**

The mission of Offinso North District Assembly is to improve the quality of life of the people, through the effective mobilization and utilization of human and material resources and by involving the people in the provision of the needed services.

## **1.4 CORE VALUES**

The core values of Offinso North District Assembly Are Accountability, Client-oriented, Innovations, Integrity and Equity.

## CHAPTER TWO

### FUNCTIONS, LEGAL PROVISIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSEMBLY

#### 2.1 FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

In line with provisions of the Local Governance Act 2016, Act 936, the functions of the District Assembly are as follows:

- a. Responsible for the overall development of the district
- b. Formulate and execute plans, programmes and strategies for effective mobilization of resources necessary for the overall development of the district
- c. Promote and support productive activities and development in the district and remove any obstacles for the initiative and development
- d. Sponsor the education of students from the district to fill particular manpower needs of the district especially in the Social Section of education and health, making sure that the sponsorship is fairly and equitable balance between male and female students
- e. Initiate programmes for the development of basic infrastructure and provide municipal works and services in the district
- f. Responsible for the development, improvement and management of human settlement and the environment in the district.
- g. In co-operation with the appropriate national and local security agencies, be responsible for the maintenance of security and public safety in the district
- h. Ensure ready access to Courts in the district for the promotion of justice

**Section 12 Sub-section 4 of Act 936 also mandate the District Assembly to:**

- a. Execute approved development plans for the district
- b. Guide, encourage and support the sub-district local structures, public agencies and local communities to perform their functions in the execution of approved development plans
- c. Initiate and encourage joint participation with other persons or bodies to undertake projects under approved development plans
- d. Monitor the execution of projects under approved development plans and assess and evaluate their impact on the development of the district and national economy in accordance with government policy.

## **2.2 LEGAL PROVISIONS AND GUIDELINES**

The Offinso District Assembly operates within the following legal provisions and guidelines:

- The 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana
- Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936)
- Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921)
- Public Procurement Act, 2016, (Act 914)
- Spatial Planning Act, 2016 (Act 925)
- National Development Planning (System) Regulations, 2016 (L.I. 2232)
- Composite Budget Guidelines, 2018
- Public Health Law, 2012 (Act, 851)
- Mental Health Act, 2012 (Act 846)
- Gazzetted Bye laws
- The Section 296 of Criminal Offence Act, 1960 (Act 29) in respect of stray animals.
- The Auction Sales Act, 1989 (PNDC Law 230).
- The Liquor Licensing Act, 1970 (Act 331)
- The Control and Prevention of Bush Fires Act, 1990(PNDC Law 229).
- The Section 296 of Criminal Offence Act, 1960 (Act29) in respect of littering.

## **2. OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY AND ITS OBJECTIVES**

The Offinso North District Assembly is the highest political and administrative body of the District and therefore exercises deliberative, legislative and executive functions. It has the mission and responsibility to improve the quality of life of the people through sustainable development. To achieve this mission, the Assembly has set the following objectives:

- Formulating and implementation of health programmes and projects
- Development of District Medium Term Development Plan
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- To facilitate the effective functioning of the local government institutions in the District.
- To ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the mobilization and utilization of resources in the District Assembly and its decentralized departments.
- Issuance of building permits
- Birth and death registration
- Approval of planning schemes layouts
- Revenue mobilization

- Fixing of rates
- Provision of basic social-economic infrastructure including schools, markets, lorry parks, institutional toilets and roads.
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## **2.4 DEPARTMENTS OF THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

Section 78 of the Local Government Act 2016 (Act 936) specifies Departments of the District Assembly as follows;

1. Central Administration Department
2. Finance Department
3. Education, Youth and Sports Department
4. District Health Department
5. Agriculture Department
6. Physical Planning Department
7. Social Welfare and Community Development Department
8. Works Department
9. Disaster Prevention Department
10. Trade and Industry Department
11. Statistics
12. Human Resource Management

### CHAPTER THREE

#### 3.0 SERVICE STANDARD OF THE OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

All Departments, Units and Agencies must, as a minimum, meet the following service standards:

- Serve citizens promptly and courteously at all service delivery points;
- Provide friendly and helpful service;
- Help service users make the right choices in accessing services;
- Provide appropriate signage and information desks;
- Answer calls promptly
- Respond to queries and complaints promptly;
- Respond to mail and email correspondence promptly;
- Encourage service users to make suggestions on how to better the service offered.

