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Justice Sophia A. B. Akuffo
Chief Justice of The Republic of Ghana



MESSAGE FROM HER LADYSHIP THE CHIEF JUSTICE SOPHIA A.B. AKUFFO

Introduction

It is my privilege and honour to welcome once again all members of the Judiciary and the staff of the Judicial Service of Ghana to the 2018-2019 Legal Year. We thank the good Lord for his enduring favour, the gift of life and the opportunity to serve our nation and people.

It is a privilege we must never take lightly. We pray that each of us is strengthened and inspired to embark on this year's work with energy and enthusiasm and that our work may be of the greatest benefit to our nation, our communities, our families and ourselves.

In the 2018-2019 Legal Year, it is proper that we review and reflect on the past year. It is important that we assess the efforts that we made, celebrate the successes that we had and resolve to improve on the areas where we fell short.

As Chief Justice, I pledge to remain a solid champion of excellence in the Judicial Service and its many wonderful men and women who every day, strive to deliver on this nation's promise of freedom and justice to all its citizens. And I hope that we will intensify the spirit of sacrifice and cooperation that served us well in the previous Legal Year so we can do even better in the next.

Theme

Last year, we committed ourselves to ensuring that we have “Quality Judges, Delivering Quality Justice”. This is a commitment anchored in the belief that the Bench as the final arbiter of dispute, must be of the highest quality, for us to achieve our collective goal of ensuring that we retain and boost public confidence in our service and the integrity of our results.

In the 2018-2019 legal year we have chosen the theme “Quality Justice Delivery: A Shared Responsibility” to guide our activities and thoughts. The theme reflects the unassailable truth that our success requires every single member of the Judicial Service to exhibit our best values. It is not enough for some of us – or one group – to be exceptional; we must all cultivate and maintain a culture of unrelenting excellence in order for us to truly succeed.

It also means that we must continue to work as a team. Our designations may be different but our purpose is singular. If justice is to be truly dispensed in a manner that gives meaning to our national assignment, then we must complement and support each other to provide the quality services that our nation needs and deserves.

Information and Communication Technology

Last legal year, we embarked on a number of ICT programmes with a view to injecting efficiency and speed into our administrative and judicial processes. These efforts form part of the digitization drive that the Service has embarked upon since beginning of the century. We believe that the application of ICT tools will greatly enhance our efficiency and have ability to deliver on our mandate and, over the years see the benefits.

In the year under the review, we launched the development of the Criminal Justice Case Tracking System, an integrated information database that will enable all players in the criminal justice sector to track cases from arrest through to conviction. This system, when it becomes operational, will also enable law enforcement agencies to share and review information on persons of interest and will ultimately facilitate the early apprehension of criminals and bring them to justice much faster than we are able to do currently.

We were also able to commence, on a pilot basis, the e-Justice system. The system is intended to fully automate all court processes and completely eliminate the use of paper. Apart from vastly improving record keeping and management, the e-Justice system will make us a greener and more environmentally safe Service. Currently, the system is in use on a pilot basis at the Law Court Complex in Accra and we expect to extend it to all courts through stages across the nation by the year 2025.

To make judgments of public interest easily and widely accessible, we have embarked on an e-Judgment initiative where the public can access judgments online through a designated website.

A website has also been developed solely for the Commercial Courts under the Business Enabling Environment Programme (BEEP) which will be a one stop resource on the Commercial Courts, for the benefit of local and international investors and business persons, for whom speedy access to information is a recognised priority.

Monitoring and Evaluation

A computer-based monitoring and evaluation system was designed for use by all the courts in the country. This system will help the Service collect, collate, monitor, evaluate and report on activities to enable it to plan and implement projects effectively. Training and orientation of officers have been done and the necessary hardware procured to enable the smooth operationalization of this project. Currently, courts in the Ashanti, Northern, Upper East, Upper West, Brong Ahafo, Western, Greater Accra and Central Regions are providing data on activities in their Courts. This has enabled the Monitoring and Evaluation Department to collate and analyse caseload statistics of all cases in the Courts for the 2017/2018 Legal Year.

Infrastructure

In the past year, we undertook a number of projects in line with the vision to ensure that justice delivery is conducted in environments which are conducive, befitting and foster employee well-being and creativity. We have established closer collaboration with local government assemblies to ensure their compliance with their responsibilities to justice service, under the Local Government Act.(Act 936)

In the area of energy, a 2,000 KVA Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) was installed at the Law Court Complex

to stabilize power supply to the building. This will ensure that work is not interrupted by power cuts. A solar power plant was inaugurated at the Winneba High Court, as part of a grand plan to move our courts to solar energy, saving us money and easing the burden on the national grid.

Currently, work is on-going to repair all previously existing solar installations that have broken down. Their completion will bring us closer to our final goal, which is the total solarisation of the Ghanaian court system by 2025. In the coming Legal Year, we expect to redouble our efforts in this area.

We commissioned two High Courts in Kumasi and Tamale Prisons to assure easy access by prison inmates to facilitate applications for bail and appeals from convictions by the Lower Courts. We expect that this will no doubt help enormously in our mission to, in particular, reduce the number of inmates awaiting trial in our prisons.

We also commenced the renovation of bungalows for the use of Judges who have been transferred to other stations. A nationwide exercise is also underway to register and record all landed properties that belong to the Service.

Anti-Corruption

During the period under review, we launched an Anti-Corruption Action Plan for the Judiciary and the Judicial Service. The Plan reinforces the commitment of the Judiciary to eradicate judicial corruption in line with our five-year Strategic Plan, the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP), international and regional anti-corruption conventions, the International Bar

Association's Judicial Anti-Corruption Compact and international best practice.

Additionally, the plan explains what the Judiciary has already done, and what it plans to do in the four key areas of increasing the focus on integrity, reducing opportunities for corruption, increasing transparency and accountability and dealing efficiently and effectively with complaints.

In the past year, we also expanded, nationwide, the Public Relations and Complaints Units (PRCUs). The Units have been supplied with the necessary human and logistical resources to enable them to deliver on their mandate. A software is currently being developed to electronically track judicial complaints and the outcome of decisions on complaints.

Conclusion

I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the Judicial Service in the past year. We are especially grateful to the local and foreign agencies that have provided material and organisational support in the prosecution of our continued mission to improve justice delivery in the country.

I am also very thankful to the entire Judicial Service and the Judicial Council for the support they provide me, for recognising our shared responsibility to deliver quality justice and for continuously striving to ensure that we become better each year.

I wish for all of you, God's blessings and favour in the 2018-2019 legal year.

THE JUDICIAL SERVICE OF GHANA

VISION OF THE JUDICIARY/JUDICIAL SERVICE OF GHANA

“JUSTICE WITHOUT BARRIERS”

Mission Statement

To resolve legal conflicts according to law, impartially and efficiently to all persons without fear or favour, affection or ill-will.

We do this by the true and proper interpretation, application and implementation of the laws of Ghana.”

Strategic Goals

- Strengthen public trust and confidence in the Judiciary by deepening understanding of its functions
- Consolidate judicial independence, especially financial independence;
- Provide adequate infrastructure for justice delivery (security of courts, judges, staff and their families);
- Increase application of ICT to improve efficiency and reduce costs;
- Improve administrative capacity and efficient management of the Judiciary's resources;
- Attract quality staff, strengthen the capacity of its human resource and improve the conditions of service of staff;

- Improve access to the courts through the provision of adequate infrastructure, logistics, and financial resources.

Core Values

- Independent-Mindedness
- Honesty
- Efficiency
- Self-Discipline
- Impartiality
- Punctuality
- Dedication to duty
- Transparency

Judicial Council

The Judicial Council was created under Article 153 of the 1992 Constitution. This 17-member body is constituted as follows:

- (a) The Chief Justice, Chairperson;
- (b) The Hon. Attorney General & Minister of Justice;

- © A Justice of the Supreme Court nominated by Justices of the Supreme Court;
- (d) A Justice of the Court of Appeal nominated by Justices of the Court of Appeal;
- (e) A Justice of the High Court nominated by Justices of the High Court;
- (f) Two (2) representatives of the Ghana Bar Association, one of whom shall be a person of not less than 12 years standing as a lawyer;
- (g) A representative of the Lower Courts;
- (h) The Judge Advocate-General of the Ghana Armed Forces;
- (i) The Head of the Legal Directorate of the Police Service;
- (j) The Editor of the Ghana Law Report
- (k) A representative of the Judicial Service Staff Association of Ghana (JUSAG) nominated by the Association;
- (l) A Chief nominated by the National House of Chiefs; and
- (m) Four (4) other persons who are not lawyers appointed by the President.

Its functions are mainly advisory. It has the duty of proposing for the consideration of Government any judicial reforms necessary for improvement of the services of the Judiciary.

It serves as a body for the consideration and discussion of matters that impinge on the efficient functioning of the Judiciary, thereby assisting the Hon. Lady Chief Justice in the performance of her duties. For the effective performance of these functions, the Council is permitted by law to establish such committees as it deems fit to which it may refer any matter concerning the Judiciary.

Other advisory functions of the Judicial Council relate to the appointment and removal of judges and other staff of the Judicial Service. The President on the advice of the Judicial Council appoints all Superior Court Judges, except the Chief Justice.

The Courts

The courts in Ghana are of two main categories: The Superior Courts and the Lower Courts.

The Superior Courts are made up of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and the High Court.

The Lower Courts as Parliament may by law establish are currently made up of the Circuit Courts and the District Courts which when differently constituted serve as Juvenile Courts and Family Tribunals.

Supreme Court

This Court is the final appellate body of the whole court system of the country.

It has the original and exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating to the enforcement or interpretation of the Constitution and all matters arising as to whether an enactment was made in excess of the powers conferred

on Parliament or any other authority or person by law or under the Constitution.

The Court has appellate jurisdiction and hears all appeals from the Court of Appeal with the exception of Parliamentary election disputes. It also hears appeals against decisions of the High Court in respect of treason and high treason.

Appeals from the National House of Chiefs are also heard by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court also has supervisory jurisdiction over all courts in the country.

The Court is to consist of not less than nine (9) Justices of the Supreme Court. For its work, the Court is duly constituted by five (5) Justices.

At the end of the Legal Year, there were 11 Justices of the Supreme Court, excluding the Chief Justice.

Court of Appeal

The Court of Appeal has no original jurisdiction. It serves as the appellate Court for the High Courts and the Circuit Courts, unless otherwise provided by law.

Article 136 of the Constitution states that the Court of Appeal shall consist of the Chief Justice, not less than 10 other Justices of the Superior Court as the Chief Justice may request to sit in the Court of Appeal. Any three (3) Justices, however, duly constitute the Court.

At the end of the Legal Year, there were 29 Justices of the Court of Appeal.

High Court

The High Court is duly constituted by a single Judge unless he is required to sit with a jury or assessors. Unless otherwise specified by the Constitution, it has original jurisdiction in all matters, civil and criminal. It has appellate jurisdiction as may be conferred on it by the Constitution or any other law.

Currently, it serves as the appellate body for appeals from criminal judgment of the Circuit Courts, all appeals from the District Courts, the Juvenile Courts and the Family Tribunals. It has supervisory jurisdiction over all Lower Courts in the country. The High Court also has jurisdiction to enforce the Fundamental Human Rights and Freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution. Currently there are 96 Justices of the High Court.

Commercial Division

The Commercial Division has been in operation since its inauguration on the 4th of March, 2005. The Court operates as a specialized division of the High Court. By the Rules of the Court, it is mandated to deal exclusively with matters that are commercial in nature, which have been detailed under Order 58 of C.I 47, (High Court Civil Procedure Rules.) The Court is regulated by the High Court Civil Procedure Rules.

The difference between this court and other existing High Courts is with respect to its jurisdiction, which is limited to business and commercial disputes and the introduction of court related mediation procedures as part of the Dispute Resolution Process.

The Court upon its establishment was also granted a semi-

autonomous status to enable it to run efficiently and effectively. By the nature of its operation and mandate, the Court serves as a model for reform in judicial administration and delivery of justice.

The Division is managed by the President, a High Court Judge who acts as the Executive and the judicial head of the Court and supervises the operations of the Division together with an Administrator, a Registrar and other supporting administrative staff. It has a staff strength of more than 70 which includes 10 judges.

A Users Committee provides support for the management of the Court.

Other specialized divisions of the High Court are the Land Court, Economic and Financial Crimes Court, Human Rights and Labour Court, Divorce and Matrimonial Court and General Jurisdiction Court.

Circuit Court

Each Circuit Court is manned by a Circuit Judge. Its requirement of jurisdiction includes civil actions arising under contract or tort or for recovery of all liquidated claims not exceeding GH¢ 100, 000.00, all landlord and tenant cases, ownership, possession, occupation and title to land cases.

The Circuit Court also has jurisdiction in applications for Probate and Letters of Administration where the value of the property does not exceed GH¢ 50, 000.00 and matters involving custody of children.

The Circuit Court has original jurisdiction in all criminal

matters other than treason offences triable on indictment and offences punishable by death.

Appeals from Circuit Courts in civil cases go to the Court of Appeal and in criminal cases to the High Court. Currently, there are 55 Circuit Court Judges.

Gender-Based Violence Court

The Gender-Based Violence Court, popularly called the Domestic Violence Court has been in existence since March 2009. Its main aim is to resolve domestic violence cases in a speedy manner. It is a division of the Circuit Court. The Court deals with matrimonial and adoption cases.

The Court handles criminal cases including defilement, incest, indecent assault, cases under the Domestic Violence Act and cases involving issues related to children.

District Court

The District Court makes up the largest number of courts in the country and statistically handles the largest number of cases. It is a requirement of the law that each district in the country should have at least one Court.

Civil jurisdictions of this Court include all personal actions arising under contract or tort for recovery of any liquidated sum where the amount claimed does not exceed GH¢ 20,000.00.

In criminal matters, the Court has jurisdiction to try summarily offences punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred (500) penalty units or imprisonment for a term not exceeding (2) years or both. There are a total of

182 Magistrates at post. 78 of them are Professional Magistrates and 104 Career Magistrates.

Juvenile Court

The Chief Justice has the power to designate a District Court as a Juvenile Court. This court shall be composed of the District Magistrate and two (2) other persons, one (1) of whom shall be a Social Welfare Officer. The Court has power to hear and determine any criminal matter that involves a person under the age of 18 years, otherwise known as a juvenile. However, where the accused persons are more than one and one of them happens to be 18 years and above, the jurisdiction of the Juvenile court is ousted until the juvenile is convicted by the trial court.

Family Tribunal

The District Court serves as Family Tribunal to hear and determine actions that arise under the Children's Act 1998 (Act 560).

Its main jurisdiction is in matters concerning parentage, custody, access to and maintenance of children. It also has jurisdiction in cases concerning children in need of special care and protection, in which case the Tribunal can make care and supervision orders.

The Family Tribunal is constituted by a panel consisting of a Chairman, not less two (2) or more than five (5) other members, including a Social Welfare Officer appointed by the Chief Justice on the recommendation of the Director of Social Welfare.

Motor Courts

This is a specialized District Court mandated by the Chief Justice to handle only Motor/Traffic cases.

COURT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Introduction:

The role of the Court Services Department among other things is to ensure efficient delivery of justice, effective court operations, supervision of Court Registries and preparation of applicants for swearing-in as Notaries Public/Commissioners for Oaths.

During the period under review, the following activities were carried out:

1. Proposals/Practice Directions

Practice Directions and Policy Proposals were developed within the period including the following:

- a. A practice direction on executions (writs of fi:fa, possession and garnishee proceedings) was developed for all Registries.
- b. A practice direction on the making of entries of court fines paid into court was developed and circulated to all Registrars of the court.
- c. A policy proposal on the siting of courts was also developed. It dealt with procedure in siting of courts and the need to request Districts without courts to build same to bring justice to the door-step of the people.
- d. A proposal on the improvement of the work of Receivers/Managers for effective administration of justice was also developed.

2. Appointment of Commissioners for Oaths for the National Identification Authority (NIA)

Under Section 8 of the National Identification Register (Amendment) Act, 2017 (Act 950), applicants for registration must establish their eligibility as Ghanaians by providing a birth certificate or a valid passport. Where an applicant has neither document, a relative or two persons registered and issued with the Ghana Card can vouch for the applicant's eligibility. The "vouching for" process is to be made by way of the swearing of an Oath before a Commissioner for Oaths.

The Department worked with the National Identification Authority (NIA) to advertise and shortlist 2,800 applications for Commissioners for Oaths to assist in the effective implementation of the National Identification System (NIS) Project. The list was sent to the Bureau of National Identification (BNI) for clearance. Swearing-in was to follow after interviewing, examination and training.

3. Training of Registrars

As part of a skills development strategy for Registrars adopted by the Department, a series of training programmes were held for Registrars in the Greater Accra Region. It was meant to develop the skill sets of Registrars to add value to the Judicial Service.

Topics including jury service, committal proceedings, executions, drawing up of orders, auditing and e-justice were all dealt with.

Training materials were compiled to be sent to all Registries in the regions to guide their work.

4. **Relocation of Courts**

During the period, there were some construction and relocation of some courts. The Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipal Assembly constructed a Court Complex made up of High, Circuit and District Courts for the Judicial Service. The old High and District Courts at Nsawam were relocated to the Complex. The Circuit Court was to relocate to the Complex after the provision of additional offices by the Assembly.

In Wenchi, the Assembly constructed a new District Court. The old court was relocated to the new court. Other courts which have relocated to new court houses are the District Courts in Dabose and Fomena.

5. **Establishment of Courts**

The District Court at Ve-Golokwati, the District Capital of Afadzato South was inaugurated.

Other proposed courts awaiting approval and inauguration include the following:

- a. High Court, OdumaseKrobo (Lower ManyaKrobo Municipal)
- b. District Court, Sowutuom (Ga Central Municipal)
- c. District Court, Mankessim (Mfantseman Municipal)

6. **Justice For All Programme**

The Justice For All Programme continued in various prison facilities including Nsawam, Akuse, Kpando, Sunyani, Tarkwa, Takoradi, Ankaful, Winneba and Obuasi.

