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"STREET NO DEY FORGET STREET": AMA BOSS TELLS KOFIKROM SQUATTERS, ANNOUNCES FREE HOUSING PROJECT TO REPLACE SLUM

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, has announced plans to build a residential housing complex comprising single-room accommodation for residents of Kofikrom, a squatter settlement at Avenor in the North Industrial Area, following a fire outbreak that destroyed several makeshift structures in the community.

The proposed project, to be undertaken with support from corporate institutions, is expected to replace the settlement's predominantly wooden structures with permanent block buildings, complemented by streetlights, walkways, improved sanitation facilities and tarred access roads, to transform the area into a safer, cleaner and more organised residential community.

The Mayor disclosed the initiative when he visited the community to inspect the ongoing collection of debris following the recent fire outbreak, which affected the settlement and adjoining industrial facilities, including parts of Duraplast.

Addressing residents at the site, he said that the proposed accommodation would be provided free of charge and would neither be rented nor sold to beneficiaries, stressing that the land remained government property.

Drawing on his personal experiences growing up on the streets, Hon. Allotey said his background had given him a deeper appreciation of the difficulties confronting vulnerable people, particularly those living in deprived communities.

"We all we dey a street top. The reason why I'm not scared of the street. I'm coming from the street. And the street never forgets," he declared, reiterating his commitment to improving the living conditions of the affected residents.

He explained that the proposed redevelopment would involve the construction of rows of single-storey buildings containing individual rooms, while corporate partners would be engaged to support the provision of roofing materials, street lighting, walkways and other essential infrastructure.

The Mayor, cautioned that the initiative would not confer ownership rights on beneficiaries, emphasising that no individual or group would be permitted to sell, rent out, or exercise unauthorised control over the facilities.

He warned that drug abuse, the sale of illicit substances and activities associated with gang leadership would not be tolerated in the redeveloped community, stressing that the project was intended to promote discipline, security and peaceful coexistence.

As part of preparations for the project, Hon. Allotey directed residents to select five representatives to serve as a liaison between the community and the Assembly during consultations and implementation.

On the construction timeline, the Mayor was optimistic that the project could be executed within a relatively short period because the proposed buildings would be simple, single-storey structures rather than complex multi-level developments.



MAYOR OF ACCRA LEADS TASK FORCE TO RECOVER UNPAID PROPERTY RATES

A revenue mobilisation and enforcement task force from the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) on Monday, October 5, 2026 visited selected corporate institutions in the metropolis as part of an intensified exercise to recover outstanding property rates owed to the AMA.

The exercise, led by the Mayor of Accra, Hon Michael Kpakpo Allotey targeted companies including Africa Concrete Products, MeMo Shopping Mall, J.A. Biney Packaging Limited and Navista Partie Profs who had unpaid property rate obligations despite bills sent by the Assembly to settle their indebtedness.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Metropolitan Coordinating Director, Mr Douglas N.K. Annoful; the Metropolitan Finance Director, Mr Abeeku Amissah; the Head of Public Affairs, Mr. Gilbert Nii Ankrah; revenue officers and members of the Assembly's task force.

At Africa Concrete Products, management was given up to Thursday to settle the amount owed to the Assembly, while MeMO Shopping Mall, J.A. Biney Packaging Limited and Navista Partie Profs were directed to clear their outstanding obligations by Wednesday.

Speaking to the media after the exercise, Mayor Allotey stressed that the exercise was not intended to intimidate businesses but to ensure fairness and compliance, particularly to property owners and companies that consistently honoured their obligations.

He stressed that the Assembly would intensify the exercise and visit more defaulting institutions in the coming days until substantial arrears owed to the city were recovered.

Mayor Allotey urged companies and property owners who had received bills and demand notices from the AMA to take advantage of the opportunity to settle their outstanding rates before enforcement teams reached their premises.

Under the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), District Assemblies are empowered to impose and collect rates within their jurisdictions, with Section 154 authorising enforcement action against ratepayers who fail to settle general or special rates after the required notice and statutory period.





