

February 2008 - Dumase Resettlement Project Update

Golden Star (Bogoso / Prestea) Limited employed a Resettlement Manager, so completing the core team for the Dumase resettlement project. His experience is expected to be a great contribution for the progress of the Dumase project.

Consultations to further develop the baseline for resettlement in the Dumase community with the Dumase Oversight Committee (DOC) yielded the start of

- Capacity building training for the DOC members and
- Socio-economic survey in the community.

Community Consultations

Consultations with the Dumase community were in the form of meetings and training for the Dumase Oversight Committee. A weekly schedule was established for the capacity building training.

Golden Star employees were provided with a simplified resettlement process chart was to explain the steps of resettlement, so reducing the misconceptions within our employees.

Regular updates to district authorities took the form of a briefing meeting. With the introduction of a new District in the Region, stakeholder consultations will now be with Prestea, Bogoso, Huni-Valley District in Bogoso.

Baseline Development

The initial work on the socioeconomic survey of Dumase Community started and we asked the DOC to nominate three people from the community to take part in monitoring and supervision during the survey.

As part of sensitization, the DOC has been given training on Socio-economic survey and training sessions on other topics related to resettlement will be carried out in subsequent weekly meetings. The DOC will, in turn, consult with the wider community for similar sensitization.

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