

April-May 2008 - Dumase Resettlement Project Update

Update so far

Golden Star (Bogoso Prestea) Limited (GSBPL) continues consultations with the Dumase Community and stakeholders on the resettlement project. The first part of the process is expected to result in a complete set of baseline data in preparation for the negotiations stage.

The consultation process took a new turn in the last two months, which called for a review of the process. The socioeconomic survey that started at the end of March was interrupted at the request of the community members with concerns about the use of number coding for households.

The community offered ways of addressing the concern and resuming the survey. GSBPL has reviewed their inputs and has adopted a suitable mode to continue the survey without using number coding for the houses. It is now expected that the socio-economic survey can be resumed.

Meanwhile, GSBPL is waiting to receive final inputs and comments on the socioeconomic questionnaires from the community to make final adjustments before resuming the survey.

Community Consultations and Stakeholder Updates

- Community consultation and correspondence with the Dumase Community is currently through the Dumase Oversight Committee (“DOC”), while the broader stakeholders are being updated on the progress of the process.
- Weekly scheduled meetings were postponed by the DOC since the end of March and as such, GSBPL has sent out information to the Dumase community in the form of written letters to the “DOC”.
- Meetings with community elders took place where they were given updates of the process and they gave their inputs for the progress of the process.
- All GSBPL employees from Dumase have also been given updates and feedback on the progress of the project.
- Regular updates to the regional stakeholder authorities took the form of a briefing meeting. The “DOC” was invited but did not send a representative to the meeting.

Baseline Development

GSBPL has informed the “DOC” that it is ready to resume the socioeconomic survey as soon as the community confirms a date to do so.

Continued development of the baseline data collection with the Asset survey is required before resettlement negotiations can start.