

# **October-November 2008 - Dumasi Resettlement Project Update**

## ***General***

GSBPL made an offer to Dumasi Oversight Committee to support and pay for legal assistance during the socio economic survey in order to eliminate community concerns in relation to the process, and restart the survey.

DOC accepted the offer after a delay that extended for almost all the period in review and the survey is expected to start soon.

## ***Community Consultations and Stakeholder Updates***

- All information on the status of the resettlement process was passed to the community through the DOC and copied to the elders of Dumasi.
- The resettlement team met with farmers from the community for consultations to review their pending grievances over compensation for farmland.
- Updates on the Dumasi project were presented to the District Chief Executive at the District Assembly in Bogoso, who provided inputs into the concept of the socio-economic survey, and consultations with the community, which were included in the project planning.
- EPA was asked for their comments and input into the planning and concept of the socioeconomic survey

## ***Baseline Development***

- GSBPL has offered to pay the fees for legal counsel used by Dumasi Oversight Committee during the socioeconomic survey. The two parties agreed on the terms and conditions for the use and payment of this service.
- The GSBPL resettlement team continued to work towards addressing the socioeconomic concerns of the community, and is finalizing a vocational training program for the youth in the community. The community expressed their satisfaction with the proposed program and their willingness to participate.
- Consultations are continuing on resuming the socioeconomic survey before the end of the year 2008.