SEMPE STOOL INAUGURATES LAND SECRETARIAT TO CURB DISPUTES, IMPROVE RECORDS

A new Customary Land Secretariat for the Sempe Stool in Accra has been inaugurated to improve land documentation, reduce ownership and boundary disputes, as well as promote transparent and accountable customary land administration.

The new secretariat, inaugurated on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, is expected to serve as a repository for land records within the Sempe traditional area and provide landowners, investors and members of the public with more reliable information on land interests and transactions.

The ceremony brought together the Mayor of Accra, Hon Michael Kpakpo Allotey, traditional rulers, queen mothers, priests and priestesses, officials of the Lands Commission and the Office of the Administrator of Stool Lands, and other dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, the Ga Mantse, His Royal Majesty King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II called on other traditional areas, including Abola, Otublohum, Akamaje and Gbese, to also establish similar secretariats to make land documentation and registration more accessible to their people.

He said the inauguration of the Sempe Customary Land Secretariat demonstrated the importance of collaboration between traditional authorities, the Office of the Administrator of Stool Lands, and the Lands Commission in improving customary land administration.

The Ga Mantse said proper land registration had become increasingly important because of the laws, rules and regulations governing land administration in the country, adding that Parliament had provided the legal framework for land administration through the Lands Act and urged traditional authorities and landowners to take the necessary steps to comply with the law.

He expressed appreciation to the Office of the Administrator of Stool Lands and the Lands Commission for supporting the establishment of the secretariat and welcomed the initiative as a significant development for the people of Sempe and the Ga State.

The Administrator of Stool Lands, Dr Gad Asorwoe Akwensivie, in an address said the establishment of the secretariat was not intended to take land away from existing owners or occupants but rather to properly document and preserve land information for present and future generations.

The Administrator said the Sempe secretariat would assist the traditional authority to document land rights, record transactions and provide accurate and accessible information to landowners, prospective investors, and the general public.

He added that the facility was also expected to enhance tenure security, promote orderly land-use planning, and support the resolution of disputes through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, thereby helping to reduce land-related litigation before the courts.

He urged staff of the secretariat and members of its Land Management Committee to uphold integrity, professionalism, and accountability, stressing that public confidence in the

institution would depend largely on the manner in which it was managed.





REPORT POOR SERVICE, STAFF MISCONDUCT TO PRCC — AMA

The Chairman of the Public Relations and Complaints Committee (PRCC) of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA), Hon. Musah Ziyad has urged residents and clients to report misconduct, poor service delivery, and other grievances to the Committee for investigation and appropriate redress.

According to him, the PRCC provides an important accountability mechanism through which members of the public could raise concerns about the conduct of AMA officials and challenges encountered while accessing services from the Assembly.

Hon. Ziyad, who is also the Presiding Member of the AMA, made the call as the Assembly marked Customer Service Week 2026, being observed internationally from October 5 to 9 under the theme "The Extra Mile," to recognise the importance of customer service and the contribution of employees who serve and support customers.

Reflecting on the celebration, the PRCC Chairman said the Committee's mandate complemented the Assembly's efforts to improve the experience of people who interacted with the Assembly and urged customers who encountered difficulties while accessing any AMA service to report such challenges to the Committee.

He said the Customer Service Week should also serve as a reminder to AMA employees, particularly frontline and front-desk officers, that their conduct directly affects public perception of the Assembly.

He admonished officers to remain conscious that whenever they interacted with customers or members of the public, they were representing the AMA and projecting the image of the institution.

According to him, frontline employees served as the face of the Assembly and should ensure that their attitude, communication and conduct

reflected the professionalism expected of the AMA.

He said the responsibility of delivering good customer service went beyond processing payments and permits, stressing that officers must listen to concerns, provide appropriate assistance and treat customers with respect.

He pointed out that where an AMA staff member acted in a manner a resident considered inappropriate, the affected person had the right to report the official to the PRCC for the matter to e examined.

He explained that the PRCC was established under Section 26 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), adding that under the Act, every District Assembly was expected to have a Public Relations and Complaints Committee chaired by the Presiding Member.

The said Committee, comprises the Presiding ember as chairperson, five Assembly Members elected by the Assembly, and representatives of the National Commission for Civic Education, ommission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, Information Services Department and civil society organisations within the district.