The Department attended to staffing, filing of applications and other requirements for the Programme.

7. **Archives Unit**

The Archives and Records Unit organized and managed records for the Service. In Accra, all High and Circuit Court records were organized awaiting digitization. About 50% of records of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal were also organized for easy retrieval.

About 60% of court records in the Ashanti Region were organized for easy retrieval.

8. **Private Process Servers Unit**

As part of the Reform and Modernization Programme of the Judicial Service to improve justice delivery, it became necessary to privatize the service of court processes in the courts.

The Private Process Servers Unit is in charge of all Private Process Service Companies. Officers of these Companies serve processes paid for by court users whilst all other processes are served by Court Bailiffs who are also to ensure effective execution. During the year under review, the Unit ensured that a remarkable number of processes were served and service proved as compared with the era where only Bailiffs served court processes.

LAW COURT COMPLEX, ACCRA

1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Law Court Complex (LCC), situated on the John Evans Atta-Mills High Street, Accra, GA-144-8598 is a state-of-the-art court complex. It houses 44 High Courts which operate under four registries namely: Land, Human Rights, General Jurisdiction and Commercial. The Human Rights Registry takes care of industrial and labour disputes, human rights, divorce and matrimonial matters as well as financial and economic crime cases. The General Jurisdiction Registry deals with criminal, probate and other miscellaneous matters that do not fall squarely within the purview of the other registries.

Cases filed are assigned electronically using the Electronic Case Distribution System. In recent times, to ensure an even distribution of the workload amongst Judges, cases from the Land and General Jurisdiction Registries which record high volumes of filed cases have been assigned to courts outside these divisions. All the courts are equipped with the Direct Transcription System enabling court users to have access to court proceedings on the same day a matter is heard.

Facilities available at the Law Court Complex include a Secretariat for the Lady Chief Justice and the Judicial

Secretary, a 94-seater Library, 8 Lawyer/Client Meeting Rooms, 4 Witness Waiting Rooms, 4 Meeting Rooms for Alternative Dispute Resolution, a Children's Playroom, 6 Jury Rooms, 4 Cafeterias for Judges, Staff, the Bar and the general public, a Clinic and Gymnasium.

Within the Law Court Complex are also commercial facilities such as a Bank, Business Center, Convenience Shop, offices for 2 Commissioner for Oaths, a 30 seater Conference Room, a 30 seater Media Meeting Room and a 300 seater Auditorium with an attached VVIP Holding Room. As part of the commercial facilities is a Video-Conferencing Room for the taking of evidence by video link or communication by the same mode.

In order to constantly build the capacity of staff, the Judicial Training Institute has a 30 seater Training Room and a 20 seater Computer Laboratory in the Complex.

2. HUMAN RESOURCE

The total staff strength of the LCC is 299 and this includes staff from the Works, ICT, Archives, Internal Audit, Complaints and Logistics Units respectively. During the period under review 10 staff were assigned to the Complex. Two Judges namely His Lordship Justice

Kwabena Asumadu and His Lordship Justice Stephen Herbert Ocran, attached to the Complex retired during the legal year under review. In February 2018, Her Ladyship Justice Naa Adoley Azu resigned from the Judicial Service. Two judges were transferred to the Complex namely; Her Ladyship Justice Ellen Vivian Amoah and His Lordship Justice Samuel Asare Nyako. Two Judges at the LCC were elevated to the Court of Appeal during the legal year and given additional responsibilities as High Court Judges in order to continue sitting at the LCC. These were Her Ladyship Justice Merley Wood and His Lordship Justice Anthony Yeboah. The LCC sadly lost one Judge His Lordship Justice Robin Batu. A new Court Manager was assigned to the Complex in October 2017. A new unit, Internal Audit was set up in the LCC during the year under review.

In February 2018, there was a reassignment of all staff in all the 44 courts. This was geared towards affording every staff the opportunity to be exposed to the differing working environments within the LCC and to ensure an even and equitable distribution of competent staff. Although this was initially fiercely resisted by some staff and Judges, it has proven to be a useful tool in ensuring that opportunities and breeding grounds for corruption are whittled down to the barest minimum. The period also saw realignment and reassignment of the Criminal Courts and Judges.

3. E-JUSTICE

The LCC is currently piloting the Paperless Court System (E-justice) as part of the Government of Ghana's E-Transform Programme. The E-justice is simply an electronic case management system that seeks to automate the existing

manual filing systems within the court system. It therefore provides the electronic platform for the filing and service of processes, allocation and distribution of cases to the courts, calendar management for Judges as well as the execution of all court decisions for all cases filed at the LCC. A portal has been created for use by all external persons to enable them to have access to, and make requests for proceedings, judgments, file processes and make payments online anytime of the day and also conduct electronic service of court processes. One can therefore obtain certified documents without necessarily walking to the LCC. Currently all User Acceptance Tests have been completed and all the Registries are using the system internally. A number of the courts are using the programme internally as it is being rolled out within the LCC on an incremental basis. It is anticipated that all 44 courts are 'live' now, thus using the programme internally with the expectation that all external users will have access to the system in due course.

4. FINANCE

The revenue collected from filing and other transactions at the various Registries, internally generated funds from the use of office space, hiring out of the Auditorium, Video Conference Facility, Cafeteria etc. and operations from the Judicial Service Clinic (LCC) since taking over the financial aspects of their activities in November 2017 have all been duly paid into the Judicial Service Non-Tax Revenue Account at the Bank of Ghana. The amount of imprest held for petty cash transactions and the threshold for expenditures were both marginally increased during the period under review, thus ensuring seamless and effective management of the Complex. With the exception of the General Jurisdiction Registry, the books

of account and all other financial records of all the Registries for 2017 have been audited by personnel from the Auditor General's Department. Their observations or queries have been responded to and those which are management related issues have been forwarded to the Director of Finance for redress.

5. INITIATIVES

The Court Manager facilitated the registration of Judges and staff of both the LCC and the Head Office for Tax Identification Numbers over a 3 day period. On the 26th of July 2018, the LCC held a maiden Prayer and Thanksgiving Session to thank God for completion of a successful legal year without any mishap. The session was well attended by Judges, staff and all other tenants and occupants of the LCC and afforded a good opportunity for interaction.

In January 2018, monthly aerobics was instituted at the forecourt of the LCC once again bringing staff together and creating opportunities for bonding. This activity takes place on the last Friday of every month during which refreshment is provided to all who participate. Use of the gymnasium is now free for all staff and Judges instead of previously having to pay monthly subscriptions.

6. CHALLENGES

The effect of the sea breeze on some of the fixtures and fittings in the LCC has been adverse leading to rust. A work plan to change many of these items to durable plastics where possible will be rolled out.

DIRECTORATE REPORTS

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTORATE

Introduction

The objective of the Department is to recruit, train, develop and retain the most suitably qualified and competent human resource for the Judicial Service.

The Department consists of the following Units:-

- Planning Research Training and Development
- Human Resource Systems & Documentation
- Compensation and Benefits Administration
- Pensions/Social Security
- Employee Relations

Other Units

- Supreme Court Library
- Telephone Exchange
- Judicial Service Clinic

Brief functions of the various units:

Human Resource Planning, Research, Training and Development

- Training and development of staff
- Researching for innovative HR activities
- Succession Planning
- Conduct Training Needs Analysis
- Performance Management

Human Resource Systems & Documentation

- Maintenance, Updating and retrieval of Employee Data
- Providing secure storage for all stages of employment life cycle

Compensation and Benefits Administration

- Management and Maintenance of salaries/salary related issues and other benefits in accordance with policy

Pensions/Social Security

- Management and administration of Pension/Social Security Schemes
- Preparing retirement data of Judges and staff
- Processing of pension documents
- Ensuring prompt payment of pension awards and gratuity to Judges and staff.

Employee Relations

- Strengthening the employer-employee relationship through employee engagement and resolving workplace conflict.
- Discipline
- Grievance handling

Supreme Court Library

The Supreme Court library acts as the resource centre of the Service where Judges and Magistrates, members of

the Bar, Law students and staff of the Judicial Service seek information, make references and research.

Judicial Service Clinics, Accra and Kumasi

There are two (2) clinics in Accra and one (1) in Kumasi. The Clinics in Accra are situated in the Supreme Court Building & Law Court Complex. These Clinics are wholly owned by the Service and managed by the Ussher Clinic in Accra and KMA Clinic in Kumasi respectively. The Clinics are also registered with the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS).

Staff strength of the Service

The Service presently has a staff strength of four thousand, eight hundred and fifty-seven (4,857) out of which three hundred and eighty (380) are Judges and Magistrates. The remaining four thousand four hundred and seventy-seven (4,477) are administrative staff.

Appointments, Promotions, Retirements and Dismissals

During the year under review, the following appointments were made:

- Supreme Court Judges -4
- Court of Appeal Judges -4
- High Court Judges -7
- Magistrates (Professional) -11
- Nine (9) Career Magistrates who had successfully completed the Professional Law Course and have been called to the Bar were sworn-in as Professional Magistrates on 9th August 2018
- Staff (Drivers, Gardeners and security personnel

whose appointments are linked to the Judges and Magistrates as part of their conditions of Service.- 187

Separation

The under-listed number of employees have either been interdicted or have exited the Service through the forms indicated

- Termination of Appointment -13 employees
- Vacation of Post -14 employees
- Interdiction -30 employees
- Resignation -10 employees
- Retirement (Staff) -118 employees
- Retirement (Judges) -10 Judges & Magistrates
- Deaths -16 employees

FINANCE DIRECTORATE

BUDGET PERFORMANCE UNDER YEAR OF REVIEW

The Judicial Service is a partly subvented organization and periodically receives grants as subvention from the government of Ghana for its administrative and other expenses. As a public institution, the Service operates under a budget system based on the Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) with the objective of ensuring proper financial Management.

ANALYSIS OF PERFORMANCE:

REVENUE:

The Service submitted a budget of GH¢331,185,839.65 from the following sources; GOG Fund, 15% Retention Account and Donor Funds during the year under review. However, an amount of GH¢253,431,809.73 was released, representing 76.53% of the budgeted amount as shown in the table below.

Table1.1 SUMMARY OF APPROVED BUDGETS AND ACTUAL RELEASES FROM THE VARIOUS SOURCES

PARTICULARS	BUDGETED GH¢	ACTUAL GH¢	VARIANCE	%
GOG FUNDS	293,649,147.00	241,844,336.75	(51,804,810.25)	82.4
15%RETENTION ACCOUNT	11,356,949.65	9,450,772.98	(1,906,176.67)	83.20
DONOR FUNDS	26,179,743.00	2,136,700.00	(24,043,043.00)	8.2
GRAND TOTAL	331,185,839.65	253,431,809.73	77,754,029.92	77

NOTE: The Judicial Service had proceeds from the sale of used cars and funds for the specialized courts which were deposited into the Subvention Account during the year

under review. However, other payments were made from the subvention and other Accounts. Details are shown below;

OTHER REVENUE

SALE OF USED CARS & OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT
SUBVENTION ACCOUNT

GH¢

122,507.61

558,422.00

680,929.61

OTHER PAYMENTS

TRANSFER TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE
COMMISSION, HONORARIUM AND STAMP DUTY

GH¢

26,880.00

3,493.60

30,373.60

EXPENDITURE:

Out of the approved budget of GH¢331,185,839.65, the service spent GH¢257,650,449.37 on compensation of employees, Goods and Services and Assets. This represents 78% of the budgeted amount as shown in the table below;

Table 1.2 SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURE AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE

PARTICULARS	BUDGETED GH¢	ACTUAL GH¢	VARIANCE	%
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	240,104,498.00	229,506,829.07	10,597,668.93	96
GOODS AND SERVICES	59,940,995.20	26,283,317.94	33,657,677.26	44
INVESTMENT(ASSET)	31,140,346.45	1,860,302.36	29,280,044.09	6
GRAND TOTAL	331,185,839.65	257,650,449.37	73,535,390.28	78

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017

ITEM	BUDGETED GH¢	ACTUAL GH¢
REVENUE		
GOG SUB CONSOLIDATED FUND	293,649,147.00	241,844,336.75
SUBVENTION	-	558,422.00
15% RETENTION	11,356,949.65	9,450,772.98
DONOR FUNDS	26,179,743.00	2,136,700.00
OTHER REVENUE		122,507.61
TOTAL REVENUE	331,185,839.65	254,112,739.34
EXPENDITURE		
COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	240,104,498.00	229,506,829.07
GOODS AND SERVICE	59,940,995.20	26,283,317.94
INVESTMENT(ASSETS)	31,140,346.45	1,860,302.36
OTHER PAYMENTS	-	30,373.60
	331,185,839.65	257,680,822.97
EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		-3,568,083.63

JUDICIAL SERVICE OF GHANA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-12-2017

	NOTE	SCHD	2017 GH¢	2016 GH¢
ASSETS:				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK	1		7,619,973.30	11,605,541.20
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	2	9	978,717.25	946,166.74
Short Term Investment	3	10	<u>259,943.58</u>	<u>67,476.70</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	A		8,858,634.13	12,619,184.64
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES				
TRUST FUND	4		4,760,821.30	4,953,288.18
CURRENT LIABILITIES			-	
CREDITORS			-	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	B		4,760,821.30	4,953,288.18
NET ASSETS	A-B		<u>4,097,812.83</u>	<u>7,665,896.46</u>
REPRESENTED BY:				
Accumulated Fund-31/12/2017	5		<u>4,097,812.83</u>	<u>7,665,896.46</u>

INTERNAL AUDIT DIRECTORATE

Introduction

The Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (Act 921) Section 83(3) spells out the functions of Internal Audit within the Public Service. These include:

- a. Appraise and report on the soundness and application of the system of controls operating in the Judicial Service
- b. Evaluate the effectiveness of the risk management and governance process of a covered entity and contribute to the improvement of that risk management and governance process:
- c. Provide assurance on the efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the administration of the programmes and operations of a covered entity; and
- d. Evaluate compliance of a covered entity with enactments, policies, standards, systems and procedures.

The Internal Audit Directorate comprises of the Inspectorate Unit and the Internal Audit Units in all the Regional Capitals.

New Developments

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee for the Judicial Service was inaugurated by the Ag. Director General of the Internal Audit Agency, Mr. Ransford Agyei, as required by the Public Financial Management Act, 2016 (ACT 921) in 2018.

The Audit Committee has held two (2) meetings since its inauguration and has examined several audit reports and given expert advice on issues raised therein for action by Management.

For the period under review, all Regional Internal Audit Units completed the fourth quarter assignments in the 2016 Audit Plan, and commenced the audit assignments in the approved Audit Plan for 2018.

Internal Audit Unit - Law Court Complex

The Law Court Complex is a key cost centre in the structure of the Judicial Service as it houses all the High Courts in Accra, a vital revenue generating component. Management approved the request by the Directorate to establish an Internal Audit Unit within the Complex to provide assurances on Internal Controls on revenue collection and other activities.

The Unit comprises four (4) staff who are earnestly undertaking their assignments. There is the need to provide the Unit with the required ICT components in the light of the e-Justice Project, currently underway at the Law Court Complex.

Major Assignments

The Directorate conducted a nationwide exercise into the effectiveness of internal controls in the issuance of Letters of Administration. This exercise was conducted with all Banks who make payments to beneficiaries within the jurisdiction of Registries.

All Registries were examined under this exercise and serious issues of malfeasance in the granting of Letters of Administration were unearthed. Management has taken all administrative procedures to follow up on all the audit observations and recommendations made in these reports.

The Inspectorate Unit completed and reported on the Revenue Retention Account, the Library Unit, Judicial Service Clinic and Receiver and Manager activities in the Greater Accra Region.

The Directorate needs to be well equipped in Information Systems Auditing. This is in line with Her Ladyship the Chief Justice's vision of a fully integrated system seamlessly linking all the various levels of Court through the application of Technology and e-Governance systems with the implementation of the e-Justice system at the Law Court Complex.

A general observation running through most audit reports is the inability of Cashiers to do bank reconciliation due to the collecting banks not providing bank statements to respective Registries.

Staffing

During the period under review, the Unit had three staff retiring, thereby creating a vacuum in the already skeletal staff of the Department.

Two new staff were posted to the Directorate but this has not helped to solve the dearth of staff nationwide as the functions and workload of the Directorate grows with the rapid expansion of the Judicial Service.

There is the urgent need to increase the staff strength of the Directorate with the requisite skills as well as the provision of computers and printers to enhance the timely provision of reports.

Challenges

Challenges in the release of official cars and slow release of funds to the regions delayed the execution of Audit Plans particularly in the regions.

LOGISTICS & TRANSPORT DIRECTORATE

The Logistics and Transport Department remains committed to ensuring the efficient, effective and timely distribution of all logistical needs of the Service throughout the country. It is also mandated to ensure availability and reliability of Transport resources.

It is for this reason that the Department has put in place measures for the smooth operation of its mandate.

- I. That adequate needs assessment is done before requisitions are raised to procurement so as to ensure proper utilization of logistics and value for money.
- II. That items delivered meet specification.
- III. That all stock received from vendors are properly handled and kept in good condition until they are demanded for.
- IV. Ensure strict adherence to the transport policy of the Judicial Service.

LOGISTICS

This Unit received varied inventories and same were distributed throughout the country.

They include two hundred and ninety-three (293) pieces of laptop computers meant for the 'easy M & E' project and financed by DANIDA.

DANIDA also supported the Communications Directorate with the following items:

- ▶ One (1) unit photocopier machine,
- ▶ Two (2) pieces of flat screen television sets
- ▶ Two (2) pieces of laptop computers

DANIDA again resourced the Gender Based Violence Courts in the regions with the following items;

- ▶ Nine (9) pieces of baby cots
- ▶ Thirty-six (36) pieces of baby mats
- ▶ Twelve (12) pieces of child potty seats
- ▶ One (1) book case and
- ▶ Six (6) pieces of tabletop fridges as well as a set of furniture.

