



# ROYAL HOUSE OF SEFWI OBENG-MIM

**His Majesty Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II, King of Sefwi Obeng-Mim,  
Grand Master of The Royal Order of the Golden Fire Dog & Royal Order of Obeng II,  
and a Divisional Chief under the Sefwi Wiwaso Traditional Area  
A Traditional Kingdom in the Western North Region of Ghana**

## 2020 MID-YEAR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

As a result, of hard work and service, our fundraising initiatives were a success in 2019. In fact, the Royal House has worked hard and has accomplished great things!

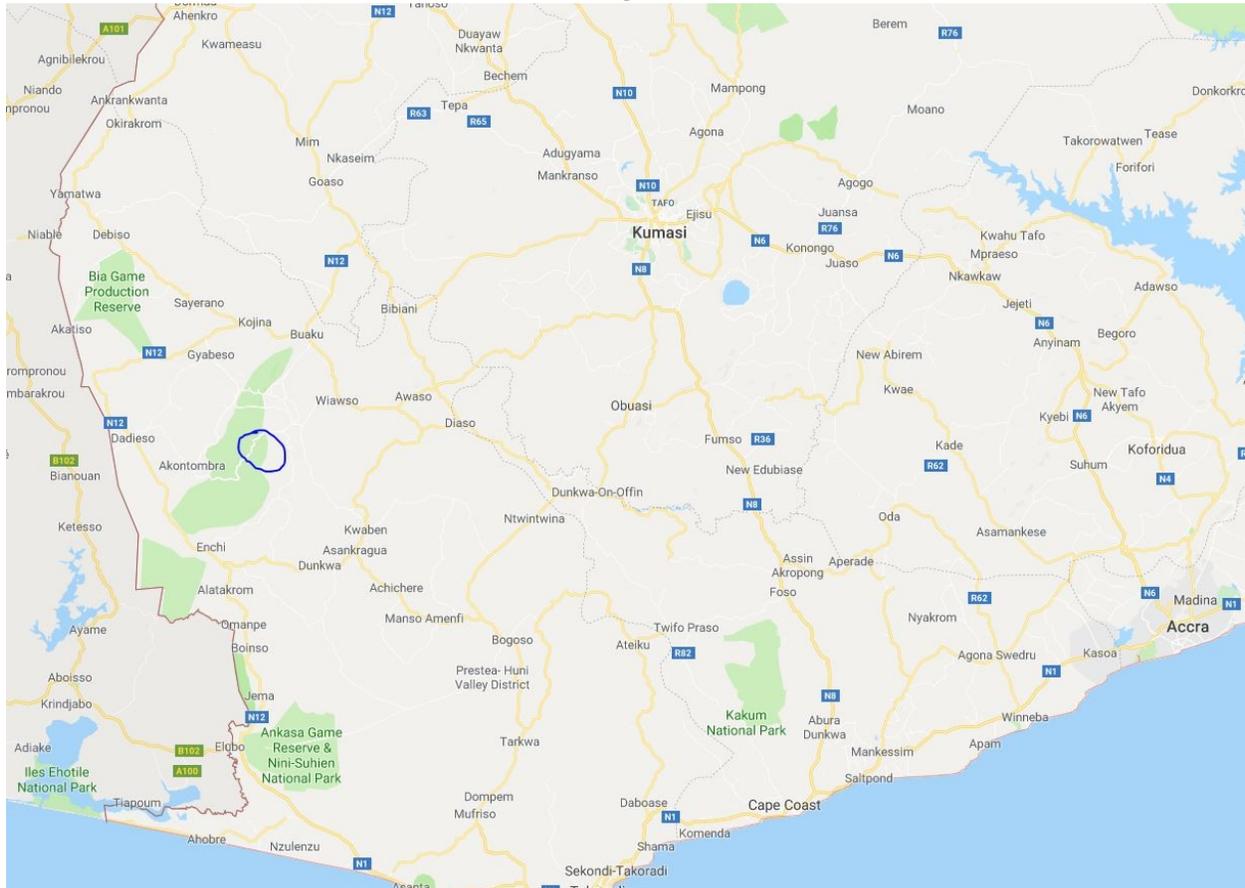
I, as King, am very grateful to everyone who aided and supported our initiatives. By the grace of God, and the generosity of our many friends, we are moving forward with our efforts in 2020.

