

MONITOR DISBURSEMENT OF CAPITATION GRANTS'

The Salaga District Director of Education, Mr. Edward Gayoni, has called on circuit supervision, assembly members, parents, internal auditors and all stake holders to take an active role in the disbursement of the Capitation Grant.

He said their keen involvement in the activities of the Capitation Grant, would surely lead to efficient and effective results at all levels throughout the country.

He said the huge amount paid by government to make basic education truly free, demands a serious monitoring and supervision of how the funds were used.

The district director explained that the implementation of the Capitation Grant should be participatory and transparent and went on to mention the names of some other officials who are mandated to also see the effective implementation of the grant.

Addressing the third ordinary session of the East Gonja District Assembly at Salaga, Mr. Gayoni observed that some parents especially, had not shown the needed interest in the disbursement of the Capitation Grant and how their wards were benefiting from it. He said with the implementation of the Capitation Grant, no child should idle again, yet this was happening.

Since its inception, East Gonja District has received over ₦1 billion and he expressed regret that this huge investment was left in the hands of the head teachers alone to disburse.

He, how ever, cautioned them not to go and interfere with the work of the head teachers, but rather to show concern and interest in the development of their children's education. Mr. Gayoni said all decisions undertaken should be in line with the educational strategy of government.

He therefore appealed to the assembly members to monitor the grant by showing keen interest as the beneficiaries were the future leaders of society.

The DCE, Mr. Musah Amudu, said education continued to take a chunk of the assembly's expenditure and there was still a lot that needed to be done.

He said the assembly's was doing this with the belief that education was the foundation of development.

He said the assembly spent ₦224 million in developing human resource by way of support to students from the district, pursuing various programmes in tertiary institution last year.

He disclosed that a total of 144 students teacher trainees in various training colleges had also received support to the tune of ₦72 million last year.

It also transferred another ₪50 million to the District Directorate of Education as its contribution to the Rural Volunteer Teacher Scheme.

He was grateful for the support given to the assembly by Ibis, an NGO that has been supporting rural education.