The European Union-Funded Programme; Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-corruption Programme (ARAP), through the International and Iberoamerican Foundation for Administration and Public Policies' (FIIAPP) has supported the Judicial Service' Public Relations and Complaints Unit with the following items:

- ▶ Ten (10) pieces of Desktop computers
- ▶ Ten (10) pieces of Printers
- ▶ Ten (10) pieces of Internet Routers
- ▶ Ten (10) pieces of Uninterruptible Power Supply
- ▶ Nine (9) pieces of GSM telephone handset and

► Nine hundred and seventy five (975) Public Relations and Complaints Unit (PRCU) Operational Guidelines which have been distributed.

Under the Government of Ghana (GOG) funding, the following equipment were procured:

- Seventy-one (71) pieces of printers,
- One hundred and fifty-five (155) pieces of desktop computers,
- One hundred and fifty (150) pieces of UPS
- Twenty-four (24) pieces of laptop computers
- Fifty-five (55) pieces of swivel chairs
- Forty-seven (47) pieces of air conditioners
- Thirty-two (32) pieces ceiling fans were also distributed including toners.

TRANSPORT

Staff Appointment

1. A Deputy Director for Logistics and Transport in the person of MR EMMANUEL AMPADU was employed to beef up the staff strength of the Department.
2. Together with Human Resource Directorate, about thirteen (13) drivers were recruited to drive some Judges of the Service.

Transport Management Documents

There is a review of existing vehicle Log Books whereas Transport Policy Documents are being developed for the Service.

Procurement of Vehicles

This Directorate in collaboration with Procurement

Directorate is in the process of acquiring duty post vehicles for officials as follows:

1. One (1) unit saloon car for the Chief Justice
2. Five (5) unit station wagons for Court of Appeal Justices.
3. Thirty-five (35) units SUVs for High Court Justices.
4. Ten (10) unit saloon cars for Lower Bench.
5. One (1) unit mini-truck for Archives.
6. Five (5) unit motorbikes for some Regions and Directorates.

Two (2) Nissan Patrol vehicles funded by DANIDA were procured for Judicial Reforms and Projects Department.

Disposal of Obsolete and Unserviceable Vehicles.

The process is far advanced in disposing off ten (10) unserviceable vehicles belonging to the Service.

WORKS DIRECTORATE

1.0 Introduction

The Works Directorate is responsible for the overall management of the property portfolio of the Judicial Service. It ensures proper maintenance of the Service's property thereby providing a conducive work environment for Judges and Staff in the discharge of their constitutionally mandated responsibility of justice delivery.

In the year under review, the Works Directorate provided technical support for new development projects, facilities management services for completed projects, undertook renovations, maintenance and repair of buildings, furnishing of projects, and other responsibilities assigned.

2.0 Notable Event

The construction of the proposed National Cathedral at east Ridge affected nine (9) residential facilities of the Judicial Service within the enclave required for the project. The Government of Ghana, thus, rented thirteen (13) residential facilities to relocate the affected Superior Court Judges. Meanwhile, Government has committed to constructing twenty-one (21) residential buildings off the Second Circular Road, Cantonments to replace the affected property.

3.0 Completed Projects

- a. Power Stabilization at the Law Court Complex - A 2,000 KVA Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) was installed at the Law Court Complex to stabilize power supply to the building.
- b. Repair of broken-down air-conditioning installation at the Law Court Complex has been completed.
- c. Nine (9) Judges affected by Government of Ghana redevelopment programme have been successfully relocated into temporary rental accommodation pending the construction of new bungalows on the Second Circular Road, Cantonments.

3.1 Ongoing-Works

- i) Works are ongoing to restore broken down solar installations nationwide.
- ii) Renovation of bungalows for Judges on transfer.
- iii) Documentation of landed property (nationwide) belonging to the Service.
- iv) Procurement process to roll out the solarization of all Courts has commenced. This will be implemented nationwide between 2019 and 2025.

4.0 Proposed Infrastructure Projects for 2019

- a). Sino hydro Project: Construction of a number of

Courthouses and residential bungalows. The Government has allocated \$20m (Twenty Million Dollars) to the Judicial Service for Phase 1, to undertake this project in accordance with the Service's priority list of projects. Among the list of projects are the construction of the proposed Cape Coast Court Complex and the completion of the Wa Court Complex.

b). Construction of Courts in 'Galamsey' (Illegal Mining) Hotspots:

The World Bank in collaboration with the Ministries of Local Government & Rural Development and Lands & Natural Resources respectively have approved funding for the construction of Courts in the Galamsey hotspots. The selected locations include the following:

- i) Agroyesum (Amansie West District)
- ii) Tongo (Talensi District)
- iii) Bogoso (Prestea-Huni Valley District)
- iv) Manso Amenfi (Wassa Amenfi District)
- v) Foase (Foase District)
- vi) Hwidiem (Asutifi South District)

c) All buildings with Asbestos Roofing will have their roofs replaced with Long Span Aluminium Roofing Sheets to ensure the health and safety of Judges, Staff and Court Users.

d) The construction of twenty-one (21) residential bungalows for Superior Court Judges in Accra.

e) The Service is presently seeking funding for the construction of the following projects:

- i. The Judicial Training Institute
- ii. Family Justice Court Complex, Ridge-Accra.
- iii. Tema High Court Complex

5.0 Maintenance Programme for 2019

The Directorate proposes to renovate and furnish at least three (3) bungalows in every region of Ghana to improve the general state of Judicial Service' residential facilities. In addition, at least one (1) Court facility will be rehabilitated in each region to improve the work environment of Judges and Staff.

6.0 Challenge

The main challenge of the Department continues to be delays in the release of funds for Government of Ghana (GOG) projects resulting in extended project life, and project cost overrun. The whole cycle of time required to obtain commencement warrants for projects leaves much to be desired. Delays in the release of funds (internally) for maintenance works also continue to affect timely response to requests from Judges and Staff.

The Department, however, is working closely with Senior Management to overcome these perennial challenges to enable it to discharge its mandate effectively.

PROCUREMENT DIRECTORATE

Introduction

The Procurement Directorate of the Service was established, following the coming into force of the Public Procurement Act 2003(Act 663) in 2006. The Directorate is responsible for all procurement activities of the Service throughout the country. The procurement function of the Service is therefore centralised at the Head Office to take advantage of benefits arising from bulk purchases such as sales discount. The Directorate plays a pivotal role in ensuring that there is value for money in all purchases made.

Sections of the Directorate

There are four (4) major sections of the Directorate namely:

Goods Procurement
Works Procurement
Consultancy/ Services
Contract Administration Unit

Achievements

Within the period under review, the major goods purchased or ordered were the following;

No.	Description	Items	Quantity
1	ICT equipment	Computers Printers Network Printers Air Conditioners Photocopiers Laptops UPS	215 pcs 35 pcs 63 pcs 31 pcs 10 pcs 318 pcs 206 pcs
2	Furniture	Swivel chairs Sledge chairs Executive Swivel Chair L-Shaped Desk	50 pcs 20 pcs 67 pcs 2 pcs

		Settee Book Case Executive Writing Table	4 set 3 pcs 20 pcs
3	Vehicles	Saloon Car 4x4 SUV Trucks Motor Bikes	11 units 42 units 1 unit 5 units

Constructional/Refurbishment Works completed

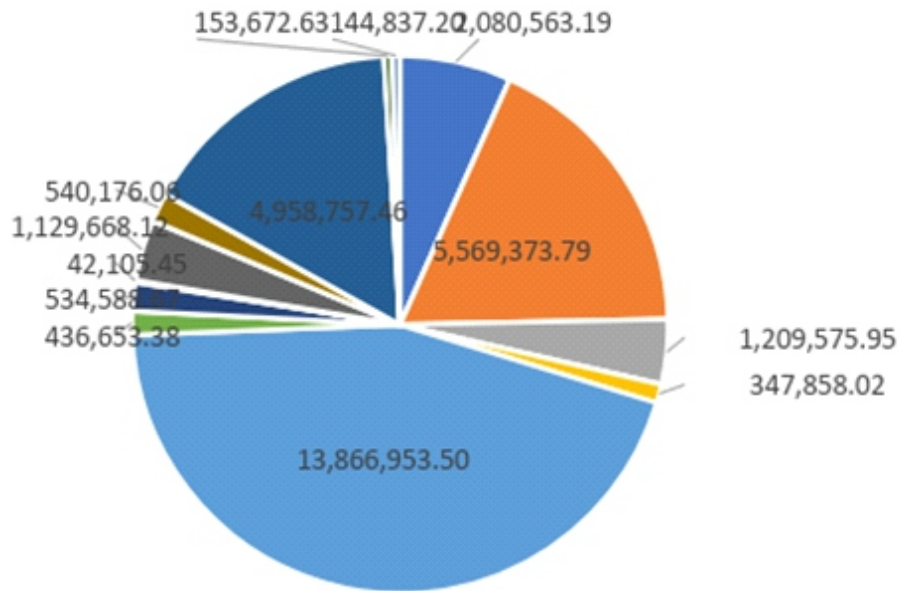
- Repainting of Supreme Court Building and Administration block at Head Office, Accra
- Pre-fabrication of Remand Court House at Tamale and Kumasi under DANIDA support

On-going Refurbishment Works

- Renovation of Bungalow no. 14 Royal Palm Avenue, Danyame- Kumasi
- Renovation of Bungalow no. 15 Royal Palm Avenue, Danyame- Kumasi
- Rehabilitation of Judges Bungalow, Koforidua
- Rehabilitation of Judges Bungalow, Sunyani
- Renovation of Bungalow no. 29 Airport Ridge- Takoradi
- Renovation of Bungalow no. 10 old Airport Tamale
- Rehabilitation of Bungalow no. 7 Nursery Road, Ho.
- Rehabilitation of Bungalow no. 26 Russian Bungalow, Tamale
- Rehabilitation of Bungalow no. 7 Russian Bungalow, Tamale
- Renovation of Bungalow no. 24 Roman Ridge, Accra
- Rehabilitation of Bungalow no. 28 Liberation Road, Ho
- Rehabilitation of Circuit Court, Goaso
- Renovation of Bungalow no D18 Atekyem, Koforidua

Financial Commitment

Value of procurement undertaken within the period under review.



- Printing and Stationery
- I.C.T Equipment
- Furniture
- Solar Power System (maintenance)
- Vehicle and Motor bike
- Vehicle batteries and tyres
- Tonners
- Miscellaneous
- Household items
- Service
- Works
- Drugs
- Building materials

Future Projects

- The Service has initiated a project to enhance the security of staff and property at the bungalows of Judges and others through the procurement of a company for the supply and installation of CCTV cameras at the various premises especially in Greater Accra Region.
- Procurement of 12no. Generator set to stabilise power at Judges Bungalows.

ICT DIRECTORATE

Introduction:

The year under review was characterized by the implementation of two donor funded projects which are: The e-Justice system (The Electronic Case Management System) funded by the World Bank, the M&E System and the development of a Commercial Court website under the BEEP project.

E-Justice

The World Bank through the Ministry of Communications contracted Messrs EOH Mthombo Pty of South Africa to implement a comprehensive Electronic Case Management System for the Judicial Service under the Government of Ghana e-Transform Project.

At the time of reporting, the following activities have been undertaken

The e-Justice system have been deployed (it is a system that will automate the Registry-side of the Judicial Service business).

All 43 High Courts in the Law courts complex which are involved in the "Proof of concept" pilot scheme have been migrated onto the platform.

E-Justice system has an e-Portal for external stakeholders

such as the Attorney General, Lawyers, Prisons Officers, Police, Auctioneers and Citizens. This offers stakeholders the opportunity to have a single point of view for all cases they are associated with in the Courts. Filing of cases and payment of its associated cost be done online through the e-portal. Request for proceedings, judgments or rulings etc. can all be done through the portal. This portal is not fully functional.

Business Partner number (BP ID) is a unique code generated for every court user who is associated to a case. This ensures a single point of view for all cases associated registered with that unique BP ID. This is a requirement before a case can successfully be filed within the e-Justice system.

An e-Justice Walk-In centre has been created to help deal with the registration of court users for their BP ID's. This centre is located within the visitors holding room in the Law Court Complex.

The ICT Department received a list of lawyers in good standing from the General Legal Council numbering about two thousand five hundred and fifty nine (2559), which were duly processed and uploaded into the e-Justice system for the creation of their BP IDs'.

Frequently Asked Questions

A frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) concerning the e-Justice project has been developed and published on the Judicial Service official website for ease of reference and clarity on issues relating the e-Justice project. This webpage can be accessed on

<https://www.judicial.gov.gh/index.php/e-services/e-justice/f-a-q>.

Service Bureaus

The Service has licensed some private business entities with the requisite logistics and training to offer e-services assistance to all those who are not computer savvy or who don't have the necessary logistics to access the portal or who cannot physically access the Court to file their cases at a fee.

e-Judgment

The ICT Department has developed a website for hosting judgments of public interest, which can be accessed via <https://judicial.gov.gh/ejudgment/home-a-z>. For this site to be effectively used, judgments delivered in court must readily be processed and uploaded unto the site for access by the public. All those who are interested in acquiring a certified copy of the judgment will need to put in a request with the appropriate registry.

M & E

Under the "Right to Services and Good Governance Programme – RSGGP" a Monitoring and Evaluation computer based system was developed to be used by all courts nationwide. This system was established on the logical framework of the Strategic Plan of the Service, and also in line with the existing manual M&E monthly

reporting return forms. The objective behind this initiative is to help strengthen the capacity of the Directorates within the Service to effectively plan, implement, collect and collate, monitor, evaluate and report on activities under the strategic plan.

Key return forms implemented within the newly developed M&E system include:

1. The Court Administration Form for data on all court cases to support the analysis of the workload and performance of Judges and Magistrates vis-à-vis the expected duration on case types from filing to executions.
2. Court User Survey Form for capturing and analyzing data on the perception of the use of court services to aid any improvements on the service delivery by courts.
3. Support Services and Departments activity monitoring and evaluation as per the expected planned targets per activity.

Commercial Court Website

The ICT Department was tasked to develop an official website for the Commercial Courts under the Business Enabling Environment Programme (BEEP) which can temporarily be accessed using

<https://www.commercialcourt.org.gh>. The Department is currently in the process of acquiring a new domain from NITA for the hosting of the Commercial Courts website. The final site address when completed will be <https://www.commercialcourt.gov.gh>.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE

The Communications Directorate has the responsibility to among other things perform the following key functions:

- Satisfy the need for effective communication between the Judicial Service and its various publics
- Raise the profile and image of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service.

The following Units are under the Communications Directorate:

- Public Relations & Media
- Publications
- Protocol
- Audio Visual
- Hospitality/Catering

The Directorate carried out the following activities during the year under review:

Production of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Materials

As part of efforts to increase visibility, public knowledge and awareness of the functions and activities of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service, the Directorate in consultation with the Director of the Judicial Training

Institute produced the following:

- Hierarchy of the Courts (5000 copies)
- Processes & Procedures at the Supreme Court & Court of Appeal (5000 copies)
- Processes & Procedures at Divisions of the High Court & Circuit Court (5000 copies)
- The Commercial Court (5000 copies)
- Processes and Procedures at the District Courts (5000 copies)
- Court Locator – Distribution of Courts across the Country (5000 copies)
- Reporting from the Court – Handbook for Journalists (1000 copies)
- 7th & 8th Editions of the bi-annual Newsletter of the Judicial Service (1000 copies for each edition)
- E-Justice Flyers (2500 copies)

These IEC materials are being distributed to the various stakeholders of the Service and electronic versions for both national and global audience shared, via the official website of the Judicial Service www.judicial.gov.gh

In its bid to ensure that public trust and confidence are enhanced through the promotion of transparency and accountability in the Judiciary and the Judicial Service, the Communications Directorate has developed a guide on How To File A Complaint electronically or manually. It can

be accessed using this link

<https://www.judicial.gov.gh/index.php/how-to-file-a-complaint>

Community Outreach Programme

With the kind support of DANIDA, under its Rights to Services and Good Governance Programme (RSGGP), a Community Outreach programme was held in June, 2018 at Donkorkrom in the Kwahu Afram Plains North District to sensitize the public to the harmful effects of child labour, child trafficking and its impact on the country. The inhabitants of the community were also educated on the penalties that child labour and child trafficking offenders are likely to face at the Courts. The people of Donkorkrom also received education on the *Schedule of Court Fees* employed by the Judicial Service in the operationalization of justice delivery in Ghana.

Media Relations/Public Engagements

The Media Relations Unit of the Directorate undertook five (5) media engagements to sensitize the Service's publics to the various reform initiatives being undertaken by the Service to improve access to justice and the quality of justice delivery in Ghana.

The media engagements were conducted on five (5) separate media platforms namely:

1. 3FM (a private radio station under TV3 Network Ltd.) in English on the 'Sunrise' Morning Show).
2. Onua FM(a private radio station under TV3 Network Ltd.) in Twi (local dialect), on 'Y3 S3m Pa').
3. GHOne Television (a private television station) in

English on 'GH Today' Morning Show).

4. Starr FM, (a private radio station) in English on 'The Morning Starr' Show).
5. Peace FM (a private radio station) in Twi (local dialect) on 'AsomdweNk)m).
6. Ghana Television (National/Public Service Broadcaster) in English on 'Talking Point')

During the period under review, the Unit also ensured that the Service received adequate media coverage for all its programmes including the 60th Legal Year Church Service, Swearing-in Ceremonies, Chief Justice's Mentoring Programme and the Chief Justice's Forum.