He emphasised that the PRCC served not only as a complaint's mechanism but also as a platform for promoting transparency, accountability, fairness and improved relations between the Assembly and members of the public.

Section 27 of Act 936 mandates the Committee to educate the public on the activities of the Assembly, promote transparency, probity and accountability, investigate complaints concerning the conduct of Assembly officials and employees, and investigate allegations of administrative injustice, abuse or misuse of office and violations of fundamental human rights.



AMA INTENSIFIES ENFORCEMENT TO RECLAIM BRT BUS SHELTERS FROM TRADERS

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has intensified enforcement activities to evict traders and other commercial operators from Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) shelters across the city as part of efforts to restore the facilities to their intended use and improve pedestrian and vehicular movement.

The latest exercise, led by the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, on Monday, 5 October 2026, targeted the Aayalolo BRT bus shelter near the former Telecel office at the Kwame Nkrumah Interchange, where traders had taken over portions of the facility, trading in mobile phones, accessories and other items.

Despite the rainfall during the exercise, the Mayor, accompanied by the Coordinating and Finance Directors and the enforcement team, proceeded with the operation, removing tables and other items that had occupied the shelter and obstructed access for commuters.

Addressing the traders, Mayor Allotey said the exercise was not targeted at individuals or intended to deprive anyone of a livelihood, but was necessary to restore order, protect commuters and ensure that public infrastructure served the purpose for which it was constructed.

He said the rapid improvement in movement after the area had been cleared demonstrated the effect unauthorised trading activities had on traffic flow and access to the bus shelter.

According to him, commuters who were supposed to use the designated bus stop had been forced onto the road because traders had occupied the shelter, creating risks for both pedestrians and motorists.

The Mayor disclosed that a pedestrian had previously been knocked down by a vehicle in the area and said the Assembly could not ignore activities that exposed commuters to preventable danger.

He stressed that the objective of the exercise was to make Accra functional again, explaining that restoring discipline in public spaces required cooperation from residents, traders, motorists and city authorities.

"This is an Aayalolo bus stop. We have said in the media and at press conferences that people should desist from occupying the bus stops so that Aayalolo can work again," he said.

He noted that the public transport system was introduced to provide accessible transportation, particularly for vulnerable members of society, and said he would not sit by as Mayor while facilities meant for commuters were taken over for private commercial activities.

He recounted instances where he had personally supported struggling traders with financial assistance, including a woman selling meat in Accra whose business had subsequently improved, to demonstrate that his administration was not opposed to legitimate trading activities.

"We are all Ghanaians, and if Ghana must work, it depends on all of us. When we elect people to lead, we must also support them to succeed. Talk among yourselves, and let us do the right thing. Ghana loves you, and I love you too," he said.





AMA PAYS GH¢38,656 SURGERY BILL FOR INJURED SANITATION WORKER

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has moved to fully cover the cost of surgery for one of its sanitation workers, Madam Cynthia Yeboah, who sustained injuries in an accident last month in the line of duty.

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, who led a delegation from the Assembly to the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital on Monday, October 5, 2026, presented GH¢38,656 to cover the full cost of Ms Yeboah's surgery and assured her of the Assembly's continued support throughout her treatment and recovery.

Ms Yeboah, who works as a sanitation worker with the Assembly, was involved in the accident on September 16, 2026, and was subsequently admitted to the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital for treatment.

Speaking during the visit, Mayor Allotey said the Assembly considered the welfare of its employees a priority and would not abandon workers when they faced difficult circumstances. He noted that the current management was determined to build an institution that stood by its workers when they were in need.

"The old AMA isn't the new AMA. The new AMA pays for and takes care of its people," the Mayor said.

He said the leadership of the Assembly was happy to support at a critical moment and was hopeful that the surgery would be successful to enable her to regain her health and return to work.

Mayor Allotey assured that management would return to check on her condition after the surgery and wished her a speedy recovery.

The intervention forms part of efforts by the Assembly to strengthen staff welfare and demonstrate greater institutional responsibility towards employees, including those who encounter emergencies in the course of their service.