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>TIME FRAME (MONTHS/DAYS)</b>
Issuance of Building permits	Within three (3) Months
Preparation and approval of planning schemes/layout	Within six (6) Months or one year depending on the size of the settlements
Issuance of business Operating Licenses	Issuance Service after payment of required fees
Issuance of Birth Certificate	Under ten (10) year, one (1) Day Above one (1) year one (1) Month
Issuance of Death Certificate	One (1) day
Feedback on Complaints Lodged	Five (5) working days upon receipt
Feedback on Correspondences	Seven (7) working days upon receipts
Ambulance Service	Instant after a distress call
Fire Service	Instant after a distress call
Police Service (Normal / Patrols)	Instant after a distress call



## CHAPTER FOUR

### PROCESSES IN OBTAINING SERVICES FROM DEPARTMENTS

#### 4.1 PHYSICAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Six (6) simple steps for obtaining development and building permits

STEP	ACTION NEED BY CLIENT/ASSEMBLY
<b>STEP 1: PURCHASE OF FORMS</b>	Buy your development and building permit applications form and Jacket form the Finance Office of the Assembly
<b>STEP 2: REQUIREMENTS</b>	<p><b>BASIC REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of Land Ownership (Receipt /Chief's Consent)</li> <li>• Signed Site Plan (Must be endorsed by a qualified Surveyor or equivalent)</li> <li>• Building Permit Jacket (To be obtained from Municipal Finance Office)</li> <li>• Four (4) copies of Building Drawings (Drawings must be endorsed)</li> <li>• Property rate payment receipt (for existing buildings)</li> </ul> <p><b>ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS</b> (For multi-purposes and multi-usage)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four (4) copies of structural drawings approved by an Architect or Structural Engineer</li> <li>• Soil test report</li> <li>• Ghana National Fire Service report</li> <li>• Environmental protection Agency report</li> <li>• Structural integrity report in case development has already commenced or is completed (for building above 2-storey)</li> <li>• Drawings must be satisfied by a Structural Engineer or Architect</li> <li>• Up to date business registration and operating permit (for commercial organizations)</li> <li>• Property rate payment receipt (for existing buildings)</li> </ul>
<b>STEP 3: COMPLETION OF FORMS</b>	Complete the application form in full with the required information. Add the above listed documents.

<p><b>STEP 4: PAYMENT AND SUBMISSION</b></p>	<p>Pay processing fees and submit completed form with all required attachments to the Town &amp; Country Planning Unit of the Assembly. On submission, you shall be informed about the following:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrections to be made (if any) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Date for site inspection.</p>
<p><b>STEP 5: PROCESSING</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The secretariat will process the application within two (2) weeks of receipt of application for the Technical Sub-Committee’s inspection, assessment and recommendations.</li> <li>2. The Technical Sub-Committee’s recommendation on the application is forwarded to the Spatial Planning Committee within a month of receipt of application for final decision.</li> </ol> <p><i>NB: Applicant maybe informed of corrections to be made.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The final decision of the Spatial Planning Committee is communicated to the applicant in writing with <b>two (2) working days.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>POSSIBLE DECISIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approval</b></li> <li>• <b>Regularization</b></li> <li>• <b>Refusal</b></li> <li>• <b>Deferral</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>STEP 6: ASSESSMENT, PAYMENT &amp; COLLECTION</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On approval, the Works Department will assess and communicate payment due to the applicant</li> <li>2. Pay the <b>approved permit fee</b> or penalty fee at the <b>Finance Office</b> of the Assembly and collect your development and building permit from the Works Department of the Assembly with the payment receipt.</li> <li>3. In the case of the refusal, the applicant will be notified and advised on what needs to be done for further consideration.</li> <li>4. In case of refusal, the applicant will be notified of the reason(s) for the refusal.</li> <li>5. <b>ALL PERMIT APPLICATIONS TAKE MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) CALENDAR MONTHS (All things being equal)</b></li> </ol>