Chief Justice's Mentoring Programme

The Chief Justice's Annual Mentoring Programme which is designed to serve as an educational project of the Judicial Service for students in selected Second Cycle Institutions was held in June, 2018. Its aim is for the students to familiarize themselves with the work of the Judiciary and the administration of justice in Ghana. It also affords them the opportunity to directly interact with members of the Bench and Bar as a way of demystifying the legal profession and encouraging the students to consider future careers at the Bar and on the Bench.

The Directorate organized the 11th edition of the Chief Justice's Annual Mentoring Programme in June, 2018 on the theme "I Pledge Myself to the Service of Ghana". A total of 94 students and teachers, drawn from nine schools in the Greater Accra and Eastern Regions, as well as 20 head porters (locally referred to as Kayayei) participated in the Mentoring Programme.

List of Participating Schools/Groups

- Akropong School for the Blind
- Demonstration School for the Deaf
- Kinbu Senior High School
- Salem Senior High School
- La Presbyterian Senior High School
- Holy Trinity Cathedral Senior High School
- Tema Senior High School
- O'reilly Senior High School
- Ghanata Senior High School

Special Chief Justice's Mentoring Programme

For the first time in the history of the Mentoring Programme, a Special edition was held in Kushea for pupils in First Cycle Schools in the Assin North Municipality of the Central Region, under the theme "I Pledge Myself to the Service of Ghana". A total of 100 participants drawn from 10 schools in the Municipality took part in the Programme.

List of participating Schools

- Breman M/A Basic School
- AssinPraso M/A 'B' Basic School
- AssinPraso M/A 'A' Basic School
- Achiano M/A Basic School
- Kushea Methodist Primary & M/A JHS
- Ahuntem M/A Primary & JHS
- Dankwa Gyamerah Memorial Preparatory School
- J. A. Adotey Modern Academy
- Asempaneye Catholic Basic School
- Kushea Anglican Basic School

Chief Justice's Forum

The 11th Annual Chief Justice's Forum was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at the Alisa Hotel in Accra under the theme 'Quality Justice Delivery at the District Level'. Participants were drawn from Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies across the country. Members of the Judiciary also participated in the one-day event which discussed the role of Local Government Authorities in effective Justice delivery.

Justice For All Programme

The Directorate coordinated all sittings of the 'Justice For All' Programme in collaboration with the National Remand Review Taskforce. During the period under review, A total of Six Hundred and fourteen (614) applications were heard at various prisons across the country. Find below the breakdown

Sunyani Prisons 82 cases (20th October 2017)

Kumasi -133 cases (2nd & 3rd November 2017)

Tamale – 20 cases (17th November, 2017)

Tarkwa – 24 cases (23rd February, 2018)

Sekondi – 20 cases (23rd March, 2018)

Winneba and Ankafu – 29 cases (27th April, 2018)

Akuse – 37 cases (4th May, 2018)

Obuasi - 28 cases (1st June, 2018)

Nsawam – 50 cases (22nd June, 2018)

Sunyani – 76 cases (13th July, 2018)

Kumasi – 105 cases (26th & 27th July, 2018)

Fund Mobilization

The Directorate was successful in securing financial support from the GETfund and National Lotteries Authority for nine Circuit Court Judges and Magistrates to pursue further studies abroad during the 2017/2018 Legal year in the under-listed educational institutions in the United States:

- St. John's University Law School
- University of Illinois College of Law
- North Eastern University
- Fordham Law School
- Wayne State University

Courses being pursued by the Judges and Magistrates include but not limited to LL.M in International Law, LL.M in Transnational Legal Practice, LL.M in International Law and Justice and LL.M in Intellectual Property Rights Law.

Protocol

In the period under review, the Directorate continued to build a strong partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration in relating with some Foreign Missions in Ghana that witnessed a remarkable improvement in the acquisition of visas for Justices of the Superior Court who embarked on official foreign travels, legal vacation and Quinquennial Leave. This collaboration also enabled the Unit to facilitate the acquisition of Diplomatic/Service Passports and Ordinary Passports for the Judiciary and the Judicial Service with few delays experienced. The country's Missions abroad, especially in countries where the Judiciary have had to travel for conferences have been excellent.

The Unit facilitated the departure and arrival formalities for members of the Judiciary and their families, guests and

Senior Staff of the Service. To this end, the Service is thankful to the Ministry of Aviation as well as Aviation Security for helping to resolve the long standing challenges the Service's Protocol Officers are confronted with at the Airport.

The Unit also successfully planned and implemented six Regional tours of courts for the Chief Justice in the *Greater Accra, Upper West, Upper East, Brong Ahafo, Northern and Central Regions* respectively.

The following were among key events successfully organized in the year under review:

- Launch of Ghana's First Integrated Criminal Justice Case Tracking System
- Inauguration of a Solar Court in Winneba
- Inauguration of Court Complex in Nsawam Adoagyiri Municipality
- Forums on E-Justice Project-
 - i. For Circuit Court Judges & Magistrates in Greater Accra
 - ii. For Directors, Deputy Directors, Registrars and Representatives of identifiable Groups within the Service in Greater Accra.

Training

All staff of the Directorate successfully undertook a specially arranged training in Protocol to sharpen their skills and broaden their horizon.

MONITORING & EVALUATION DIRECTORATE

Introduction

The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Directorate has the mandate of monitoring performance and evaluating the impact of programmes/projects and activities of the Judicial Service has performed some critical activities during the period under review.

The Key M&E activities for the period are as follows:

Implementation of the DANIDA sponsored nation-wide roll-out of the New Electronic Monitoring and Evaluation System, Justice For All Programme (JFAP), Monitoring of Courts on Quality Justice, Quality Judge, Quality Staff and Quality Courts, Evaluation of 2017/2018 Chief Justice's Mentoring Programme, preparation of data on the Programme Based Budget of the Judicial Service, Statistics and Distribution of Courts in Ghana, collation of Performance data from the Courts Statistics Returns and quantitative tabulation of Judgments submitted.

The Roll Out Programme of the New M&E Software System

Prior to the nation-wide rollout of the New Electronic M&E System, an assessment was conducted on 37 selected Courts to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the New Electronic M&E Software System. This pilot exercise undertaken by both internal and external

evaluators proved the viability of the programme, hence the approval for its roll out in all Courts in Ghana.

A training of trainers was organized for selected M&E and ICT Officers of the Judicial Service by the Inter-Regional Bridge Group (IBG) - the developers of the M&E Software to enable them to undertake the training of Regional M&E and ICT Officers, Court Officials and Judges/Magistrates across the country. The nation-wide training is currently underway in all the regions of Ghana.

Laptop computers and Mi-fi were procured for all the Courts in the country. The assignment is to enable the Court Officials to create and capture data on all cases filed at the Courts and upload or submit same to the M&E Server in Accra for approval and analysis. This New Electronic M&E Software System is a maiden investment and needs to be guided and groomed for effective data collection activities in the Judiciary and the Judicial Service of Ghana.

Quality Justice, Quality Judge, Quality Staff and Quality Courts

Based on Her Ladyship the Chief Justice's visits to the various Courts in the country, a monitoring programme has been designed to gather data on the current state of the Courts in the country, which will enable Management

to address the challenges confronting the court system. So far Courts in the Ashanti, Northern, Upper East, Upper West, Brong Ahafo, Western, Greater Accra and Central Regions are providing data on the state of their Courts.

Caseload Statistics

The M&E Department has also collated and analyzed caseload statistics of all Courts for the 2017/2018 Legal Year. From this activity, returns are submitted to the Statistics Unit.

Justice For All Programme

The Justice For All Programme (JFAP) was held in selected Prisons in the country based on the approval of the National Remand Review Task Force during this Legal Year. The data on the status for the Prisons visited are indicated in the table below.

STATISTICS FOR THE JUSTICE FOR ALL PROGRAMME, FROM 20TH OCTOBER 2017 TO 26TH&27TH JULY, 2018

NAME OF PRISON		SUNYANI	KUMASI	TAMALE	TARKWA	SEKONDI	WINNEBA	ANKAFUL	AKUSE	OBUASI	NSAWAM	SUNYANI	KUMASI	TOTAL
DATE OF VISIT		20TH OCT. 2017	2ND & 3RD NOV. 2017	17TH NOV. 2017	23RD FEB. 2018	23RD MAR. 2018	27TH APR. 2018	27TH APR. 2018	4TH MAY, 2018	1ST JUN. 2018	22ND JUN. 2018	13TH JUL. 2018	26TH & 27TH JUL. 2018	
STATUS/ORDERS	No. Discharged Unconditionally	15	10	3	1	3		1	2	5	6	14	7	67
	No. Convicted but Bonded	5	4				1	2	2	3				17
	No. Convicted & Fined	1	2									1	2	6
	No. Convicted & Imprisoned	1	4		1	2		1	1	2		3		15
	No. Granted Bail	29	45	13	14	11	5	6	24	16	24	30	53	270
	No. with Bail Application Refused	22	32	3	8	4	4	5	2	10	18	21	20	149
	No. Declined Jurisdiction	2												2
	No. Convicted by other Courts	1												1
	No. Struck Out	2	16	1			2	1		1	2		15	40
	No. Absent		20						5			3		28
	No. Referred for Psychiatric Treatment	4						1	1	1		4	8	19
TOTAL		82	133	20	24	20	12	17	37	38	50	76	105	614

The Chief Justice Mentoring Programme

The M&E Department also provided the analysis of the evaluation of 2017/2018 Lady Chief Justice's Mentoring Programme. Two were held in the year under review. The first, which was for selected Senior High Schools and 'Kayaye' in Ghana was held on Friday 5th July 2018 at the Head Quarters of the Judicial Service of Ghana, Accra with a total of 112 participants from nine Senior High Schools and twenty two 'Kayaye'.

The second, which was the first edition of the Chief Justice's Special Mentoring Programme was held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Kushea in the Assin-North District of the Central Region with a total of 100 pupils from selected basic schools in the District.

Participants indicated the Programme was excellent and should be continued. They offered some suggestions to improve on the Programme in the coming years.

Inter-Agency Technical Committee on Civil Registration

The Judicial Service nominated the Deputy Director of Monitoring and Evaluation/Research to be part of the delegation from Ghana to the 4th Annual Meeting of the ID4 Africa Movement in Abuja in the Federal Republic of Nigeria from 24-26 April, 2018. It was under *the theme* "Harmonization of Identity Schemes in Africa" and was hosted by the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC).

The ID4 Africa movement's main objective is to promote the adoption of modern digital identity systems by African

nations thereby enabling them to provide legal identity to all Africans. This will enable African citizens to prove their eligibility and also have easy access to government services and benefits as well as partake in Africa's democracy and economic take-off.

The Conference was attended by more than 1500 delegates from 81 countries including 41 African nations.

Tabulation of Submitted Judgments and Rulings

During the Legal Year, Judgments and rulings were submitted by the Judges and Magistrates to the Assessment Committee for assessment. The Monitoring and Evaluation Departments collects the Judgment, Rulings and ADR Consent Judgments which were quantitatively analyzed for Management decision making.

Statistics and Distribution of Courts in Ghana

This provides the list of Courts indicating the names of Courts, the type of Courts and their locations in the country. It provides the Regional composition of Courts and the types of Courts on Regional levels as in table below:

STATISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION OF COURTS IN GHANA												
COURTS	WESTERN REGION	CENTRAL REGION	GREATER ACCRA REGION	VOLTA REGION	EASTERN REGION	ASHANTI REGION	BRONG-AHAFO REGION	NORTHERN REGION	UPPER-EAST REGION	UPPER-WEST REGION	NO. OF COURTS	TOTAL NO. OF NORMAL COURTS
SUPREME COURT			1								1	1
COURT OF APPEAL		1	1	1	1	1		1			6	6
TOTAL HIGH COURTS	7	8	48	6	9	15	6	4	2	1	105	108
High Court (General)	5	6	9	6	6	8	4	2	2	1	49	108
Criminal Courts			4								4	
Probate & L.A. Courts			3								3	
Human Rights & Economic Crime Courts						1					1	
Divorce and Matrimonial Courts			3								3	
Land Courts			13			2					15	
Financial Courts			2								2	
Human Rights Courts			2								2	
Industrial Courts			2								2	
Commercial Courts	2	2	10		2	4	2	2			24	
Prison High Court					1	1		1			3	
TOTAL CIRCUIT COURTS	5	6	17	7	10	14	7	2	2	2	72	72
Circuit Court (General)	4	6	15	7	10	13	7	2	2	2	68	72
Gender Based Violence Courts	1		2			1					4	
TOTAL DISTRICT COURTS	20	20	35	26	20	32	19	9	6	5	192	192
District Court (General)	20	20	32	26	20	32	19	9	6	5	189	192
Family & Juvenile Courts			3								3	
REGIONAL TOTAL NO. OF COURTS	32	35	102	40	40	63	32	17	10	8	379	379
TOTAL NO. OF COURTS	379											

JUDICIAL REFORMS & PROJECTS DIRECTORATE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Judicial Reforms and Projects Directorate of the Judicial Service of Ghana in the 2017/2018 Legal Year collaborated with the under listed Development Partners to implement projects and programmes aimed at improving access to justice:

1. **Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).**
2. **Department for International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom**
3. **United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF)**
4. **European Union "Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme"(ARAP)**
5. **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

1.1 Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).

Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) supports the Judicial Service under its Right to Services and Good Governance Programme (RSGGP). This is an exit Programme which marks the end of a 25-year

collaboration and support from the Danish Government. This was designed around people's right to participate in their own development, enhanced local governance, access to justice, and improved local service delivery.

Under this partnership, the Judicial Service has achieved the following in the 2017/2018 legal year:

1.1.1 Establishment of Gender Based Violence Courts

The Gender Based Violence Courts are specifically designated Circuit Courts resourced to effectively adjudicate criminal and civil matters specifically related to gender based violence. The GBV Courts which were four (4) at the beginning of the legal year, are now ten (10), nationwide. They have been expanded to include six (6) more which are in Tema, Ashanti, Eastern, Brong-Ahafo, Northern and Upper East Regions of Ghana. The Court facilities have been refurbished with furniture provided, and other resources such as Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), anatomically correct dolls (to assist Judges and court officials in soliciting or providing evidence before the Gender Based Violence Courts), as well as computers and other office equipment to enhance justice delivery.

In relation to the expansion of the GBVCs, Operational

Guidelines have been developed to standardise the operations of the Courts. Prosecutors will be permanently stationed at the Courts. Intermediaries will be trained and attached to the Courts to offer support especially to child victims, witnesses and offenders. Selected Judges and Staff are being offered training on the smooth and efficient operations of the GBVCs being established in all Regional Capitals of Ghana.

1.1.2 Expansion of the M&E Software to Courts Nationwide

In the legal year under review, the Judicial Service piloted the newly developed Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) software system in thirty-seven (37) courts throughout the country to ensure that court officials send real time data and information from various courts to the Judicial Secretary (and subsequently to the M&E directorate). An independent evaluation rated the implementation of the pilot programme as successful and recommended for its roll-out to 293 selected Courts nationwide. In view of this, laptops and mi-fi have been procured for users in the courts, and a Service Level Agreement has been signed with the Consultant, to support the training and roll out activities.

1.1.3 Expansion of the Public Relations and Complaints Units

Judicial Service, with the support of DANIDA has extended the Public Relations and Complaints Unit (PRCU) nationwide, with the creation of seven more offices.

An Operational Guideline has been developed for the

PRCUs. It formalizes the mode of instruction and guidance on technical procedures and processes and other relevant information. This is to help outline the structure, identify the mode of resolving petitions both at the regional and national levels. It also outlines the role of the Coordinators of the Units, so as to improve the quality of administration of justice.

Training has been offered to both Judges and Staff specially assigned to the PRCUs to enable them to effectively manage the complaints and resolution processes.

1.1.4 Establishment of Prefabricated Remand Courts in Kumasi and Tamale Prisons

The concept of the “Remand Court” was piloted in 2016 when the British High Commission supported the Judicial Service to establish an onsite court at the Nsawam Prisons to facilitate the speedy resolution of remand cases and significantly reduce the time, cost and risk of transporting remand prisoners to and from the Courts where their cases are being tried.

Due to the success chalked up with the pilot remand court at the Nsawam Prisons, DANIDA provided funding for the construction of two prefabricated Courts in the Kumasi and Tamale Prisons respectively. The project was supervised by Messrs Mobius Construction Ltd and executed by Messrs King Jojo Construction Company.

These newly constructed turnkey remand courts fitted with solar back-up power were handed over to the Judicial Service on 7th and 8th August, 2018, respectively.

1.1.5 Printing and Dissemination of Anti-Corruption Action Plan

The Service with the support of DANIDA, developed and published an Anti-corruption Action Plan (2017-2019) to guide the implementation of activities towards reducing opportunities for corruption within the Judiciary and the Judicial Service. This document was launched on 14th December 2017. The Judiciary by this document became the first Public Service Institution to comply with the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan (NACAP) provisions requiring state institutions to formally commit to addressing corruption.

1.2 DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DFID) OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Business Enabling Environment Programme (BEEP)

The Service with funding from the DFID, is in the third year implementation of activities under the BEEP which spans from 2016-2019. This Programme is a follow up on the Private Sector Development Strategy (PSDS) Programme Phase One implemented in 2009. It is currently being undertaken in the Commercial Court of Ghana located in Accra, Kumasi, Cape-Coast, Sekondi-Takoradi, Koforidua and Sunyani.

Under this partnership, the Judicial Service has achieved the following in the 2017/2018 Legal Year.

1.2.1 Establishment and Expansion of the Users Committee:

The Users Committee of the Commercial Court since its establishment in 2016 has supported the development of a Commercial Court Strategic Plan on issues relating to Small Claims Procedure and Execution of Judgments. The Judicial Service under the 2018 BEEP Annual Work Plan seeks to expand the Users Committee to the regional level and has requested and received names of representatives from the Users. A Committee has been established to develop an operational manual for the Users Committee.