MAYOR OF ACCRA INSPECTS NEW PAVING WORKS ON SECTIONS OF KWAME NKRUMAH AVENUE

Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey has inspected completed sectional repair and paving works on a section of Kwame Nkrumah Avenue in the Central Business District (CBD).

The completed works cover the U-turn area at Lava and the stretch between the Derby Avenue/Kwame Nkrumah Avenue intersection and the Selwyn Market Street/Kwame Nkrumah Avenue intersection.

The rehabilitation followed concerns over severe abrasions and potholes that had developed along the busy stretch, slowing vehicular traffic, and creating potential safety risks to pedestrians and other road users.

Speaking after the inspection, the Mayor described the intervention as an important step towards improving road safety, easing traffic congestion, and enhancing mobility within the city's commercial centre while expressing satisfaction with the work done.

He emphasised the importance of maintaining roads, adding that improving road conditions remained essential to facilitating commercial activities, reducing travel delays, and ensuring the safety and convenience of road users.

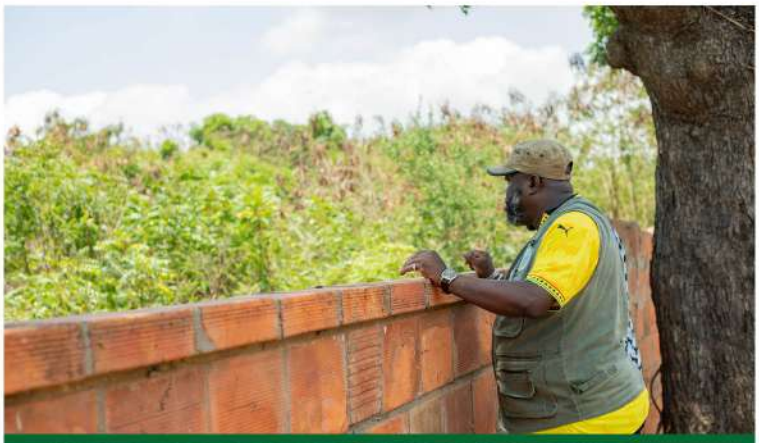
The Assembly has urged motorists and other road users to exercise caution, comply with road traffic regulations, and use the rehabilitated road responsibly to help preserve the improvements and ensure the safety of all users.

He was accompanied on the inspection by the Metropolitan Coordinating Director, Mr Douglas N.K. Annoful, and the Metropolitan Director of Finance, Mr Abeeku Amissah.

Prior to the beginning of the work, the Assembly announced the temporary closure of the affected sections to allow for critical repair works, including paving, aimed at restoring the road surface and improving its durability.The completion of the works is expected to improve traffic flow around the Lava U-turn and the adjoining intersections, which serve as important access points for commercial vehicles, traders, and other road users operating within the CBD.

The intervention also forms part of broader efforts by the Assembly to address infrastructure challenges within the metropolis and create a safer, more accessible and orderly environment for businesses and the travelling public.





AMA BOSS INSPECTS ONGOING REHABILITATION WORKS AT AWUDOME CEMETERY

The Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, has inspected ongoing construction and rehabilitation works at Awudome Cemetery to enhance security, improve accessibility, and facilitate vehicular and pedestrian movement.

The project involves the demolition and reconstruction of sections of the cemetery's perimeter fence wall, as well as landscaping, pavement works, kerbs, surfacing and the development of pedestrian walkways to improve the facility's overall appearance and surrounding environment.

Speaking after the inspection, the Mayor said the works commenced with site clearing and dewatering to remove accumulated water that had inundated portions of the project site.

According to him the construction activities were currently concentrated on the eastern section of the cemetery's perimeter wall, particularly the stretch adjoining the main road opposite the State House, where reconstruction works were progressing.

He disclosed that additional works would also be undertaken around the main entrance to the cemetery, including raising sections of the existing fence wall to improve its condition and provide a more uniform boundary.

Beyond the reconstruction of the perimeter wall, the Mayor said the project would involve extensive landscaping and pavement works along the cemetery's frontage to improve accessibility, enhance the surroundings and facilitate the movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

The landscaping component, he added, would include the development of lawns, the installation of kerbs, gravel surfacing and the construction of designated pedestrian walkways to provide a more organised and accessible environment.