<b>CAUTION</b>	<b>UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD ANY PAYMENT BE MADE TO ANY MIDDLEMAN BESIDES THE DESIGNATED OFFICES. ANY CLIENT WHO DISREGARD THIS CAUTION DOES SO AT HIS/HER OWN RISK AND THE ASSEMBLY SHALL TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER.</b>
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*NB: The Permit Application Steps apply to Permanent Structures only*

#### **4.2 FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

<b>SERVICE TYPE</b>	<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>
Business Operating Permit	One (1) Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application letter</li> <li>• Building permit (if operating in a container/kiosk)</li> <li>• Payment of required fees</li> <li>• Issuance of permit</li> </ul>
Certificates for Contractors/Supplier	One (1) Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application letter on Company's letterhead</li> <li>• Submission of Registrar General's, Works &amp; Housing (where applicable) and GRA Certificates</li> <li>• GRA TIN</li> <li>• Account Details (Account Name, Bank, Branch, Account Number)</li> <li>• Payment of approved fees</li> <li>• Issuance of Certificate</li> </ul>

#### **4.3 EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS DEPARTMENT**

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
Implementing GES Government approved National pre-tertiary educational policies and programs.	Five (5) working days	Appointment of teachers and other non-teaching staff to various schools to teach as well as admission of pupils.
	Five (5) working days	Effective teaching and efficient management of resources to make education delivery relevant to the manpower needs of the nation.



#### 4.4 DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SERVICE	TIME FRAME	PROCEDURE
Provision of specialists, secondary and primary clinical consultations	Within 3 hours of arrival	<input type="checkbox"/> As required.
Provision of emergency medical and surgical services	Seen within 5 minutes of arrival	<input type="checkbox"/> As required.
Provision of general laboratory services	Within 24 hours of specimen collection	<input type="checkbox"/> As required.
Provision of general radiology services.	Within 90 minutes of receipt of request	<input type="checkbox"/> As required.
Provision of pharmaceutical services (OPD)	Within 30 minutes upon receipt of prescription at the dispensary	<input type="checkbox"/> As required.
Provision inpatient clinical care	Daily review of patients	<input type="checkbox"/> As required.
Provision of preventive, promotive and rehabilitative care	Throughout the year	<input type="checkbox"/> As required.
Provision of operational and clinical research to enhance quality of care	When the need arises	<input type="checkbox"/> As required.
Provision of on-the-job training for health trainees in post -secondary and tertiary institutions.	Throughout the year	As required.

#### 4.5 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

SERVICE	TIME FRAME	PROCEDURE
Sensitization, implementation and monitoring of PFJ in the District	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributors and Retailers inform the Agric department to inspect and verify PFJ inputs received before they commence sale of the inputs in the district.</li> <li>• Agric officers monitor the sale of these inputs.</li> <li>• Beneficiary farmers are visited on their farms to help in the provision of technical knowhow.</li> </ul>
Technology Transfer	February-March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select suitable sites with farmers to establish demonstration plots.</li> <li>• Provide inputs and logistics for the establishment of demonstration plots to transfer improved and modern farming practices.</li> </ul>
Conducting yield analysis in the District.	December-March	Map out an area to conduct yield studies on the various crops cultivated in the district.
Farm and home visits	January-December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit farmers at home for training and demonstration.</li> <li>• Visit farmers field to demonstrate technology to farmers.</li> <li>• Demonstration on crops.</li> </ul>
Formation and strengthening of Farmer Based Organizations	January-December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of FBO at all the operational areas.</li> <li>• Registration of FBO.</li> <li>• Training of FBO on group dynamics, record keeping, correct usage of Agro-chemicals and nutritional education.</li> </ul>
Public education and awareness creation on emerging issues	Daily	Public awareness is created on any emerging issue through radio discussions, churches and mosque.
Promoting food safety and security in the District.	Daily	Ensuring proper post-harvest management