1.2.2 Training Session for Judges and staff:

The Judicial Service under the BEEP undertook a training workshop for all the Judges of the Commercial Court on Financial Literacy to build their capacity in understanding financial and accounting concepts and documents presented in Court. The BEEP seeks to also train Staff and Judges on Change Management to help align their work processes with the objectives of the Strategic Plan.

1.2.3 Strengthening of the M&E component of the Court:

The BEEP highlighted the need for the development of an M&E System to effectively manage data from the Court. The Programme in this regard procured laptops and trained Judges and Staff of the Commercial Court nationwide. The Court also procured laptops and trained Judges and Magistrates of sixteen (16) selected Circuit and District Courts to help provide data on small claims in the lower Courts. The beneficiary lower courts include:

Circuit Courts

Accra Circuit Court (2)

Accra Circuit Court (11)

Adum Circuit Court (4)

Tamale Circuit Court

Bawku Circuit Court

Juaso Circuit Court

Berekum Circuit Court

Nsuta Circuit Court

District Courts

Accra District Court (7)

Accra District Court (8)

Accra District Court (4)

District Court (Adum-Kumasi)

Dunkwa-On-Offin District Court

Kintampo District Court

Wamfie District Court

Konongo District Court

1.2.4 Improvement in ADR Services in the Commercial Court:

The Commercial Court as part of the key reforms in reducing the average time spent on cases from filing to judgment is exploring ways of improving the processes involved in reducing time and cost in ADR (pre-trial settlement). The Judicial Service through the BEEP has managed to bring about key reforms in making the ADR/pre-trial settlement an efficient and effective means of resolving commercial matters: the use of ADR as a mandatory criterion for measuring the performance of Judges and the use of External Mediators (non-Judge) to handle the pre-trial settlement process. An operational manual is being developed to manage the new reform. Recruitment and training of Mediators to be undertaken after the development of the new Operational Manual for the External Mediators.

1.2.5 Development of a Strategic Plan:

A Strategic Plan for the Commercial Court has been developed. Consultative processes with Judges and Users of the Commercial Court were completed after which a validation workshop was held on 6th July, 2017. The final document is being printed for dissemination to all stakeholders.

1.3 UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)

The Judicial Service of Ghana in collaboration with UNICEF is implementing activities with the objective of reforming the administration of juvenile justice to improve the adjudication of such cases and provide a conducive atmosphere for children who come into contact with the law either as victims, witnesses or offenders.

1.3.1 Establishment of a model Child Friendly Court

The Judicial Service of Ghana with the support of UNICEF is establishing a Model Child Friendly Court in Accra. This Court has the jurisdiction of a Circuit Court, with the objective of providing a safe judicial environment for children who come into contact with the law either as offenders, victims or witnesses. In 2017, Circuit Court 5 which is the Gender Based Violence Court (GBVC) in Accra was selected to receive minor refurbishment and automation to be used as the model Child Friendly Court. The minor refurbishment works, electrical installations such as air conditioners and painting of the Courtroom, Judges Chambers, victim room and child friendly space have been completed.

Furniture for the Judge's chambers and benches for Court Users have been provided. Toys, cots, floor mats and books have been procured for the child friendly room. Child friendly wallpapers and curtains have also been fixed in the victim /evidence room and the child friendly room. Closed Circuit Television equipment would be installed to provide a contact-free environment for taking evidence from victims.

1.3.2 Report on “Children Before the Courts”

As part of the activities being implemented to achieve this objective, Consultants were engaged to undertake a study to examine the processes and procedures for juvenile justice delivery and identify the gaps in the administration of juvenile justice in Ghana using best practices as a benchmark. The findings of this report was validated in a

workshop which was organized to gather key stakeholders in the formal juvenile justice system to deliberate on the findings of the study. The workshop also served as a platform to discuss all related issues identified in the report to secure the commitment of stakeholders during the implementation of the reform interventions proposed as recommendations from the research. The workshop was organized on Thursday, 30th November, 2017 at the Coconut Grove Regency Hotel in Accra.

The final report is being printed to serve as a base document for the consideration of stakeholders and the introduction of sustainable reforms within the formal Juvenile Justice sector.

1.4 EUROPEAN UNION “ACCOUNTABILITY, RULE OF LAW AND ANTI-CORRUPTION” PROGRAMME”(ARAP)

The Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme (ARAP) is a five-year intervention (2017-2021) being implemented through the “International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies, FIIAPP”, a Spanish public international co-operation entity that provides advice to governments of various countries and regional institutions.

1.4.1 Establishment of a Web Based Library

Amongst the vast descriptions of access, is, easy access to legislation, judicial decisions and supporting rules and regulations and judicial commentaries significantly affecting the overall outcome of judicial decisions. It is in

this respect that ARAP is providing support to the Judicial Service of Ghana to establish and maintain an electronic library to address this specific reform need. A Consultant has been procured to design the web based library and provide strategies for sustainability.

1.4.2 Training Needs Assessment of Judges

A comprehensive training needs assessment has been conducted to identify the specific training needs of Judges in making judicial decisions on corruption cases prosecuted at the Courts. The report of this training needs assessment was validated on 7th July 2018. A comprehensive training plan would be developed with the Judicial Training Institute and support provided to implement the planned training programmes.

1.4.3 Support for the Expansion of the PRCUs

FIAPP under ARAP also provided targeted funding for the expansion of the Public Relations and Complaints Units nationwide. The equipment, furniture and telephone lines for the operations of the PRCUs have been provided by ARAP.

The ARAP is supporting the printing of the PRCU Operational Guidelines which was developed by DANIDA under the Rights to Services and Good Governance Programme (RSGGP). ARAP as part of this collaboration funded the training of staff of the PRCU on the Operational Guidelines. Further to this, there is the development of a software to ensure the tracking of judicial complaints and the outcome of decisions of complaints.

1.5 UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

The United Nations Environment Programme referred to as the UN Environment under its collaboration with the Judicial Service, seeks to strengthen the capacity of Judges and Prosecutors in Environmental Law through training and sharing of expertise and legal guidance materials.

The expected results to be achieved are:

- Environmental Law integrated in judicial education and police training programmes
- A pool of trainers on Environmental Law for the Judiciary and Prosecutorial sectors created
- Capacity of Judiciary and Prosecutorial sectors to handle environmental cases in Ghana enhanced
- Training materials on Environmental Law reliable for use in Ghana

As per the implementation plan developed by the Service, a Consultant has been procured to conduct a needs assessment for training of Judges and Police Prosecutors on environmental law.

The draft report from the Consultant was reviewed by the Judicial Training Institute (JTI) and the final report with a training plan has been validated in a workshop for Judges, Magistrates and Prosecutors on Friday 3rd August, 2018. Other activities, i.e. development of training materials on Environmental Law, administration of training for trainers, and subsequently the training of staff and police prosecutors is to commence.

SPECIAL UNITS

JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

INTRODUCTION

The role of the Judicial Training Institute (JTI) is to promote effective Judicial Training for Judges, Magistrates, Court Staff and Administrative Staff. The JTI is also involved in the training of other stakeholders whose activities are premised on the Justice delivery system.

The JTI in the period under review developed and delivered a total of seventy-six (76) programmes. The breakdown is as follows; Twenty-four (24) developed for Judges and Magistrates and Fifty-two (52) for Court and Administrative Staff. The programmes executed by both Accra and Kumasi offices are as follows:

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

A. Training Programmes for Judiciary

1. Training on the New M&E Software System for selected Judges and Magistrates across the country	2. Training on Written Witness Statement for Magistrates in the Volta Region
3. Training on Witness Written Statement in Civil Procedure for Magistrates in Accra	4. Training on Adoption and Human Trafficking for High Court Judges in Accra
5. Refresher Course on Written Witness Statement in Civil Procedure for High Court Judges in Accra	6. Training on Witness Statement
7. Judicial Forum under the theme "Quality, Timely and Accessible Justice for All, without fear or favour.	8. Sensitization programme on Adoption & Human Trafficking for High Court Judges in Ashanti Region
9. Training on Written Witness Statement for Magistrates in Ashanti, part of B/A, Western and Central Regions	10. Induction Course for Newly Appointed Magistrates
11. Training for Supervising Judges and selected Justices of the Superior Courts on Public Complaints	12. Induction Course for Newly Appointed Justices of the Court of Appeal
13. Training for selected High Court Judges on Assizes	14. Sensitization for High and Circuit Court Judges in Accra on the operations of the collateral registry and credit referencing systems
15. Training on the Laws on Biodiversity/Genetic Modified Organism for selected High and Circuit Court Judges	16. Examination to the Circuit Bench
17. Training on Written Witness Statement for Magistrates in the Eastern Region	18. Trainer of Trainer's session for selected Circuit Court Judges on the new operations guidelines developed for the Gender Based Violence Courts
19. Training on Written Witness Statement for Magistrates in the Central Region	20. Training on Sentencing Regime for Offences under GIPC Act for Circuit Court Judges in Accra and Tema
21. Training on Bail, Appeal and International Matters for selected Circuit Court Judges and Magistrates	22. Training on Food and Drugs Authority Laws for High and Circuit Court Judges in Accra and its environs
23. Training on Interpretation of Financial Statement for Justices of the Commercial Court	24. Trainer of Trainer's session on the training manual developed on Ethics and Anti-corruption for selected Justices of the Superior Court.

B. Training Programmes for Staff

1. Three Days Orientation Programme for the new Court Complex Manager	2. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Central Region
3. Training on CCADR for Registrars and Court Clerks of CCADR Courts	4. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Central Region GP1
5. One Day Sensitization Training Programme on ADR for selected Staff of the Service in the Northern Sector	6. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Eastern Region GP1
7. Training for Courtroom Transcribers in Accra on Effective Administration of Justice	8. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Eastern Region GP2
9. Training on Court Ethics and Management for Registrars and Interpreters in the Greater Accra Region	10. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Volta Region GP1
11. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Ashanti Region GP1	12. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Volta Region GP2
13. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Ashanti Region GP2	14. Induction Course for Newly Employed Staff
15. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Ashanti, part of Central and Western Regions GP3	16. Training on Effective Administration of Justice
17. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Ashanti, part of Central and Western Regions GP1	18. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks in the Greater Accra Region GP1
19. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the B/A Region	20. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks in the Greater Accra Region GP2
21. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Court Clerks and Interpreters in the Western Region	22. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Registrars in the Volta Region
23. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Registrars in the Western Region	24. Protocol Training for Personnel of the Chief Justice's Household
25. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Registrars in the Cape Coast Region	26. Protocol Training for Personnel at the Judicial Secretary's Secretariat
27. Training on Code of Ethics and Court Management for Registrars in the Eastern Region	28. Skills-Based Training on CCADR for newly recruited Mediators in the southern sector (Group one)
29. Trainer Start-up Workshop on the operation guidelines developed for the Gender Based Violence Courts for selected Staff	30. Skills-Based Training on CCADR for newly recruited Mediators in the southern sector (Group two)
31. Piloting Module 1&2 on the operation guidelines developed for the Gender Based Violence Courts for selected Staff	32. Protocol Training for Personnel at the Communications Department including Protocol Team

33. Training on Basic Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point for Registrars in the Greater Accra Region (Group One)	34. Protocol Training for Personnel at the Complaints Unit
35. Training on Basic Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point for Registrars in the Greater Accra Region (Group Two)	36. Protocol Training for Client Enquiries Desk, High Court Registrars and Personnel at the Law Court Complex Secretariat
37. Trainer Debrief on Module 1&2 on the operation guidelines developed for the Gender Based Violence Courts for selected Staff	38. Trainer of Trainer's session on the training manual developed on Ethics and Anti-corruption for selected Administrative Staff
39. ToT Action Learning on the operation guidelines developed for the Gender Based Violence Courts for selected Staff	40. Training on CCADR for Registrars and Court Clerks of the newly connected Courts
41. Trainer Action Learning Debrief on the operation guidelines developed for the Gender Based Violence Courts for selected Staff	42. Protocol Training for Court Clerks at the Law Court Complex
43. Protocol Training for Personnel of the Chief Justice's Secretariat	44. Refresher course on CCADR for selected Registrars and Court Clerks in the Southern sector (Group One)
45. Trainer of Trainer's Session on the New Operational Guidelines Development for the Gender Based Violence Courts (Module Three)	46. Refresher course on CCADR for selected Registrars and Court Clerks in the Southern sector (Group Two)
47. Trainer of Trainer's Session on the New Operational Guidelines Development for the Gender Based Violence Courts (Module Four)	48. Refresher course on CCADR for Registrars and Court Clerks in ADR connected courts for the Northern sector
49. Skills-Based Training on CCADR for newly recruited Mediators in the northern sector	50. Refresher course on CCADR for ADR Regional Coordinators and Officers at the National ADR Secretariat
51. Training on the new Monitoring and Evaluation Software System for Regional M&E and ICT Officers in Accra	52. Sensitization of Regional Administrative Officers, Regional Accountants and Regional Auditors on CCADR
53. Protocol Training for Staff at the Judicial Training Institute	

Donor Support

The Institute has been greatly supported by local and International Organisations namely: DFID, SSNIT, ARAP, PBS, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, DANIDA, GIPC, U.S.A Embassy, Food and Drugs Authority and the Government of Ghana in the area of development and delivery of training programmes for both the Judiciary and Staff of the Judicial Service.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS & COURTS INSPECTORATE UNIT

This is a special Unit under the office of the Chief Justice established in 2003 as part of efforts to promote good governance, entrench anti-corruption, accountability and transparency in the Judicial Service. As a result of the successes chalked up in its formative years, the scope of the Unit was widened and upgraded from Petitions and Complaints Unit to Public Complaints and Court Inspectorate Unit in 2005.

The Unit is currently headed by a Justice of the Court of Appeal; Her Ladyship Justice Angelina M. Domakyaareh (J.A). She is assisted by three Justices of the High Court; His Lordship Justice Eric Kyei Baffour (J.), Her Ladyship Justice Doreen G. Boakye-Agyei (Mrs.) (J.) Her Ladyship Justice Afia Serwaa Asare-Botwe (Mrs.) and administrative staff. The Head Office of the Unit is located in the Supreme Court building in Accra, with a branch office in the Law Court Complex. The Unit has two regional branches; one in Kumasi in the Ashanti Region and the other in Takoradi in the Western Region to handle Complaints from these regions and beyond.

Functions of the Unit

The Unit performs the following functions inter alia:

1. Investigates and handles complaints by the general public against members of the Bench and staff of the Service on corruption and other negative practices.
2. Investigates complaints regarding the abuse of the Code of Ethics and abuse of position against Judges and Magistrates.
3. Serves as a medium to bring to the attention of Management all untoward practices occurring within the Service.
4. Provides a forum for the general public to raise and discuss matters arising out of their dealings with the Court System and the Judicial Service as a whole.
5. Conducts on-the-spot inspection of all court houses in Ghana for purposes of verifying the performance of Judges, Magistrates and staff as well as the state of infrastructure, checks on Record and Accounts Books etc.

6. Coordinates with the Judicial Training Institute, the training of members of the Judiciary and other staff of the Service on issues of anti-corruption, transparency, accountability and the use of the Code of Ethics.
7. Offers counseling to the general public on court matters. This relates to persons who come to the Complaints Units with issues bordering on court cases, processes, court fees etc.

Magistrates in cases before them.

- Complaints against abuse of power.
- Judges displaying open bias in Court.
- A breach of Judicial process
- Missing dockets, court documents etc.
- Corruption on the part of Judges and staff.
- Acts of misconduct by Judges and staff.

Nature of Petitions or Complaints

- Petitions against conduct of Judges and

Petitions Received for the Year 2016

Month	Cases Registered	Cases Disposed Of (Including Outstanding Cases)
June	21	25
July	27	15
August	32	11
September	27	21
October	12	24
November	88	54
December	15	27
Total	202	177

Petitions Received for the Year 2017

Month	Cases Registered	Cases Disposed of (Including Outstanding Cases)
January	17	26
February	10	13
March	12	25
April	36	16
May	21	24
Total	96	104

NB: Petitions registered from June to December 2016

Total: 96

Petitions disposed of from January to May 2017

Total: 104

ADR DIRECTORATE



INTRODUCTION

The Judicial Service instituted the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Programme in 2005 as part of its adjudication system to empower disputants to be directly involved in the resolution process of their disputes.

The programme gained grounds to become a preferred choice to some Court users who seek expeditious, flexible and affordable justice. It was also to reduce the backlog of cases in the Courts and to sensitize the general public to the use of ADR in seeking redress.

Currently 107 Courts have been connected to the CCADR Programme across the nation. It is expected that by 2020 all District and Circuit Courts would have been connected to the ADR Programme.

Data available during the period under review indicate that 981 cases were settled, out of 2,158 cases referred, representing 45% settlement rate.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW:

A number of activities were carried out from October 2017 to July 2018 in line with the Strategic Plan of the Judicial Service as follows:

ADR WEEK

In accordance with the Lady Chief Justice's policy directive, the ADR Directorate held ADR Week activities nationwide in November 2017, March, 2018 and July, 2018. The week's activities were opened with media conferences in Ho, Sunyani and Accra.

The ADR Directorate granted television and radio interviews. Information about the ADR concept and programme were disseminated in local dialects and in English on various stations across the country by the National ADR Coordinator and the Regional ADR Coordinators.

A total of 502 cases were referred during the ADR Week, of which 232 were settled, indicating a settlement rate of 46%. At the time of this report statistics for July 2018 ADR week were not ready. ADR week offers disputing

parties who have their cases in the courts the opportunity to resolve them through mediation

MEDIATOR RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING:

A total of two hundred (200) mediators recruited in 2016 and 2017 were trained and have since been assigned to their respective Courts.

Registrars and Clerks of the beneficiary Courts were also trained so as to enable them to run the ADR Programme in their respective Courts efficiently.

REFRESHER COURSE

A total of two hundred and eight (208) Registrars, Court Clerks, Regional ADR Coordinators and staff of National ADR Secretariat were given a refresher course during the period.

Statistics on cases mediated and settled by the CCADR Courts on Regional Basis from October 2017 to July 2018.

