

19. We recommended to management to always obtain copies of the release letters and acknowledge from the Administrator of Common Fund and DDF Secretariat in order to update their records accordingly.

20. Management responded that our recommendation was well noted.

Infrastructural projects

DACF – CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

DELAYED CONTRACTS

21. Every contract awarded for project by an institution has an expected completion date which is included in the contract agreement. The essence of this is to ensure that the contractor works within time frame to complete the project on schedule.

22. On the contrary, our audit revealed that although the contract agreements had provided the completion dates of two (2) projects by the Assembly. These projects as of February 2020 has not been completed even though it should have been completed on 30th September, 2019 had been unduly delayed beyond the fixed completion dates. Detail is attached as an Appendix.

23. The DCD and District Engineer attributed this anomaly to delays due to inadequate funds releases from the administrator of DACF of office and other donors on time were the cause of the delays in completion of these laudable projects. This situation if not handled well could cause litigations between contractors and the Assembly. Additionally it may bring avoidable variations and costs over runs to the Assembly.

24. We recommended to management to impress upon the contractors to ensure that the two (2) projects are completed and put to use without further delay.