#### 4.6 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

SERVICE	TIME FRAME	PROCEDURE
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		
Receipt and reply of general correspondence	Within 2 working days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All correspondences are received and filed by the Registry department.</li> <li>These correspondences are address to the appropriate department/Unit heads by the DCD for necessary action to be taken.</li> </ul>
Public Relation and Complaints Committee.	Within 7 working days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PRCC meets upon receiving a complaint.</li> <li>The Committee commence their investigation and invite parties involve to help address the issue before them.</li> <li>The PM (Chair of the Committee) presents their findings and recommendation to the Assembly for implementation.</li> </ul>
Recording of minutes/reports of all official Meetings	As when it happens	<input type="checkbox"/> Minutes /reports are recorded by administrative officers and filed accordingly.
Preparation of Quarterly and Annual Performance Report.	Quarterly/Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Collating Departmental/Units Reports into a holistic Performance Report of the District.
Preparation of District Medium Term Development Plan	Every 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of previous DMTDP</li> <li>Stakeholders'/Community engagement.</li> <li>Preparation of first draft.</li> <li>Presentation of first draft to stakeholders.</li> <li>Preparation of second draft.</li> <li>Organizing Town Hall Meeting.</li> <li>General Assembly approval.</li> <li>Submission of final draft.</li> </ul>
Preparation of Annual Action Plan and budget	Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collating inputs from departments/Units</li> <li>Drafting of AAP and budget.</li> <li>Presentation of AAP to management.</li> </ul>
Monitoring of projects	Depends on the project timeframe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constituting monitoring team <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>Visitation of project sites.</li> <li>Preparation and submission of monitoring report.</li> </ul>

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</b>		
<b>COMPLAINTS</b> 1. Attending to complaints such as a. Stray animals b. Insanitary premises c. Indiscriminate	Within 2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complainants come with complaints to the office.</li> <li>Follow up is made to the said premises/place for action.</li> <li>Legal action is taken where and when necessary.</li> </ul>
dumping of waste d. Open defecation e. Accumulation of waste water. f. Blockage of public drain etc.		<b>Note: complaints should be related to Environmental Sanitation.</b>
<b>FOOD HYGIENE</b> Meat Inspection	Daily from 6am to 9am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animals meant for public consumption are brought to the slaughter house toundergo ante mortem and post mortem.</li> <li>Carcasses are either passed as fit or unfit for consumption.</li> </ul>
Screening of food vendors and handlers	1 or 2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food vendors or handlers are referred for laboratory examination at an approved facility.</li> <li>Issuance of Certificate based on medical reports (fit or unfit to vend or not).</li> </ul>
Inspection Reports for Restaurants, Bars, Hotels, Guest Houses etc. for onward issuance of permits and certification.	2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants either come with a letter from Tourist Board to the office.</li> <li>A day is arranged for the inspection at the said premises.</li> <li>Suitability Report and Certificates are awarded when the premises meet Environmental Standards.</li> </ul>
Burial of Pauper and infectious bodies etc.	As and when it occurs, and is buried immediately.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FOR PAUPER CASES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receiver of Coroner's Inquest from the Police and duly signed by the Coroner.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FOR INFECTIOUS CASES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receiver of Medical Cause of Death from the Hospital or Holding Facility</li> <li>Issuance of Burial Permit</li> <li>Meets with family to plan burial</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Body is not handed over to the family as its now the property of the State.</b></p>
Lifting of Skip Containers (Zoomlion)	Every 3 days	Skip Trucks are used to lift Skip containers from the Transit points to the final disposal sites.



Dislodging	1-7 days	When Managers of Public and Private toilets or landlords reports to the office for dislodging.
Monitoring the Emptying of household dustbins	Weekly	Follow ups are made to ascertain the regular emptying of dustbins.
Cleaning of markets, lorry stations, streets etc.	Daily	Laborers are made to sweep the premises.
Educating and training of food	Organizing	☐ NGOs, GHS, GES, individuals, etc.

and drinks vendors or handlers	workshop where and when the need arises	<p>through the Environmental Health Unit conduct workshop for food vendors/handlers.</p> <p>☐ Through the Environmental Health Unit carry out WASH activities.</p>
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**STATISTICS UNIT**