REGION	CASES MEDIATED	CASES SETTLED	PERCENTAGE
Greater Accra	853	377	44
Eastern	521	191	37
Central	475	257	54
Western	34	22	65
Volta	257	81	32
Brong-Ahafo	6	2	33
Ashanti	78	43	55
Northern	12	8	66
Upper-East	-	-	-
Upper -West	-	-	-
Total	2,158	981	45%

ASSOCIATION

Judicial Service Staff Association of Ghana (JUSAG)

The Judicial Service Staff Association of Ghana (JUSAG) undertook numerous activities and would like to report on two major programs undertaken during the 2017-2018 legal year.

1. JUSAG HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Association has instituted a health foundation aimed at contributing to the wellbeing and growth of staff of the Judicial Service. JUSAG believes that a healthy workforce is an asset and forms the basis for a productive Judicial Service, hence every staff should be supported to recover fully after life threatening diseases or accidents.

The JUSAG HEALTH FOUNDATION launched on 23rd February, 2018 comes to supplement the in-house medical allowances given to staff of the Service. At the launch, an amount of GH77,430.00 (including pledges) was raised. A policy document was also outdoorred detailing how funds shall be raised and disbursed. Funds are to be raised via a one-time annual deduction of a premium from each member of staff as may be determined by Conference of JUSAG in collaboration with

the Board of the Foundation; and an annual fundraising will be organized by the Board of the Foundation in collaboration with the National Executive Council (NEC) of JUSAG.

The HEALTH FOUNDATION policy covers the following medical conditions:

1. Cardiovascular disease that requires surgery
2. Prostate, breast, cervical, lung or other body part cancers that requires serious medical intervention such as chemotherapy and mammoplasty.
3. Post maternal conditions such as obstetric fistula
4. Eye, nose and throat surgeries that are not cosmetic
5. First and second degree burns that require skin restoration
6. Restoration after a severe motor or air accident

The funds of the Foundation are accessed through an application with attached medical references by the

affected staff or close relative to the Board of the Foundation. Persons qualified to benefit comprise staff, spouse and a child.

2. THE 6TH TRIENNIAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE

JUSAG held its 6th Triennial Delegates' Conference from 7th - 11th May, 2018 at the University for Development Studies, (UDS), Wa, Upper West Region under theme: Deepening the integrity of the Judicial Service; the Role of JUSAG.

The Association chose this theme to examine its role as a key stakeholder in the administration of justice and the fight against judicial corruption. Recently, we have also seen anti-corruption campaign by Management admonishing members of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service to eschew acts or any forms of corruption.

At above mentioned Conference, members of the Association individually and collectively pledged to among other things fight all forms of corruption to help build public confidence in the justice delivery system. Critical measures were also outlined to protect and to shore up the integrity of the Judiciary and the Judicial Service through a communique which had the following details:

1. To uphold and defend the good image of the Judicial Service of Ghana;
2. To uphold the truth and high moral standards for effective and efficient justice delivery;
3. To be dedicated in the provision of quality service to court users and nation Ghana; and
4. To fully support for the E-Justice project of the Judicial Service.

In upholding the resolutions of the Conference, JUSAG entreated Government to address all outstanding issues pertaining to members' conditions of service and recommended that the Internally Generated Fund (IGF) retained by the Judicial Service, be reviewed upwards to 80%.

The Association's motto remains: *JUSAG - Justice and Fairplay*; to ensure that the administration of justice remains accessible and fair to all persons.

LIST OF JUDGES

Justices of the Supreme Court

1. Sophia A. B. Akuffo (Chief Justice)
2. Julius Ansah
3. Sophia O. Adinyira
4. Jones Dotse
5. Anin-Yeboah
6. Paul Baffoe Bonnie
7. Nasiru S. Gbadegbe
8. Vida Akoto-Bamfo
9. Anthony A. Benin
10. Yaw Appau
11. Gabriel Pwamang
12. Samuel K. Marful-Sau
13. Agnes M.A. Dordzie
14. Nene Abayaateye Ofoe Amegatcher
15. Prof. Nii Ashie Kotey

Justices of the Court of Appeal

1. Francis Kusi Appiah
2. Mariama Owusu
3. P.K. Gyaesayor
4. Victor D. Ofoe
5. K.A. Acquaye

6. Francis G. Kobieh
7. Clemence J. Honyenuga
8. Emmanuel K. Ayebi
9. K.N. Aduama Osei
10. Irene Charity Larbi
11. Senyo Dzamefe
12. Dennis Dominic Adjei
13. Avril Lovelace-Johnson
14. Margaret Welbourne
15. Barbara F. Ackah Yensu
16. Cecilia H. Sowah
17. Gertrude Torkornoo
18. Alhaji Saeed Kwaku Gyan
19. Alhaji Issifu Omoro Tanko Amadu
20. Lawrence L. Mensah
21. Henry A. Kwofie
22. Gbiel Simon Suurbaareh
23. Mabel Agyemang
24. Angelina M. Domakyaareh
25. Nicholas Charles A. Agbevor
26. Alex B. Poku-Acheampong
27. Anthony Kwadwo Yeboah
28. Merley Afua Wood
29. Amma Abuakwa Gaisie

Justices of the High Court

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| 1. K.A. Abada | Probate & L.A. Court, Accra |
| 2. Charles Quist | (On Administrative Leave) |
| 3. James Benuyenah Benson | High Court '1', Kofofidua |
| 4. Anthony Oppong | Land Court '1', LCC, Accra |
| 5. Emmanuel Kwasi Mensah | General Jurisdiction Court 1, LCC, Accra |
| 6. Samuel Kwame Adibu Asiedu | Commercial Court '1', LCC, Accra |
| 7. Philip Bright Mensah | Commercial Court 'B', Sekondi |
| 8. Nicholas Mensah Cudjoe Abodakpi | High Rights Court '2', LCC, Accra |
| 9. Justin Kofi Dorgu | Criminal Court '2', LCC, Accra |
| 10. Mustapha Logoh | (On Administrative Leave) |
| 11. G.A. Kwasi-Kumah | High Court, Sefwi Wiawso |
| 12. Uuter P. Dery | (On Administrative Leave) |
| 13. George K. Koomson | Commercial Court '2', LCC, Accra |
| 14. Edward Amoako-Asante | (On Secondment) |
| 15. Jacob Bawine Boon | High Court , Bolgatanga |
| 16. Angelina Mensah-Homiah | Commercial Court 4, LCC, Accra |
| 17. Jennifer A. Dodoo | Commercial Court '3', LCC, Accra |
| 18. Novisi Afua Aryene | General Jurisdiction Court '1', LCC, Accra |
| 19. Fred Kwasi Awuah | (On Administrative Leave) |
| 20. Patrick Baayeh | High Court '3', Sunyani |
| 21. Kossi Efo Kaglo | High Court '6', Kumasi |
| 22. Kwasi Dapaa | High Court '5', Kumasi |
| 23. Elizabeth Ankumah | Land Court, Tema |

Justices of the High Court

24. Eric Baah
25. Alhaji Abdullah Iddrisu
26. Charles Gyamfi Danquah
27. Gifty Dekyem
28. Alex Owusu-Ofori
29. Kofi Akrowiah
30. Jennifer Akua Tagoe
31. Charles A. Wilson
32. Daniel Mensah
33. Janapare Adzua Bartels-Kodwo
34. Edward K. B. Apenkwa
35. Richard Adjei Frimpong
36. Barbara Ward Acquah
37. George Buadi
38. Amos Lawer Buertey
39. Sophia Rosetta Bernasko-Essah
40. Samuel K. Sarpong Appiah
41. Georgina Mensah-Datsa
42. Doris Bempong
43. Ananda Juliana Aikins
44. Laurenda Owusu
45. Olivia Obeng Owusu
46. Emmanuel Ankamah
47. Richard M. Kogyapwah
48. Jerome Noble Nkrumah

High Court '2', Ho
Criminal Court '3', LCC, Accra
High Court, Obuasi
High Court 2, Koforidua
Land Court 8, LCC, Accra
Commercial Court '3', Prempeh Assembly Hall, Kumasi
Commercial Court '2', Prempeh Assembly Hall, Kumasi
High Court '4', Kumasi
General Jurisdiction Court '2', LCC, Accra
High Court, Winneba
Land Court '5', LCC, Accra
High Court '1', Sekondi
Commercial Court 'A', Koforidua
Commercial Court '5', LCC, Accra
High Court, Sogakope
General Jurisdiction Court '3', LCC, Accra
High Court, Wenchi
Criminal Court '4', LCC, Accra
Probate & L.A. Court '1', LCC, Accra
Labour Court 2, LCC, Accra
Commercial Court (B), Sunyani
General Jurisdiction 4, LCC, Accra
High Court (B), Tema
High Court '1', Tamale
Commercial Court '6', LCC, Accra

Justices of the High Court

49. George Krofa Addae
50. Patience Mills-Tetteh
51. Nathaniel K.E. Osam
52. Kwasi Boakye
53. Emmanuel Amo Yartey
54. John B. Nabarese
55. Gilbert Ayisi Addo
56. Barbara N. Tetteh-Charway
57. Eric Kyei Baffour
58. Alexander Osei Tutu
59. Cecilia Yella Don-Chebe Agbevey
60. Gifty Agyei-Addo
61. Rebecca Naa Shormeh Sittie
62. Doreen Genevieve Boakye-Agyei
63. Afia Serwah Asare-Botwe
64. Constant K. Hometowu
65. Samuel Obeng-Diawuo
66. Hannah Taylor
67. Hafisata Amaleboba
68. Asmah Akwasi Asiedu
69. William Boampong
70. Kwame Gyamfi Osei
71. Daniel K. Obeng
72. Francis Obiri
73. Juliana E. Amonoo-Neizer

High Court, Human Rights/Labour/Economic Crimes, Accra

High Court 8, Cape Coast

High Court, Nkawkaw

High Court, Wa

Land Court '7', LCC, Accra

High Court '1', Sunyani

(On Administrative Leave)

Land Court '9',LCC, Accra

Commercial Court '7', LCC, Accra

Land Court 6, LCC, Accra

Divorce & Matrimonial Court '2', LCC, Accra

Human Rights Court '1', LCC, Accra

Land Court '10', LCC, Accra

Commercial Court '8', LCC,Accra

Financial Court '2',LCC, Accra

(On Secondment)

High Court '2', Land Division, Kumasi

High Court '2', Sekondi

Divorce & Matrimonial Court '3',LCC, Accra

High Court '2', Bolgatanga

High Court '3', Cape Coast

High Court '2', Tamale

Commercial Court 'A', Tamale

High Court '3', (Criminal & Financial) Kumasi

Probate Court '3', LCC, Accra

Justices of the High Court

74. Kweku Tawiah Ackaah-Boafo
75. Akua Sarpomaa Amoah
76. Jennifer Abena Dadzie
77. Jennifer Anne Myers Ahmed
78. Kofi Nyanteh Akuffo
79. Emmanuel Senyo Amedahe
80. Samuel Asare-Nyako
81. Emmanuel Lodoh
82. Sedina Agbemava
83. Rita Agyeman-Budu
84. Ellen Vivian Amoah
85. Cecilia Naa Shormeh Davis
86. Charles Edward Ekow Baiden
87. Kwasi Anokye Gyimah
88. Richard Osei-Hwere
89. Francis Apongabuno Achibonga
90. John Ekow Mensah
91. Janet Anima Maafo
92. Afia Nyako Adu-Amankwa
93. Frederick Tetteh
94. Matthew Kyeremateng
95. Joan Eyi King
96. John Eugene Nyante Nyadu

General Jurisdiction Court '6', LCC, Accra
 Commercial Court '9', LCC, Accra
 Commercial Court '10', LCC, Accra
 Land Court '3', LCC, Accra
 High Court, Nsawam
 High Court '1', Kumasi
 Land Court '4', LCC, Accra
 Commercial Court 'A' Cape Coast
 Commercial Court 'A', Sekondi
 High Court 'B', Tema
 Land Court '2', LCC, Accra
 Commercial Court 'B', Koforidua
 Criminal Court '4', LCC, Accra
 Land Court '2', LCC, Accra
 Commercial Court '2', Court of Appeal Complex, Kumasi
 High Court, Mampong-Ashanti
 High Court, Tarkwa
 High Court, Agona Swedru
 High Court 3, Takoradi
 High Court 7, Kumasi
 High Court 1, Ho
 (On Study Leave)
 High Court (A), Tema

Circuit Court Judges

1. M.E. Essandoh	Circuit Court '4', Accra
2. Audrey Kocuvie-Tay	Circuit Court, Nsawam
3. Eva Bannerman-Williams	Circuit Court '6', Accra
4. Emmanuel Bart-Plange Brew	Circuit Court, Tarkwa
5. Yaw Owuahene-Acheampong	Circuit Court, Bibiani
6. Ebenezer Osei Darko	Circuit Court, Ofaakor
7. Gabriel N.K. Mate-Teye	Circuit Court, Ashaiman
8. Lydia Osei Marfo	Circuit Court '3', Adum, Kumasi
9. Samuel Boakyie-Yiadom	Deputy Judicial Secretary, Northern Sector
10. Ali Baba Abature	Circuit Court, Aflao
11. Abena Oppong Adjin-Doku	Circuit Court '1', Takoradi (GBV Court)
12. Afi Agbanu Kudomor	Circuit Court '9', Accra
13. Mariama Sammo	Circuit Court 'A', Tema
14. Patricia Quansah	Circuit Court, Amasaman
15. Aboagye Tandoh	Circuit Court '1', Accra
16. Abdul Yusif Asibey	Circuit Court, Juabeng
17. Ruby Aryeetey	Circuit Court '3', Accra
18. Kwame Amoako	Chief Justice's Secretariat
19. Michael Johnson Abbey	Circuit Court, Nkawie
20. Bernard Bentil	Circuit Court, Weija
21. Alexander Graham	Circuit Court, Duayaw Nkwanta
22. Abigail Animah Asare	Circuit Court '2', Takoradi
23. Kofi Seshie Ametewee	Circuit Court '1', Cape Coast
24. Mariam Saleh Sinare	Circuit Court, Mpraeso
25. Cynthia Wiredu	Circuit Court 'B', Tema
26. Kwame Polley	Circuit Court, Keta
27. Frank A. Rockson	Circuit Court, Dormaa Ahenkro
28. Emmanuel Ayesu Essampong	Circuit Court, Sogakope

29. Frederick A.W.K. Nawurah
30. Rita Abena Abrokwah Doku
31. Kofi Amoako Osei
32. Frank Yao Gbeddy
33. Comfort Kwasiwor Tasiame
34. Ruby Naa Adjeley Quaison
35. William Appiah Twumasi
36. Francis Ansong Obuajo
37. Prosper Duelove Gomashie
38. Samuel Owetey Ansah
39. Mercy Adei Kotei
40. Malcolm E. Bedzrah
41. Priscilla Dirkro
42. Mary Maame Ekue Nsenkyire
43. Baah Forson Agyapong
44. Marian Affoh
45. Nana Brew
46. Yaw Poku Acheampong
47. Abena Amponsah Buansi
48. Patricia Amponsah
49. Ellen Lordina Serwaa Mireku
50. Priscilla Dapaah Mireku
51. Alexander Oworae
52. Jane H. Akweley Quaye
53. Ayitey Armah-Tetteh
54. Charity Akosua Asem
55. Malike Awo Woanyah Dey

Circuit Court, Bekwai
 Circuit Court '5', Accra
 (On Study Leave)
 Circuit Court, Odumase Krobo
 Circuit Court '1', (GBV Court) Adum-Kumasi
 Circuit Court '2', Accra
 Circuit Court, Tamale
 Circuit Court, Dunkwa-On-Offin
 Circuit Court, Bawku
 Circuit Court, Offinso
 Circuit Court 'B', Koforidua
 Circuit Court, Bolgatanga
 Circuit Court, Ho
 Circuit Court, K.M.A, Kumasi
 Circuit Court, Wa
 Circuit Court 'A', Koforidua
 Circuit Court, Kpando
 Circuit Court, Hohoe
 Circuit Court, Accra
 Circuit Court '2', Adum-Kumasi
 Circuit Court, Kwabenya
 Circuit Court '11', Accra
 Circuit Court, Akim Swedru
 Circuit Court '10', Accra
 Circuit Court, Asamankese
 Circuit Court, Akropong-Akwapim
 Circuit Court '8', Accra

District Magistrates (Professional)

1.	Franklin Titus-Glover	(On Study Leave)
2.	Thomas Kwabena Ofedie	District Court, Obuasi
3.	Christina Eyiah-Donkor	District Court '2' Ash-Town, Kumasi
4.	Charles Yaw Boateng	District Court, Ashaiman
5.	Michael Kudjo Ampadu	District Court, Market Circle, Takoradi
6.	Isaac Agyei	District Court, Big Ada
7.	Dorinda Smith-Arthur	(On Study Leave)
8.	Isaac Addo	District Court '1', Adjabeng
9.	Arit Nsemoh	Accra Central District Court '7'
10.	Jonathan Avogo	District Court '1', Sekondi
11.	Alfred Kwabena Asiedu	District Court '1', Ash-Town, Kumasi
12.	Veronique Abena Praba Manfort	District Court '2', Amasaman
13.	Charles Kwasi Acheampong	District Court, Dodowa
14.	Joseph Ofosu Behome	District Court, Awutu
15.	Peter Oppong-Boahen	District Court '1', Asokwa
16.	Jonathan Desmond Nunoo	District Court '1', Tarkwa
17.	Abdul-Razak Musah	District Court, Nkawkaw
18.	Dora Gloria Araba Eshun	Family and Juvenile Court 'D', Accra
19.	Festus Fovi Nukunu	District Court, Dunkwa-On-Offin
20.	Bertha Aniagyei	District Court, Mampongteneng
21.	Samuel Djanie Kotey	District Court, Assin Fosu
22.	Efua Gyetowah Sackey	Accra Central District Court '8'
23.	Korkor Owusu Achaw	District Court '2', Asokwa