Mayor Allotey said setting-out works had already commenced, with areas designated for kerbs, lawns, gravel surfaces and pedestrian walkways clearly marked to guide the subsequent phases of construction.

He pointed out that the proposed walkways would also improve pedestrian access to the mosque area and an existing water kiosk, constructed by the Accra Metropolitan Assembly while the pavement and gravel works would enhance movement and improve the general condition of the cemetery's frontage.





AMA REMOVES ILLEGAL PIGSTY IMPEDING NATIONAL EMERGENCY WASTE EVACUATION EXERCISE AT AGBOGBLOSHIE

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has removed an unauthorised pigsty at Agbogbloshie that was obstructing the ongoing National Emergency Waste Evacuation Exercise, after its operators failed to comply with a final warning to remove the structure.

The exercise was part of the Assembly's efforts to facilitate the movement of heavy-duty equipment and personnel engaged in evacuating accumulated waste from the area and restoring environmental cleanliness.

The demolition followed a final warning notice served on the operators on Thursday, October 8, 2026, when the Mayor of Accra, Hon. Michael Kpakpo Allotey, accompanied by the Metropolitan Coordinating Director, Mr Douglas N.K. Annoful led a team of officials to inspect the ongoing waste evacuation exercise at Agbogbloshie.

Speaking after the exercise, the Mayor explained that despite the warning and the opportunity given to the operators to remove the structure, they failed to comply, prompting the enforcement action.

He disclosed that despite obstructing the ongoing National Emergency Waste Evacuation Exercise the pigsty had been established and operated without the requisite permit or approval from the AMA, in contravention of the Assembly's by-laws regulating animal-rearing activities within the metropolis.

The Mayor cited the Control of Animals By-law, 2017, of the Accra Metropolitan Assembly, which prohibits individuals from keeping swine, cattle, sheep, goats and other specified animals within its jurisdiction without a permit issued by the Assembly.

He explained that the provisions were intended to regulate animal-rearing activities, safeguard public health, prevent environmental nuisances, and ensure that livestock were kept under appropriate sanitary conditions.

He stressed that the National Emergency Waste Evacuation Exercise required unrestricted access for payloaders, excavators, tipper trucks, and other heavy-duty machinery deployed to collect and transport accumulated waste from Agbogbloshie.

Mayor Allotey reiterated that individuals intending to engage in livestock farming or other commercial activities within the metropolis must obtain the requisite permits and operate only within locations approved by the appropriate authorities.

The Mayor cautioned residents and business operators against erecting unauthorised structures or engaging in activities that obstruct public access, impede sanitation operations, or undermine development interventions.

He reaffirmed the Assembly's commitment to enforcing its by-laws and supporting the

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National Emergency Waste Evacuation Exercise to restore environmental cleanliness, improve public health and promote orderliness within the metropolis





AMA EVACUATES ILLEGALLY DUMPED REFUSE ALONG GRAPHIC ROAD, WARNS AGAINST INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has evacuated heaps of refuse illegally dumped along Graphic Road to improve sanitation and maintain a clean and healthy environment across the metropolis.

The refuse, which had been collected into sacks and abandoned along the roadside by unidentified persons, had accumulated at the location, creating an unsightly environment and posing potential public health risks to residents, pedestrians and motorists.

The evacuation exercise, supervised by the Metropolitan Coordinating Director, Mr Douglas N.K. Annoful, also saw the removal of a structure put up by a mentally challenged woman on a portion of the pavement in the area and formed part of the Assembly's ongoing sanitation interventions aimed at preventing the accumulation of waste along major roads, streets, and other public spaces within its jurisdiction.

Mr Annoful, who was accompanied by the Director of Waste Management, Engineer Prosper Kotoka, and the Director of Finance, Mr Abeeku Amissah, inspected the affected area and supervised the removal of the refuse to restore cleanliness and improve environmental conditions.

Head of Public Affairs, Mr Gilbert Nii Ankrah addressing the media expressed concern about the indiscriminate dumping of refuse, stressing that such practices undermined the Assembly's waste management operations, while placing an additional burden on public resources that could otherwise be directed towards other essential services.