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His Majesty Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II

## The Development Area



Sefwi Obeng-Mim is composed of numerous farming communities in Juabeso District in the Western Region of the Republic of Ghana. The Obeng-Mim Stool lands have about 1,500 people, many who are subsistent cocoa farmers. The primary development area is located in the middle of the Krokosue Forest Reserve under Sefwi Wiawso Traditional area, one of the biggest forest reserves in Ghana. Due to the location of the community, it is difficult in accessing the basic developmental project from the central government, such as providing safe and clean potable water, as well as medical and educational development.

## 2020 Royal House Projects

**Total donations received as of June for the projects:  
USD 6,945 or GHS 38,197.5**

H.M. Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II, with the support of the Royal Council and the Supreme Council of the Royal Order of the Golden Fire Dog, has named the following 2020 Development Projects with our overall fundraising goal is \$10,000 for 2020.

Some additional projects have been added as a response to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

### Projects Completed as of 30 June 2020



**Second Village Well, \$3,500.**

**Purchase of a ceremonial drum for the children in the Royal School, \$70.**



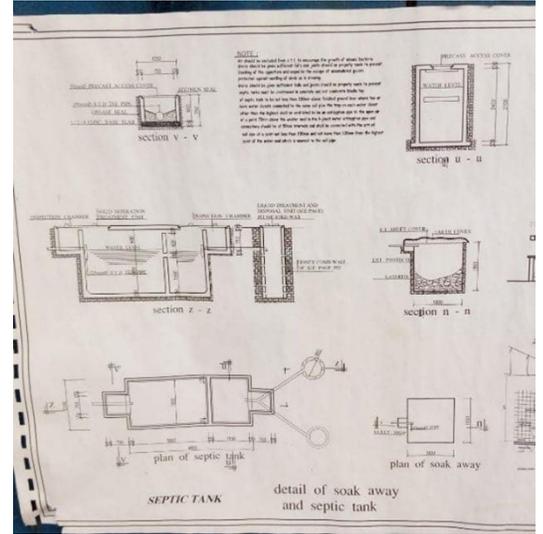
**Collection and Distribution of face masks and hand sanitizers, \$1,000.**



**Support of 25 elder women effected by the pandemic economy, \$375.**



**Washrooms \$2,000 (currently under construction)**



### Upcoming Projects

Road project will start soon. We have \$2,000 set aside.



Teachers' Dormitory, \$5000.  
(Sample pictured)



## **2019 Funds Invested in the People of Sefwi Obeng-Mim**

**USD: 14,500 GH: 75,400**

**A 3-Unit School Building:** \$7,000 investment in education and the future of children made by local and international sources.

**Village Water Well #1:** \$3,500 invested by local and international sources in the health and wellbeing of people.

**Children's Backpacks:** \$500 investment in education by Royal House members.

**Furniture, Teacher Equipment, School Supplies, Uniforms and Assistance with Teachers' Salaries:** \$3,000 investment in education by Royal House members, as well as local and International sources.

**Nurse's Motorcycle:** \$500 investment toward healthcare by Royal House members and other international donors.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **Introduction to the Sefwi Wiawso Traditional Kingdom and The Royal House of Sefwi Obeng-Mim**

#### **CHIEFTAINCY INSTITUTION IN GHANA**

The chieftaincy institution in Ghana is a system that structures and regulates the activity of local chieftains (or monarchs) in the Ghanaian society and state. In 1925, when Ghana was called the British Gold Coast Colony, provincial councils of chiefs were established in all three territories of the colony, partly to give the chiefs a colony-wide function. The 1927 Native Administration Ordinance clarified and regulated the powers and areas of jurisdiction of chiefs and councils. In 1935 the Native Authorities Ordinance combined the central colonial government and the local authorities into a single governing system. New native authorities, appointed by the governor, were given wide powers of local government under the supervision of the central government's provincial commissioners. The chieftaincy institution of Ghana has been enshrined in the Republic's Constitution (chapter 270-277) and the Chieftaincy Act of 2008.