24.	Appiatse Kwasi Abaidoo	District Court, Akim Oda
25.	Fred Obikyere	District Court 'B', Sunyani
26.	Adwoa Akyama Ofori	District Court, Abeka
27.	Nana Asibey Osei	District Court, 'A' Koforidua
28.	Isaac Apeatu	District Court, Agona Swedru
29.	Joseph Nadaado Mcali Jnr.	District Court '2', Tema
30.	Jojo Amoah Hagan	District Court 'A', Sunyani
31.	Rosemond Dodua Agyiri	District Court '1', Kaneshie
32.	Robert Addo	District Court '1', Ho
33.	James Kojoh Botah	District Court '1', Adjabeng
34.	Richard Delali Anku	District Court '2', Madina
35.	Ebenezer Kweku Ansah	Accra Central District Court '3'
36.	Sylvester Nii Okine Ablorh	District Court, Adentan
37.	Joshua Caleb Abaidoo	Accra Central District Court '4'
38.	Stephen Owusu	Accra Central District Court '6'
39.	Stephen Kumi	District Court, Akropong-Ashanti
40.	Abass Abubakari Adams	District Court '4', Ash-Town, Kumasi
41.	Gloria Naa Botor Laryea	Accra Central District Court '2'
42.	Sedinam Awo Balokah	District Court, Teshie/Nungua
43.	Felix Datsomor	District Court, Bibiani
44.	Joyce Boahen	District Court '1', Tema
45.	Rita Amonyiwah Edusah	District Court '1', Cape Coast
46.	Gloria Mensah-Bonsu	District Court '2', Cape Coast
47.	Anthony Aduku-Aidoo	District Court '2', Tamale
48.	Evelyn Asamoah	District Court '1', Amasaman

49.	Susana Eduful	District Court '2', Sekondi
50.	Agnes Opoku-Barnieh	District Court, Kasoa
51.	Afia Owusuaa Appiah	District Court, Ofaakor
52.	Naa Amerley Akowuah	District Court, Weija
53.	Ellen Ofei-Ayeh	District Court, Offinso
54.	Kwabena Ansah Pobih	District Court, Bekwai
55.	Isaac Oheneba-Kuffour	District Court, Winneba
56.	Maame Efua Tordimah	District Court '1', Madina
57.	Akosua Anokyewaa Adjepong	District Court, TDC, Tema
58.	Angela Attachie	District Court, Harbour Area, Takoradi
59.	Samuel Bright Acquah	District Court, Duayaw Nkwanta
60.	Eleanor Kakra Barnes-Botchway	District Court, '2' Kaneshie
61.	Rosemary Baah Tosu	District Court, Anloga
62.	Rosemarie Afua Asante	District Court '3', Asokwa
63.	Diana Adu-Anane	District Court, Mampong, Akropong
64.	Mark Tarima Diboro	District Court, Twifo Praso
65.	Ama Hathia Manu	Accra Central District Court '5'
66.	Simon Gaga	District Court, Berekum
67.	Lily Amoah Kankam	District Court, Tepa
68.	Matilda Ribeiro	Family and Juvenile Court 'B' Accra
69.	Sumaila Mbache Ahmadu	District Court, Bimbila
70.	Aliata Saeed	District Court, Agona Ashanti
71.	Osman Abdul-Hakeem	District Court, Bolgatanga
72.	Juliet Osei Duedu	District Court, LA
73.	Divine Kwaku Ahiadu	District Court, Ejura

74.	Eric Daning	District Court 'B' Koforidua
75.	Linda Amissah	District Court, Larterbiokorshie
76.	Priscilla Yeboah	District Court, Nsawam
77.	Kweku Baah Frempong	District Court, Ejisu
78.	Kofi Owusu Sekyere	District Court, Nkoranza

Career Magistrates

1.	Amadu Issifu	District Court 1, Tamale
2.	Stanislaus Amanoipo	District Court, New Edubiase
3.	Hans Kofi Kpogo	District Court, Drobo
4.	Anthony Tabiri Abebrese	District Court, Abura Dunkwa
5.	Prince Andrew Cudjoe	District Court, Bole
6.	Samuel Entee (Jnr.)	District Court, Nyankomasi
7.	Joseph Twumasi	District Court, Atebubu
8.	Lawrence Buenor Buer	District Court, Sefwi- Wiawso
9.	Illiasu Abdul Majid	District Court, Half Assin
10.	Joyce Bamfo	District Court, Konongo
11.	Stephen Tabiri	(On Study Leave)
12.	Sam Medjida Nibi	District Court, Nyinahin
13.	John Ayivor	District Court, Mankranso
14.	Alfred K. Kpodo Rockson	District Court, Ajumako
15.	Joseph Mensah	District Court, Asankragwa
16.	Frank Ashitey Addo	District Court, Prestea
17.	Charles Owusu-Nsiah	District Court, Kukuom

18.	Charles Wiafe	District Court, Asamankese
19.	Abdulai Abdul-Baki	District Court, Dambai
20.	Albert Annor Owusu	District Court, Debieso
21.	Eric K. Fiamordzi	District Court, Kadjebi
22.	Robert Agbleze	District Court, Axim
23.	Eric Baah Boateng	District Court, Enchi
24.	John Evans Ocran	District Court, Prampram
25.	Clement Kwasi Asomah	District Court, Sefwi Juaboso
26.	Juliana Millicent Ocran	District Court, New Tafo
27.	Emmanuel Kwame Boadu	District Court, Agona Nkwanta
28.	Joseph Akuoko	District Court, Bawku
29.	Vivian Lariba Yamusah	District Court, Wenchi
30.	Peter Banoe Dapileh	District Court, Wassa Akropong
31.	Rhoda K. Donkor	District Court, Suhum
32.	Samuel Walker Essel	District Court, Kpetoe
33.	Cynthia Adjei Andy	District Court, Fomena
34.	Augustine Essah	District Court, 2, Tamale
35.	Alice Afua Yirenkyi	District Court, Kibi
36.	Samuel Kwesi Agyei	(On Study Leave)
37.	Cynthia Nuekie Blagooee	District Court, Akim Ofoase
38.	Comfort Asamoah Sarpong	(On Study Leave)
39.	Rosemond Vera Aryeetey Ocloo	District Court, Elmina
40.	Baba Issahaku Iddi	District Court, Nkwanta
41.	Kwaku Twumasi	District Court, Goaso
42.	Christian Hevi-Affuflu	District Court, Kenyasi

43. Joseph Hamidu Nasigre
44. Sydney Braimah
45. Selorm Kuma Dzata
46. Felicia Anane-Antwi
47. Erasmus Narh Addo
48. Thomas Boadi Soyori
49. Issah Abdul-Wahab
50. Benjamin Bennet Attabra
51. Francis Asakeya Ana-Am
52. Janet Ahomka Yeboah
53. Hajia M. Jebuni-Yakubu
54. Anthony Asaah
55. Narh Awah
56. Eunice Anamsibadeck Apaliwen
57. Asubonteng K.A. Bohyen
58. Gifty Cudjoe
59. Seth Aduedem Alafa
60. Godwin Kofi Kpogli
61. Comfort Adimazoya Apalayin
62. Augustine Akusa-Am
63. Naomi Akyiano
64. Lari Bitam
65. Beatrice Adzo Amedzi
66. Stella Amedogbe
67. Alberta Amponsah

- District Court, Zebilla
- District Court, Wa
- District Court, Sampa
- District Court, Kade
- District Court, Shama
- District Court, Manso Nkwanta
- District Court, Navrongo
- District Court, Kete-Krachi
- District Court, Kutunase
- District Court, Begoro
- District Court, Bechem
- District Court, Techiman
- District Court, Sege
- District Court, Breman Asikuma
- District Court, Agbozome
- District Court, Kwabeng
- District Court, Senchi
- District Court, Ashanti Mampong
- District Court, Abor
- District Court, Donkorkrom
- District Court, Kodie
- District Court, Walewale
- District Court, Dawurampong
- District Court, Dabala
- District Court, Asewewa

68.	George Davies Kwesi Ofori	District Court, Agogo
69.	Ernest Yao Agbenya	District Court, Tumu
70.	Yaw Akosah Agyare-Amoapong	District Court, Wamfie
71.	Iddrisu Issah Kpeglah	(On Study Leave)
72.	Peter Anongbare	District Court, Hohoe
73.	Derrick Parden Eshun	District Court, Dzodze
74.	Solomon Kwasi Alomatu	District Court, Abetifi
75.	Ayagiba Salifu Bugri	District Court, Kpassa
76.	Bright Ayasagi Akoande	(On Study Leave)
77.	Emmanuel Davies	District Court, Akatsi
78.	Emelia Kokora Abruquah	District Court, Somanya
79.	Felicia Gandedzi	District Court, Peki
80.	Patience Ashami Ablor	District Court, Saltpond
81.	Victoria Akua Ghansah	District Court, New Abirim
82.	Molly Portia Anafo-Salia	District Court, Asokore Mampong
83.	Kenneth Okyere-Aboagye	District Court, Asiwa
84.	Michael Derek Ocloo	District Court, Effiduase
85.	Paulina Kwakyewa Adwoa	District Court, Jacobu
86.	David Dokurigu Sebiyam	District Court, Salaga
87.	Florence A. Baah	District Court Akomadan
88.	Annie Adobor	District Court, Apam
89.	Love Sitsofe B. Mawuli-Woname	District Court, Hohoe & Vakpo
90.	Kojo Frimpong Manso	District Court, Aflao
91.	Samuel Buabin Quansah	District Court, Daboase

92.	Benardine Semanu Abravi Senoo	Family & Juvenile Court 'C', Accra
93.	Joseph Evans Anang Okropa	District Court, Jirapa
94.	John K. Josiah-Kwofie	District Court, Twedie
95.	Edward Essel	District Court, Kwame Danso
96.	Frederick Tieme Kaar	District Court, Bongo
97.	Augustine Fiifi Domful	District Court, Nandom
98.	Joseph Baah-Ansah	District Court, Sandema
99.	Grace Osei	District Court, Ave-Dakpa
100.	Magdalene Thompson	District Court '2', Tarkwa
101.	Maxwell Maxibrian Titriku	District Court, Kintampo
102.	Edith Lucy Dzormeku	District Court, Jasikan & New Ayoma
103.	John Sam	District Court, Dzolokpuuita
104.	Eric Ansah	District Court, Tepa

Judges with Oversight Responsibility

1.	Sophia A. B. Akuffo (CJ)	Greater Accra Region
2.	Jones V. Dotse	Volta & Eastern Region
3.	Dennis D. Adjei	Ashanti /Brong Ahafo/Northern/UE/UW Regions
4.	Gbiel Simon Suurbaareh	Central / Western Region

CASELOAD STATISTICS IN BRIEF

NUMBER OF CASES	C O U R T S						
	SUPREME COURT	COURT OF APPEAL	HIGH COURTS		CIRCUIT COURTS	DISTRICT COURTS	TOTALS
			GENERAL COURT	COMMERCIAL AND OTHER SPECIALIZED COURTS			
No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	199	2,760	12,859	12,818	21,425	33,853	83,914
No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	624	1,875	5,385	8,325	18,812	75,529	110,550
No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	612	1,621	4,361	7,646	15,987	69,291	99,518
No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018	211	3,014	13,883	13,497	24,250	40,091	94,946

CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE SUPREME COURT FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018

NUMBER OF CASES	TYPES OF CASES										
	Constitutional	Supervisory Jurisdiction Actions	Chieftancy Appeals	Criminal Appeals	Civil Appeals	Criminal Motions	Civil Motions	References	Reviews	Other Cases	T o t a l s
No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	59	26	8	8	50	7	24	9	6	2	199
No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	51	124	9	18	87	35	239	18	39	4	624
No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	33	135	12	19	87	37	232	26	25	6	612
No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018	77	15	5	7	50	5	31	1	20	-	211

CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE COURT OF APPEAL FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018

NUMBER OF CASES	<i>Courts</i>	TYPES OF CASES				
		Civil Appeals	Criminal Appeals	Civil Motions	Criminal Motions	Totals
No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	Accra	1,719	69	570	79	2,437
	Kumasi	33	18	9	3	63
	Cape Coast	50	-	12	10	72
	Koforidua	71	30	45	10	156
	Tamale	17	3	3	-	23
	Ho	7	-	2	-	9
No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Accra	251	40	669	54	1,014
	Kumasi	114	8	177	22	321
	Cape Coast	73	6	139	6	224
	Koforidua	38	28	82	85	233
	Tamale	6	2	18	1	27
	Ho	20	2	30	4	56
No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	Accra	156	14	598	43	811
	Kumasi	93	23	164	23	303
	Cape Coast	56	5	118	3	182
	Koforidua	62	28	97	79	266
	Tamale	6	-	19	1	26
	Ho	18	-	13	2	33
No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018	Accra	1,814	95	641	90	2,640
	Kumasi	54	3	22	2	81
	Cape Coast	67	1	33	13	114
	Koforidua	47	30	30	16	123
	Tamale	17	5	2	-	24
	Ho	9	2	19	2	32

CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE HIGH COURTS FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018

CIVIL					CRIMINAL				
COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION				COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION			
	No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018		No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018
Kumasi	1,283	529	567	1245	Kumasi	141	286	233	194
Kumasi - Specialized Cts	1,854	452	529	1777	Kumasi - Specialized Cts	-	-	-	-
Kumasi Com. Court	376	277	406	247	Kumasi Com. Court	-	-	-	-
Mampong	150	39	78	111	Mampong	1	7	5	3
Obuasi	89	81	46	124	Obuasi	9	18	17	10
Sunyani	944	219	137	1026	Sunyani	85	49	31	103
Sunyani Com. Court	60	51	70	41	Sunyani Com. Court	-	-	-	-
Wenchi	128	60	95	93	Wenchi	16	77	65	28
Agona Swedru	658	138	286	510	Agona Swedru	12	13	4	21
Cape Coast	520	383	390	513	Cape Coast	88	25	34	79
Cape Coast Com. Court	29	38	47	20	Cape Coast Com. Court	-	-	-	-
Winneba	379	271	147	503	Winneba	-	-	-	-
Akim Oda	238	52	29	261	Akim Oda	2	1	-	3
Koforidua	2,046	430	155	2321	Koforidua	704	221	78	847
Koforidua Com. Court	63	35	41	57	Koforidua Com. Court	-	-	-	-
Nkawkaw	197	107	67	237	Nkawkaw	5	7	4	8
Nsawam	132	92	8	216	Nsawam	9	8	1	16
Nsawam Prisons	-	-	-	-	Nsawam Prisons	91	262	213	140

Somanya	19	53	22	50		Somanya	-	-	-	-
Accra - Land	4,146	832	2,058	2,920		Accra - Land	-	-	-	
Accra - Gen. Jurisdiction	3,521	2,713	2,266	3,968		Accra - Gen. Jurisdiction	209	442	434	217
Accra-Com. Court	505	476	377	604		Accra-Com. Court	-	-	-	
Accra - Specialized Cts.	1,231	2,502	1,027	2,706		Accra - Specialized Cts.	-	-	-	
Tema	660	400	316	744		Tema	-	-	-	-
Tema Land	499	120	66	553		Tema Land	-	-	-	-
Tamale	57	191	136	112		Tamale	32	80	61	51
Tamale Com. Court	24	7	6	25		Tamale Com. Court	-	-	-	-
Bolgatanga	376	105	138	343		Bolgatanga	178	107	76	209
Wa	71	68	62	77		Wa	45	57	73	29
Denu	348	131	167	312		Denu	-	-	-	-
Ho	958	197	135	1020		Ho	243	98	116	225
Hohoe	385	60	13	432		Hohoe	5	6	-	11
Sogakope	215	91	19	287		Sogakope	-	-	-	-
Sefwi Wiawso	246	119	144	221		Sefwi Wiawso	7	2	-	9
Sekondi	690	328	202	816		Sekondi	109	36	36	109
Sekondi Com. Court	210	118	106	222		Sekondi Com. Court	-	-	-	-
Tarkwa	369	117	150	336		Tarkwa	10	26	18	18
Totals	23,676	11,882	10,508	25,050	3	Totals	2,001	1,828	1,499	2,330

CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018

CIVIL					CRIMINAL				
COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION				COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION			
	No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018		No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018
Bekwai	153	22	143	32	Bekwai	258	266	166	358
Juabeng	39	61	34	66	Juabeng	182	740	517	405
Juaso	117	117	59	175	Juaso	39	248	191	96
Kumasi - Adum	1306	1152	1221	1237	Kumasi - Adum	1945	572	274	2243
Kumasi - K.M.A.	395	188	261	322	Kumasi - K.M.A.	223	262	292	193
Kumawu	70	13	9	74	Kumawu	8	14	14	8
Nkawie	223	95	117	201	Nkawie	663	664	154	1173
Nsuta	85	25	55	55	Nsuta	136	132	136	132
Obuasi	45	62	35	72	Obuasi	66	178	99	145
Offinso	30	28	32	26	Offinso	122	143	93	172
Tepa	23	24	8	39	Tepa	39	141	96	84
Berekum	178	78	55	201	Berekum	142	97	74	165
Dormaa Ahenkro	92	33	31	94	Dormaa Ahenkro	48	166	98	116
Duayaw Nkwanta	65	17	60	22	Duayaw Nkwanta	224	96	65	255

