

OBUASI EAST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION UNIT
MEMORANDUM

FROM : DEHO
TO : DCD / DCE
DATE : 24TH NOVEMBER, 2020
SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON CELEBRATION OF 2020 WORLD TOILET DAY**

Report On Celebration Of 2020 World Toilet Day

INTRODUCTION

The 2020 World Toilet Day (WTD) was celebrated on 19th November, 2020 as celebrated on the said date worldwide.

This year's celebration was under the theme "**Sustainable sanitation and climate change**"

FACTS

It is believed that 4.2 billion of the global population lack safe sanitation and 40% of the world's population lack basic handwashing facility with soap and available water at home.

It is also believed that more than 800 children under five (5) years die daily out of diarrhea diseases due to poor hygiene, poor sanitation and unsafe drinking water.

Globally, 80% of the waste water generated by society goes back to the ecosystem untreated or reused, thereby the ecosystem (water bodies, soil, etc).

The world has projected that by 2050 about 5.7% billion people could be living in areas with scarcity of water at least one month a year.

To ensure the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG#6) by ensuring water and sanitation for all by 2030.

CELEBRATION

This year's celebration in the district took the Environmental Health Officers (EHO's) to the market place where the facts were shared with the people and the need to acquire a sustainable toilet. This will help prevent sewage and sludge from toilet from polluting water bodies and the entire environment, whether due to flooding as a result of climate change. Sustainable toilets are those designed to effectively contain human waste safely, accessible, with dignified setting and reduce the rate of emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

The markets visited include Boete Timber Market, Boete Market, Tutuka Market, Kwabrafoso Market and Tutuka Lorry Terminal.

The audience were encouraged to own a sustainable toilet in order to eliminate all the possible factors that relate to the adverse consequences of poor sanitation as mentioned above.

See some photographs below







CONCLUSION

Being a tool to create awareness and also helping to encourage people to own a sustainable toilet, which is not just any toilet, it behooves on the Assembly as an institution seeking the development and wellbeing of its people to remain committed to this so as to play its role in attaining the SDG#6.

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