He appealed to members of the public to support its sanitation efforts by reporting individuals caught dumping refuse indiscriminately along streets, roadsides, drains and other public places through the Assembly's See Something, Say Something WhatsApp reporting channel. **(0544 914 628).**

He noted that timely reports from residents with the location of illegal dumping activities and other available evidence would facilitate investigations.

He said that public participation remained critical
to the success of its 24-hour waste collection operations and broader efforts to address sanitation challenges across the metropolis.

He reiterated the Assembly's commitment to strengthening waste collection services, particularly through its ongoing 24-hour waste collection exercise, which was intended to ensure timely evacuation of refuse and prevent waste accumulation at unauthorised dumping sites.

He assured that the Assembly would continue to intensify public education, monitoring and enforcement activities to discourage indiscriminate waste disposal and promote compliance with sanitation by-laws.

He reaffirmed the AMA's commitment to ensuring that Accra remained clean, safe and healthy, while urging residents, traders, businesses, and other stakeholders to cooperate and adopt responsible
waste disposal practices.





AMA APPEALS FOR HELP TO REUNITE 65-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FOUND AT KANESHIE WITH FAMILY

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has appealed to the general public to help trace the relatives of a 65-year-old woman identified as Aba Esi, who was found missing at Kaneshie in Accra with a severe wound on her left leg.

The elderly woman, who is currently undergoing medical treatment as efforts intensify to locate her family and ensure she receives the necessary care and support was found loitering at Kaneshie on Saturday 3rd October 2026.

Head of the Assembly's Department of Social Welfare and Community Development, Mrs. Felicia Amoakohene said the woman's condition raised concerns about her welfare, prompting an appeal to the public to assist in identifying her relatives.

She urged the public to circulate information about the woman widely, particularly through social media and community networks, to increase the chances of reaching someone who might recognise her.

She was hopeful that the collective efforts of the public would help reconnect Aba Esi with her loved ones while calling on anyone with information about the woman or her relatives to contact the AMA's Department of Social Welfare and Community Development on **024 185 6401** or **024 250 2497.**



AMA EDUCATES STUDENTS ON PROPER HANDWASHING TO PREVENT DISEASES

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has organised a health education programme for students at Holy Trinity Cathedral Senior High School (HOTCASS) in Accra to promote proper handwashing practices and prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

The programme, held on Thursday, October 15, 2026, through the Public Health Department of the Assembly, in collaboration with the Ghana Health Service (GHS), to commemorate Global Handwashing Day, formed part of efforts to strengthen personal hygiene practices among young people and encourage behavioural change towards disease prevention.

The forum featured practical demonstrations and interactive sessions designed to equip students with knowledge of effective handwashing techniques, the importance of using soap and clean running water, and the critical moments when handwashing was necessary.

After the forum, the Head of the AMA Public Health Department, Madam Florence Kuukyi, stressed the importance of regular, proper handwashing as one of the simplest and most effective measures for preventing communicable diseases.

She said the Global Handwashing Day, observed annually on October 15, was established in 2008 to raise awareness of the importance of handwashing with soap and encourage individuals, institutions, and communities to adopt good hygiene practices.

She reiterated that the combination of clean water, soap, and at least 20 seconds of thorough handwashing was essential to achieving clean hands and reducing the transmission of disease-causing germs.



The Deputy Chief Nursing Officer of the Accra Metro Health Directorate, Madam Helena Sowa, said the collaboration between the GHS and the AMA was intended to reinforce good hygiene practices among students and improve awareness of the relationship between hand hygiene and disease prevention.

She said the engagement had provided an opportunity to educate the students on why handwashing was necessary, how it should be performed, and the appropriate times to wash their hands.

A student of the school, Master Gabriel Nii Kotey Kotei, expressed appreciation to the AMA and the GHS for the educational programme, describing it as an important opportunity to deepen his understanding of personal hygiene.

He said the exercise had taught him that failure to wash hands properly could expose individuals to preventable illnesses, including diarrhoea, typhoid fever, and some respiratory infections.

He explained that students sometimes neglected handwashing because they were hungry, in a hurry, or eager to participate in other activities without considering the potential health consequences.