Collection of data on ratable items within the district	Annually	<p>A. Department publicizes such an activity annually through public address systems, information centers, and radio stations across the district.</p> <p>B. The public is sensitized on the economic benefits of such activities towards the development of the district</p> <p>C. Field officers are trained on the concepts of data collection and entry skills and equipped with logistics for the operation</p> <p>D. Data is analyzed, interpreted and publicized for the use of the general public.</p>
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Allocation and/or reallocation of assembly's market stores and stalls	10 working days	<p>A. The department receives and forwards appropriate application letters and issues of conflict on market stores/stalls to the market stores and stalls committee.</p> <p>B. The committee seeks for the availability of vacant facilities from the revenue unit. C. The committee vets' applications to determine applicant's suitability or otherwise for the allocation.</p> <p>D. Committee investigates issues with conflicts and make decisions.</p> <p>E. The committee also investigates into dormant facilities and occupants who default rent to make decisions on possible reallocation.</p> <p>F. The committee through the department conveys decisions to the public.</p>
Assisting the public with data assessment.	7 working days	<p>A. The department receives application letters from the public through the DCD/DCE.</p> <p>B. Request is processed either at the municipal office or the regional office.</p> <p>C. Processed data is sent to the mcd for approval</p> <p>D. The department conveys message to applicant for collection of processed data.</p>
Public sensitization on the importance of data to the	5 working days	<p>A. The department books appointment with some radio stations and information centers within the district.</p>
development of the district		<p>B. Head of department briefs the public on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What data is,</li> <li>ii. Processes of data collection, analysis, management and dissemination.</li> <li>iii. How the public can access all types of data</li> <li>iv. The importance of data/ why the public should always cooperate with data collectors.</li> </ul>

#### 4.7 SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

SERVICE	TIME FRAME	PROCEDURE
Child rights protection and promotion	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution of reported child maintenance cases.</li> <li>• Resolution of reported pregnancy maintenance and paternity cases.</li> <li>• Resolution of reported child custody and access cases.</li> <li>• Resolution of abandoned babies.</li> <li>• Resolution of family integration cases.</li> <li>• Resolution of reported and identified child labor cases.</li> </ul> <p>All these cases when reported at the department are investigated, resolved sometimes referred to the appropriate institution for amicable settlement.</p>
Community care programs	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration of persons with disability</li> <li>• Registration of applicants of the disability fund.</li> <li>• Monitoring the disbursement and utilization of the disability fund.</li> <li>• Facilitate the enrolment of the Vulnerable unto the NHIS system.</li> <li>• Regulating the operations of day care Centers.</li> <li>• Registration and regulating the operations of NGO's and Associations in the district.</li> <li>• Citizenry Bureau</li> <li>• Case management for leap beneficiaries with challenges.</li> <li>• Monitoring the disbursement of cash grants for leap beneficiaries.</li> </ul>
Hospital welfare services	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that the Health care needs of children are provided by their parents.</li> <li>• Ensuring that children who are physically</li> </ul>
		<p>and emotionally abused are given the needed medical and emotional support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring that the vulnerable are provided with the needed basic health care services.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Providing counselling services to the vulnerable (PWDs, women, aged, children etc.)</li> </ul>
Justice administration	2 days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Support the Magistrate and other Panel members on the administration of justice with respect to child's rights and welfare.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Investigating cases of contravention of the Children’s Act 560, 1998, Juvenile justice Act, Domestic Violence Act and Criminal Code that appears before the family tribunal and making appropriate recommendation for the decision of the court.</li> </ul>
Social education and training	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mass meetings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Focus group discussions on topical social issues.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Organizing Skills training for the vulnerable in their respective communities in order to make ends meet.</li> </ul>

#### 4.8 WORKS DEPARTMENT

SERVICE	TIME FRAME	PROCEDURE
Issuance of building permit	Within 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submission of application.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vetting by the physical Planning and Works Department and other agencies.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Collation of Technical findings.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Site inspection.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technical consideration of application by Technical Sub-committee.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consideration of application by the Spatial Planning Committee.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Processing of Spatial Planning Committee decisions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Issuance of Development permit.</li> </ul>
Development control	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Radio discussion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders Engagement.</li> </ul>
Project Management and Quantity surveying	Depends on the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Planning stage</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of working drawings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of estimates</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of bill of quantities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of tender documents</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bid opening</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tender Evaluation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Award of contract.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Project supervision</li> </ul>
Monitoring of projects	Depends on the project timeframe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Constituting monitoring team Visitation of project sites.</li> </ul>