Fiapre	44	48	42	50		Fiapre	34	26	35	25
Goaso	175	70	87	158		Goaso	270	347	350	267
Sunyani	252	59	31	280		Sunyani	75	173	115	133
Techiman	227	88	54	261		Techiman	231	442	548	125
Agona Swedru	85	80	64	101		Agona Swedru	114	108	115	107
Cape Coast	185	232	286	131		Cape Coast	249	247	386	110
Dunkwa on Offin	132	60	85	107		Dunkwa on Offin	44	72	73	43
Kasoa Ofaakor	62	152	74	140		Kasoa Ofaakor	169	295	274	190
Akim Swedru	323	118	53	388		Akim Swedru	680	245	295	630
Akropong Akwapim	100	83	65	118		Akropong Akwapim	161	332	303	190
Anyinam	11	88	31	68		Anyinam	27	176	146	57
Asamankese	71	115	75	111		Asamankese	20	157	126	51
Koforidua	149	72	62	159		Koforidua	150	445	485	110
Mpraeso	149	89	66	172		Mpraeso	227	416	428	215
Nsawam	108	33	43	98		Nsawam	102	63	69	96
Odumase Krobo	230	150	98	282		Odumase Krobo	187	477	232	432
Suhum	34	27	22	39		Suhum	18	85	69	34
Sub-Totals	5158	3479	3358	5279		Sub-Totals	6853	7825	6318	8360

CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018 (CONT'D)

CIVIL					CRIMINAL				
COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION				COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION			
	No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018		No. of cases pending at the beginning of July 2017	No. of cases filed from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases concluded from July 2017 to June 2018	No. of cases pending at the end of June 2018
Amasaman	296	190	135	351	Amasaman	160	413	417	156
Ashaiman	212	98	48	262	Ashaiman	236	301	172	365
Accra	1588	261	311	1538	Accra	2,340	655	231	2,764
Kwabenya	13	40	22	31	Kwabenya	59	247	125	181
Weija	16	170	89	97	Weija	39	422	359	102
Tema - A	176	144	122	198	Tema - A	44	217	241	20
Tema - B	665	73	66	672	Tema - B	247	147	257	137
Tamale	71	104	96	79	Tamale	304	231	114	421
Yendi	19	38	48	9	Yendi	37	243	136	144
Bawku	14	39	39	14	Bawku	57	82	61	78
Bolgatanga	20	25	25	20	Bolgatanga	24	104	88	40
Lawra	3	8	10	1	Lawra	1	28	26	3
Wa	72	70	55	87	Wa	171	468	369	270

Aflao	96	48	33	111	Aflao	98	269	185	182
Ho	39	77	52	64	Ho	82	117	71	128
Hohoe	106	27	24	109	Hohoe	234	119	53	300
Jasikan	21	6	3	24	Jasikan	30	11	6	35
Keta	54	39	68	25	Keta	513	189	553	149
Kpando	77	54	19	112	Kpando	21	240	169	92
Sogakofe	112	39	12	139	Sogakofe	68	181	100	149
Bibiani	62	34	13	83	Bibiani	311	120	311	120
Sekondi	-	-	-	-	Sekondi	11	50	36	25
Takoradi A	90	144	135	99	Takoradi A	23	159	156	26
Takoradi B	45	59	30	74	Takoradi B	60	98	95	63
Tarkwa	136	158	71	223	Tarkwa	241	452	454	239
Sub-Totals	4003	1945	1526	4422	Sub-Totals	5411	5563	4785	6189
Grand Totals	9161	5424	4884	9701	Grand Totals	12264	13388	11103	14549

CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT COURTS FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018

CIVIL					CRIMINAL				
COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION				COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION			
	Number of Cases Pending at the Beginning of July 2017	Number of Cases Newly Filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Disposed off from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Pending at the End of June 2018		Number of Cases Pending at the Beginning of July 2017	Number of Cases Newly Filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Disposed off from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Pending at the End of June 2018
Ashanti					Ashanti				
Adum	223	915	755	383	Adum	252	659	618	293
Agogo	89	259	159	189	Agogo	34	129	111	52
Agona	144	160	241	63	Agona	67	44	91	20
Akomadan	20	106	86	40	Akomadan	8	97	89	16
Akropong	53	204	218	39	Akropong	41	220	205	56
Asokore-Mampong	59	265	227	97	Asokore-Mampong	48	569	558	59
Asiwa	48	90	66	72	Asiwa	21	37	28	30
Asokwa	561	1,149	788	922	Asokwa	375	886	757	504
Bekwai	157	224	167	214	Bekwai	45	110	97	58
Effiduase	151	287	266	172	Effiduase	139	358	362	135
Ejisu	437	350	211	576	Ejisu	191	274	224	241
Ejura	33	233	250	16	Ejura	12	101	104	9
Fomena	80	128	95	113	Fomena	34	83	86	31
Jacobi	72	128	119	81	Jacobi	90	113	91	112
Kodie	90	161	122	129	Kodie	122	163	162	123
Konongo	175	290	347	118	Konongo	76	353	314	115
Kuntunase	46	105	108	43	Kuntunase	17	128	108	37

Kwaso	10	38	42	6	Kwaso	3	24	23	4
Mampong	128	300	246	182	Mampong	64	215	209	70
Mampong	187	439	320	306	Mampong	108	345	300	153
Mankranso	23	96	87	32	Mankranso	66	178	211	33
Manso Nkwanta	341	233	380	194	Manso Nkwanta	87	84	115	56
New Edubiase	114	157	203	68	New Edubiase	49	73	75	47
Nyinahin	76	113	132	57	Nyinahin	13	173	152	34
Obuasi	268	479	405	342	Obuasi	183	317	290	210
Offinso	46	114	99	61	Offinso	7	80	63	24
Tepa	42	49	32	59	Tepa	22	40	23	39
Twedie	96	147	61	182	Twedie	58	328	230	156
Regional Totals	3,769	7,219	6,232	4,756	Regional Totals	2,232	6,181	5,696	2,717

Brong Ahafo					Brong Ahafo				
Atebubu	22	302	248	76	Atebubu	20	346	303	63
Bechem	10	95	85	20	Bechem	2	21	21	2
Berekum	505	228	182	551	Berekum	459	109	86	482
Drobo	41	133	117	57	Drobo	23	169	166	26
Duayaw Nkwanta	63	129	144	48	Duayaw Nkwanta	14	78	72	20
Goaso	111	294	298	107	Goaso	48	209	167	90
Jema	28	72	49	51	Jema	28	81	71	38
Kenyasi	88	56	96	48	Kenyasi	34	102	101	35
Kintampo	140	198	174	164	Kintampo	126	233	191	168
Kukuom	57	134	135	56	Kukuom	44	70	71	43
Kwame Danso	12	61	64	9	Kwame Danso	16	121	120	17
Nkoranza	31	135	103	63	Nkoranza	16	189	192	13
Nsoatre	70	135	165	40	Nsoatre	1	16	16	1
Sampa	20	63	66	17	Sampa	30	271	274	27
Sunyani 'A'	51	205	191	65	Sunyani 'A'	39	234	252	21
Sunyani 'B'	529	296	266	559	Sunyani 'B'	240	307	312	235
Tuobodom	379	262	229	412	Tuobodom	222	725	642	305
Wamfie	39	128	122	45	Wamfie	9	75	77	7
Wenchi	389	286	507	168	Wenchi	220	290	434	76
Regional Totals	2,585	3,212	3,241	2,556	Regional Totals	1,591	3,646	3,568	1,669

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CIVIL					CRIMINAL				
COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION				COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION			
	Number of Cases Pending at the Beginning of July 2017	Number of Cases Newly Filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Disposed off from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Pending at the End of June 2018		Number of Cases Pending at the Beginning of July 2017	Number of Cases Newly Filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Disposed off from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Pending at the End of June 2018
Central					Central				
Abura Dunkwa	39	154	110	83	Abura Dunkwa	28	88	71	45
Agona Swedru	158	929	896	191	Agona Swedru	84	431	403	112
Ajumako	22	148	132	38	Ajumako	15	171	159	27
Apam	326	230	141	415	Apam	259	367	26	600
Assin Foso	188	458	383	263	Assin Foso	84	541	451	174
Awutu	87	190	152	125	Awutu	79	264	257	86
Breman Asikuma	68	185	216	37	Breman Asikuma	39	263	273	29
Cape Coast	172	506	544	134	Cape Coast	48	353	316	85
Dawurapong	48	58	54	52	Dawurapong	66	42	37	71
Diaso	-	92	49	43	Diaso	-	19	11	8
Dunkwa on Offin	108	450	432	126	Dunkwa on Offin	54	290	262	82
Elmina	25	183	174	34	Elmina	34	135	155	14
Essakyir	49	42	16	75	Essakyir	80	44	46	78
Kasoa	275	307	406	176	Kasoa	102	409	367	144
Kasoa Ofaakor	84	556	556	84	Kasoa Ofaakor	21	205	190	36

Nyankumasi Ahenkro	30	119	84	65	Ahenkro	15	16	22	9
Saltpond	120	119	161	78	Saltpond	117	179	233	63
Twifo Praso	236	429	196	469	Twifo Praso	135	218	197	156
Winneba	85	262	283	64	Winneba	18	218	216	20
Regional Totals	2,120	5,417	4,985	2,552	Regional Totals	1,278	4,253	3,692	1,839
Eastern					Eastern				
Abetifi	74	599	621	52	Abetifi	2	49	44	7
Akim Oda	318	395	355	358	Akim Oda	58	357	287	128
Akim Ofuase	45	125	103	67	Akim Ofuase	8	80	76	12
Asamankese	146	205	163	188	Asamankese	93	263	235	121
Asesewa	132	82	106	108	Asesewa	80	88	75	93
Begoro	74	255	290	39	Begoro	80	141	188	33
Donkorkrom	44	58	38	64	Donkorkrom	24	94	89	29
Kade	128	439	350	217	Kade	183	268	195	256
Kibi	67	154	176	45	Kibi	144	265	318	91
Koforidua-A	79	581	603	57	Koforidua-A	31	182	192	21
Koforidua-B	413	579	449	543	Koforidua-B	286	163	219	230
Kwabeng	196	169	261	104	Kwabeng	185	102	185	102
Mampong Akwapim	57	402	389	70	Mampong Akwapim	32	116	137	11
New Abirem	41	99	100	40	New Abirem	28	79	97	10
New Tafo	48	193	163	78	New Tafo	19	88	95	12
Nkawkaw	136	507	474	169	Nkawkaw	190	219	302	107
Nsawam	35	321	318	38	Nsawam	24	359	349	34
Senchi	78	296	255	119	Senchi	56	108	91	73
Somanya	231	175	132	274	Somanya	146	159	194	111
Suhum	106	237	230	113	Suhum	189	327	287	229
Regional Totals	2,448	5,871	5,576	2,743	Regional Totals	1,858	3,507	3,655	1,710

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CIVIL					CRIMINAL				
COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION				COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION			
	Number of Cases Pending at the Beginning of July 2017	Number of Cases Newly Filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Disposed off from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Pending at the End of June 2018		Number of Cases Pending at the Beginning of July 2017	Number of Cases Newly Filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Disposed off from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Pending at the End of June 2018
Greater Accra					Greater Accra				
Abeka	-	-	-	-	Abeka	131	744	785	90
Accra Central	404	1,021	1,066	359	Accra Central	174	608	628	154
Ada	92	133	140	85	Ada	12	87	86	13
Adentan	120	292	255	157	Adentan	215	517	456	276
Adjabeng	77	575	573	79	Adjabeng	71	626	654	43
Amasaman	716	794	748	762	Amasaman	382	998	785	595
Ashaiman	321	668	208	781	Ashaiman	120	207	81	246
Dodowa	65	236	172	129	Dodowa	46	247	271	22
Kaneshie	29	296	296	29	Kaneshie	14	142	131	25
La Trade Fair	70	204	185	89	La Trade Fair	258	1,788	1,512	534
Laterbiokoshie	118	225	164	179	Laterbiokoshie	479	612	546	545
Madina	256	702	590	368	Madina	609	1,102	961	750
Ministries	450	637	720	367	Ministries	10	36	43	3
Prampram	71	61	75	57	Prampram	147	153	115	185
Sege	12	41	26	27	Sege	13	127	87	53
SSNIT	-	-	-	-	SSNIT	75	1,322	245	1,152

Tema Com.Centre	9	146	135	20		Tema Com.Centre	25	610	589	46
Tema - TDC	142	463	378	227		Tema - TDC	103	90	134	59
Tema - W. House	42	286	208	120		Tema - W. House	41	373	333	81
Teshie Nungua	266	441	396	311		Teshie Nungua	108	339	382	65
Weija	77	326	231	172		Weija	88	306	283	111
Regional Totals	3,337	7,547	6,566	4,318		Regional Totals	3,121	11,034	9,107	5,048
Northern						Northern				
Bimbila	17	84	54	47		Bimbila	15	12	9	18
Bole	21	111	107	25		Bole	14	337	296	55
Nalerigu	10	18	28	-		Nalerigu	12	17	26	3
Salaga	31	149	50	130		Salaga	32	84	91	25
Tamale A	108	346	368	86		Tamale A	142	293	348	87
Tamale B	97	398	353	142		Tamale B	41	127	138	30
Walewale	4	46	48	2		Walewale	9	57	49	17
Regional Totals	288	1,152	1,008	432		Regional Totals	265	927	957	235
Upper East						Upper East				
Bawku	24	61	56	29		Bawku	27	161	159	29
Bolgatanga	56	164	145	75		Bolgatanga	103	366	263	206
Bongo	15	23	19	19		Bongo	37	51	54	34
Navrongo	27	98	86	39		Navrongo	87	323	356	54
Sandema	1	6	3	4		Sandema	28	50	55	23
Zebilla	22	55	31	46		Zebilla	62	57	46	73
Regional Totals	145	407	340	212		Regional Totals	344	1,008	933	419
Upper West						Upper West				
Jirapa	7	44	41	10		Jirapa	3	38	39	2
Nandom	5	46	47	4		Nandom	7	17	22	2
Tumu	3	19	14	8		Tumu	4	128	121	11
Wa	39	137	149	27		Wa	30	169	173	26
Regional Totals	54	246	251	49		Regional Totals	44	352	355	41

CASELOAD STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT COURTS FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018 (CONT'D)

CIVIL					CRIMINAL				
COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION				COURTS	CASE PROGRESSION			
	Number of Cases Pending at the Beginning of July 2017	Number of Cases Newly Filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Disposed off from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Pending at the End of June 2018		Number of Cases Pending at the Beginning of July 2017	Number of Cases Newly Filed from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Disposed off from July 2017 to June 2018	Number of Cases Pending at the End of June 2018
Volta					Volta				
Abor	39	75	93	21	Abor	21	56	58	19
Adaklu	9	13	20	2	Adaklu	-	1	1	-
Adidome	53	96	104	45	Adidome	26	94	96	24
Aflao	60	179	166	73	Aflao	27	217	188	56
Agbozume	121	108	115	114	Agbozume	100	104	114	90
Agotime-Kpetoe	12	56	51	17	Agotime-Kpetoe	6	71	65	12
Akatsi	192	90	103	179	Akatsi	150	143	176	117
Anloga	45	74	35	84	Anloga	12	72	58	26
Ave-Dakpa	4	25	17	12	Ave-Dakpa	4	44	45	3
Chinderi	14	13	11	16	Chinderi	4	8	9	3
Dabala	11	59	59	11	Dabala	9	137	101	45
Dambai	12	131	88	55	Dambai	3	92	80	15
Dzodze	154	164	136	182	Dzodze	7	94	66	35
Dzolokpuita	13	87	75	25	Dzokpuita	14	63	48	29
Ho 1	101	122	154	69	Ho 1	60	134	152	42
Ho 2	149	75	124	100	Ho 2	155	117	180	92
Hohoe	1,870	177	148	1,899	Hohoe	367	232	81	518

Jasikan	45	139	109	75	Jasikan	26	86	74	38
Kadjebi	27	125	113	39	Kadjebi	3	94	86	11
Kete-Krachi	24	38	51	11	Kete-Krachi	12	33	43	2
Kpando	74	110	114	70	Kpando	45	38	42	41
Kpassa	12	54	53	13	Kpassa	36	58	45	49
Krachi Nkwanta	169	127	154	142	Krachi Nkwanta	37	103	110	30
New-Ayomah	10	37	30	17	New-Avomah	2	13	12	3
Peki	83	51	45	89	Peki	85	84	87	82
Vakpo	15	54	63	6	Vakpo	17	77	82	12
Regional Totals	3,318	2,279	2,231	3,366	Regional Totals	1,228	2,265	2,099	1,394
Western					Western				
Agona Ahanta	44	136	141	39	Agona Ahanta	24	173	179	18
Asankrangwa	38	206	203	41	Asankrangwa	13	305	307	11
Axim	24	99	54	69	Axim	22	51	72	1
Bibiani	145	230	158	217	Bibiani	113	43	130	26
Daboasi	13	55	60	8	Daboasi	4	86	80	10
Enchi	95	148	150	93	Enchi	385	228	434	179
Half Assini	106	168	171	103	Half Assini	170	259	203	226
Nkroful	24	200	158	66	Nkroful	6	160	131	35
Prestea	150	250	179	221	Prestea	45	76	36	85
Sefwi Debiso	109	255	256	108	Sefwi Debiso	25	130	115	40
Sefwi Juaboso	83	158	117	124	Sefwi Juaboso	104	238	324	18
Sefwi Wiawso	384	273	159	498	Sefwi Wiawso	277	583	590	270
Sekondi A	104	390	453	41	Sekondi A	28	163	183	8
Sekondi B	115	192	239	68	Sekondi B	21	155	152	24
Shama	43	183	165	61	Shama	38	66	63	41
Takoradi Harbour	76	535	532	79	Takoradi Harbour	61	347	339	69
Takoradi	124	1,040	1,019	145	Takoradi	44	147	120	71
Tarkwa	108	455	444	119	Tarkwa	59	368	360	67
Wassa Akropong	539	315	213	641	Wassa Akropong	65	140	110	95
Regional Totals	2,324	5,288	4,871	2,741	Regional Totals	1,504	3,718	3,928	1,294
Grand Totals	20,388	38,638	35,301	23,725	Grand Totals	13,465	36,891	33,990	16,366

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