As a historical note, "chief" is a formal title created by British administrators during the 19th and 20th-century Colonial era and used in India, Africa, and Asian colonies. They used it as a substitute for the word "king" to maintain that only the British monarch held that title. Those who hold the sacred title of "chief" in Ghana, from the Asantehene and Paramount Chiefs (Emperor and Kings), to Divisional Chiefs (sub-kings, or ruling princes) to chiefs and Adikrofo within Royal Houses (Nobles), are all considered constituted and sovereign rulers in their designated areas.

#### **SEFWI WIAWSO TRADITIONAL KINGDOM**

The Royal House of Sefwi Obeng-Mim is under the Paramount King of Sefwi Wiawso Traditional Kingdom, His Majesty Katakylie Kwasi Bumagama II. The Sefwi kingdom goes back in history to the ancient times of Ghana.

The Sefwi Wiawso Traditional Kingdom covers an area of 2,695 square miles crossed by the Tano and Bia rivers. That is approximately the size of the states of Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

- The total population at the last census was 572,020.
- There are five major towns including the capital of Sefwi Wiawso, home of the King's Palace.
- There are two colleges in the kingdom: Wiawso College of Education and Asafo Health Care College
- English and Akan Twi are the languages.
- Sefwi is the agricultural powerhouse of Ghana and the area is known for export of cocoa, cassava and other agricultural products.
- It is also home to natural resources such as gold, bauxite and timber.
- With cocoa farming as a main occupation of the people, Sefwi produces two thirds of Ghana's cocoa.
- The Sefwi land is great for investment and development given that is blessed with almost all the natural resources of Ghana.

The Royal House of Sefwi Obeng-Mim has a natural forest reserve with all kinds of animal species and wonderful unique weather conditions. We are the perfect place to go on camera safari in West Africa. There are numerous tourism possibilities besides safaris including many ancestral sites and our famous Yam Festival (Alluolue), held in November. We have the Tree of God (Nyame Dua), the Ancestral Hole (which has healing powers and the Abombirim Sacred Tortoise Forest. We welcome you to visit our beautiful land and help us to develop the land, build schools and clinics, increase tourism and meet our friendly Sefwi people.

#### **CHRONOLOGY OF SEFWI OBENG-MIM**

The stool land (kingdom) of Sefwi Obeng-Mim, under the Sefwi Wiawso Traditional Area, was constituted in 1935 under the first Chief/King, Nana Kwame Obeng I. His Majesty, Obeng I, with his chief priest, ushered in reforms to the constitution and the ceremonial regalia (cloths, ornaments, and decorations). Even though the size of the kingdom seems small in comparison to other stool lands, it's people and leaders have been a powerhouse in the development of not only their region but also the whole Traditional Area and post-colonial Ghana.



#### **The Historic Succession of Sefwi Obeng-Mim Kings**

1. Nana Kwame Obeng I (1935-1960)
2. Nana yaw Brobbery (1960-1990)
3. Nana Kofi Ntori (1990-2001)
4. Nana Kwame Ofori (2001-2005)
5. Nana Kwame Wusu I (2005-2011)
6. Nana Kwame Ofori II (2011-2016)
7. Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II (2016-Current)

H.M. Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II, known in his private life as Mr. Ofosuhene Dacosta, was enstooled and outdoored as the Chief/King of Sefwi Obeng-Mim within the Sefwi Wiawso Traditional

Area of the Western North Region of Ghana, West Africa, on 3rd June 2016. Nana is recognized by the Sefwi Wiawso Traditional Council as the rightful enstooled chief of the area by the Elders and Kingmakers. The Paramount Chief of the Sefwi Wiawaso Tradition Area and President of the Sefwi Wiawso Traditional Council is H.M. Katakylie Kwasi Bumagama II, father of H.M. Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II. H.M. Katakylie Kwasi Bumagama II elevated H.M. Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II as a Divisional Chief on 16th July 2017.