		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation and submission of monitoring report.
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#### 4.9 DISASTER PREVENTION DEPARTMENT

SERVICE	TIME FRAME	PROCEDURE
Educate and sensitize the public on disaster prevention and mitigation	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters sent to the opinion leaders in the community or town</li> <li>b. Announcement is done in the community on the said date on the letter</li> <li>c. Community durbar to engage with community members with our human resource personnel's.</li> </ul>
De-silting Major Drains/clean up exercise to avoid flooding and other related diseases	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Announcement is done in the community through information centre to inform the community members that, this is what NADMO is embarking on so the community members should join hand.</li> </ul>
Community based antibush/domestic fire education/radio talk show	1st quarter and November through to December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters sent to the opinion leaders in the community or town.</li> <li>b. Announcement is done in the community on the said date on the letter.</li> <li>c. Community durbar to engage with community members with our human resource personnel's.</li> <li>d. Radio talk show.</li> </ul>
Disaster preparedness education on floods, rain/windstorm	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter throughout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters sent to the opinion leaders in the community or town.</li> <li>b. Announcement is done in the community on the said date on the letter.</li> <li>c. Community durbar to engage with community members with our human resource personnel's.</li> </ul>
Disaster risk reduction and Climate change adaptation advocacy (DRR&CCAA)	Daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters sent to the opinion leaders in the community or town.</li> <li>b. Letters sent to our stakeholders like Ghana national fire service (GNFS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) etc</li> <li>c. Announcement is done through information centre to the people</li> <li>d. Final program takes place at the hall.</li> </ul>

Training of Disaster Volunteer Groups (DVGs)/ formation of Disaster Clubs in Schools.	2 working days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters sent to the school heads and community leaders.</li> <li>b. Selection is made among the students and the community members.</li> <li>c. Training is done.</li> <li>d. Formation of the Disaster Clubs.</li> </ul>
Undertake Emergency Response	As at when disaster happens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Complaints are received through phone calls from the victims or other persons.</li> <li>b. Response Team is mobilized and sent to the scene for rescue.</li> </ul>
Establishment of District Disaster Committee	1 working day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters to the various members of the committee which is stated in the NADMO Act 571</li> <li>b. DCE is the chairman</li> <li>c. NADMO Director is the secretary</li> <li>d. Swearing in of members</li> <li>e. District Disaster Committee is formed.</li> </ul>
Public education on road safety	1 working day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters sent to the Drivers Unions.</li> <li>b. Letters sent to our stakeholders like Ghana Police Service, Road Safety Commission, etc</li> <li>c. Announcement is done through information centre in the communities.</li> <li>d. Final program takes place at a durbar ground.</li> </ul>
Inspection of market centres, commercial places and public institutions	3 working days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters sent to the managers of the institutions on the said date of the inspection</li> <li>b. The team mobilize to the various places to check, fire extinguishers, exit point, fire detector, documentation surrounding their operations</li> <li>c. Observations</li> <li>d. Recommendations</li> </ul>

## CHAPTER FIVE

### OUR COMMITMENTS AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES 5.1 WHAT WE STRIVE FOR

- Continuous improvement in our service delivery.
- Sustainable Industrialization, Modernized Agriculture and Human Capital Development
- The creation of enabling environment for socio-economic development
- Empowerment of women and other vulnerable groups to participate in governance and the Assembly's development agenda
- The protection and promotion of Public Health and the prevention of diseases
- Provision of information in an open and transparent manner
- Creation of a conducive environment for Public Private Partnership (PPP) in our service delivery to ensure efficiency and effectiveness
- Compilation of a comprehensive socio-economic database that will be accessible to the public
- Readily accessible information on all activities of the Assembly

### 5.2 COURTESY AND COOPERATION

- All office doors are marked to facilitate easy identification
- Friendly Client Service Officers will be on hand to provide various services
- Assembly Staff are also available to provide professional support services
- A well-trained development control taskforce will visit various construction sites to ensure compliance to building regulations
- Courteous Revenue Collectors with tags will go round daily to collect various rates

### 5.3 WHAT WE ASK FROM THE PUBLIC

The quality of service we can provide to you depends on the input and co-operation we receive from you. Accordingly, we expect you to:

- Identify yourself by name, and if necessary, organization and grade.