### THE ROYAL ORDERS OF SEFWI OBENG-MIM



#### **The Royal Order of the Golden Fire Dog**

The Aduana people are believed to have been led out of the ground by a dog which had fire in his mouth. Hence they are referred to as Ogyaasefu. It is also believed that the first Aduana had a dog that once was out to search for food and on seeing fire the dog thought there was something to eat for him and in doing so got his mouth seriously burnt. When the owner saw it coming with the fire he then said, "m'atwea woabre me adie" meaning 'my dog you have brought me something worthy'.

The Royal Order of the Golden Fire Dog was constituted and inaugurated under the auspices of the Royal House of Sefwi Obeng-Mim, in order to promote the ancient code of the military protectors, "Adontehene" (one who goes in front of the army), of an ancient Akan Kingdom dating back to time immemorial; being in service to the Royal House of Sefwi Obeng-Mim.

The International members of this Royal Order are dedicated to the development of the Stool Lands under the care of the Royal House. Acceptance into the Order is based on the assessment of the human values and quality of character of the applicant, without distinction or discrimination based on religious, social class, race, political tendencies, physical disability, or sexual orientation. Advancement in rank is based on merit.

The ranks, in order of accession: Member, Royal Order of the Golden Fire Dog (MG); Knight/Dame, Royal Order of the Golden Fire Dog (KG/DG); Knight/Dame Commander. Knight Commander, Order of the Golden Fire Dog (KCG/DCG); Knight/Dame Grand Officer. Knight, Grand Officer, Order of the Golden Fire Dog (KGOG/DGOG); and Knight/Dame Grand Gross. Knight, Grand Cross, Order of the Golden Fire Dog (KGCG/DGCG).

### The Royal Order of Obeng II

The Royal Order of Obeng II is designed as a dynastic order of merit reflecting the traditional African royal orders that differentiates them clearly from European models. The membership of this order is restricted to the Chief or King of Obeng-Mim Stool Land and the very few other persons who have honored the king and the kingdom through their noble acts of love and charity that build up the kingdom and its legacy for future generations. The king is the Grand Master of the Royal Order and grants the dignity of the Order to others found to be of merit by His Majesty and the Royal House. Those who hold the rank of Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Golden Fire Dog may receive the order of merit of Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of Obeng II (KGCO/DGCO). The king may also grant the order of merit of Obeng II, rank of Grand Collar (GCO) to other recognized heads and members of royal houses, nobles, and heads of state, as well as a lifetime achievement to a member of the Royal Order of the Golden Fire Dog.



### THE OHENEBA FOUNDATION

Under the Republic of Ghana law, The Companies Act, 1963, Act 179, H.M. Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II created and registered with the Republic the Oheneba Foundation to develop the stool lands under his care. The Oheneba Foundation, tax identification number C0035079100, was registered in Accra on 21st February 2020, registration number CG012342020.

The Oheneba Foundation is a separate entity from the person of H.M. Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II (a.k.a Mr. Ofosuhene Dacosta) and all finances of the Foundation and H.M. are separated. The Board of the Foundation is composed on H.M. Oheneba Nana Kwame Obeng II, Obahemaa (Queen Mother of Development) H.E. Nana Akua Kra II (a.k.a. Tee Gambles-Francis) of the U.S. State of Hawaii, and H.E. the Rev'd Dr. Christian D. Boyd, KGCG (myself) of the U.S. State of Wisconsin as the Royal House Project Coordinator and Fundraising Officer. H.E. Nana Akua Kra II, as the Queen Mother of Development, oversees the finances of the Foundation and is the key contact for development partnerships. H.E. Patricia Akosua Attah of Ghana's Suaman Dadieso, Western Region, serves as the Director of the Foundation and oversees the in-country day-to-day operations.

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