- Comply with our rules, guidelines and regulations.
- Accord our staff the utmost respect.

#### **5.4WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US**

##### ***In writing, we will:***

- Reply to all letters within five (5) working days on receipt. If we cannot answer all your questions within that time, we will inform you in writing and/or by telephone when to expect a full reply.
- Treat faxes and e-mails which are duly signed as official documents.

##### ***By telephone, we will:***

- Identify ourselves by organization, name and grade.
- Inform you when you may expect a full reply, in case we are unable to answer your enquiry immediately.
- Redirect you to the appropriate quarters if the matter in question is not in our area of competence.

##### ***On appointment, we will:***

- See you within ten minutes of the agreed time.
- Answer your questions immediately, but if we cannot, we will let you know why and when you can expect an answer from us.



## CHAPTER SIX WHERE

### TO FIND US:

#### 6.1 PHYSICAL LOCATION

The Offinso District Assembly is located at Akomadan opposite the Shell filling station on Akomadan – Techiman road.

#### 6.2 OUR MAILING ADDRESSES ARE:

OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

POST OFFICE BOX 25

AKOMADAN - ASHANTI.

TEL: 233-0594948548

b. E-MAIL: [www.offinsonorthdistrictassembly.com](http://www.offinsonorthdistrictassembly.com)

#### 6.3 SOME IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NO.	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER(S)
1.	Hon. District Chief Executive	0244844840
2.	District Co-ordinating Director	0243344485
3.	Hon. Presiding Member	0262132568
4.	District Works Engineer	0244993524
5.	District Finance Officer	0204232374
6.	Client Service Unit	0245846689
7.	District Environmental Health Officer	0246575228

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### 7.0 COMPLAINTS AND COMMENTS

Your complaints and comments in respect of our services may be reported to the Committee of public relations and complaints as first step.

If the committee fails to resolve you complains to your satisfaction, you may contact the District Co-ordinating Director/District chief Executive. If you complain still persist, you may contact the Regional \minister at RCC or the Minister of Local and Rural Development. If your complaint still persists, you may ultimately contact the new charter office at the office of the president for the final resolutions.

### 7.1 WHEN REGISTERING A COMPLAINT

When contacting us if you are dissatisfied with a service from SSDA, we would like you to:

- Indicate which of our services you are dissatisfied with.
- Indicate what you expect the Offinso North District to do.
- Follow up with the relevant staff/department/unit, if possible.

### 7.2 WHERE TO ADDRESS YOUR COMPLAINTS

*You may address your comments and complaints to:*

a. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (PRCC)

OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

P. O. BOX 25

AKOMADAN - ASHANTI.

TEL: 233-0594948548

b. E-MAIL:[www.offinsonorthdistrictassembly.com](http://www.offinsonorthdistrictassembly.com)

c. The Client Service Unit is located at the ground floor of Offinso North District Assembly Office.

#### **NOTE:**

The channel of communication in dealing with the ONDA shall be as follows:

- a. From Serving Officer through Departmental Head to DCD and to DCE.
- b. From a general public to the Head of Department to DCD and to DCE.

### **7.3 YOUR VIEWS COUNT**

If something goes wrong, we will be glad to hear about it from you. We are continuously trying to improve our standards. To do this we need to know what kind of service you need and how this compares with the service we provide. We promise to consider your views when reviewing our standards, but most importantly take it into account when serving you.

Where you are still not satisfied with the outcome, you may address your comment/complaints to:

**THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS  
COMMITTEE (PRCC) OFFICE OF THE OFFINSO NORTH DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  
P. O. BOX 25  
AKOMADA - ASHANTI.**