

## **PROFILE OF TEMA WEST**

### **1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Tema West Municipal Assembly (TWMA) is one of the ten (10) MMDAs created in 2018 in the Greater Region of Ghana. It is situated in the South Eastern and diagonally located between Latitudes 5°42"00' N and Longitudes Longitudes 0°00"30' W and Latitudes 5°36"20' S and Longitudes 0°7"10' W. It has a total land area of about 66.8 square km, which represents almost 2.1 percent of the total land size of the Greater Accra Region. The Municipal Assembly was carved from the Tema Metropolitan Assembly and was inaugurated on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. It was Legislative Instrument (LI) 2317.

### **2. LOCATION AND SIZE**

The Municipal Assembly shares boundaries with the Krowor Municipality to the West, Adentan to the North-West, Kpone to the North, Ashaiman Municipality to the North – East, and the Tema Metropolitan to the East, with the Gulf of Guinea sharing the south-eastern boundaries. Community 2 is the District capital of the Tema West Municipal Assembly and is located at the south eastern part of the Municipality lying close to the coast. The location of the Municipality makes it economically viable in relation to the many Companies and Industries existing in the area.

### **3. POPULATION**

The population of the Municipal Area is projected at 150,007 with an annual growth rate of 2.6%. It is made up of 47.8% males and 52.2% females.

This is largely attributed to the migration of young men and women into the city of Tema in search of jobs.

### **4. MISSION STATEMENT**

'To provide socio-economic and spatial development through the mobilization and utilization of quality human and material resources to improve the living conditions of people within the Municipality.'

### **5. VISION STATEMENT**

Tema West Municipal Assembly (TWMA) is: 'A model of Decentralization in providing client-oriented services to its people'.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide socio-economic infrastructure and service in the Municipality.
2. To provide effective and efficient revenue mobilization and management.
3. To ensure clean, safe and healthy environment.
4. To promote socio-economic activities in the Municipality especially for the vulnerable and excluded.
5. To improve upon the logistics and human resource of the Municipality.

6. To enhance good Governance and civic responsibility by strengthening the administrative set up.
7. To promote effective private sector participation in the development of the Municipality.
8. To facilitate the development and application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) base in the Municipality

## 6. GOVERNANCE IN TEMA WEST

TWMA has eleven (11) Electoral Areas with a representation each from these areas making up the Assembly and five (5) members who were duly appointment by the President. These electoral areas are Halcrow, Dzata-Bu, Kassadjan, Railways, Kaiser, Wolei, Sakumono, Baatsonaa, Lashibi, Kla-Gon and Adjei-Kojo. Each electoral electoral area has a five-member Unit Committee who are also elected and work hand in hand with the Assembly Members and the Traditional Authorities.

### 7.1 Composition of Tema Electoral Areas

The table below shows the towns and communities under the electoral areas in Tema West Municipality.

| No. | NAME OF ELECTORAL AREA | COMMUNITIES              |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | HALCROW                | COMMUNITY 2              |
| 2.  | DZATA-BU               | COMMUNITY 3              |
| 3.  | RAILWAYS               | COMMUNITY 5              |
| 4.  | KAISER                 | COMMUNITY 5              |
| 6.  | WOLEI                  | SAKUMONO VILLAGE         |
| 7.  | SAKUMONO               | SAKUMONO ESTATE          |
| 8.  | BAATSONA               | BAATSONA                 |
| 9.  | LASHIBI                | COMMUNITY 16,17,18,19,20 |
| 10. | KLAGON                 | KLAGON                   |
| 11. | ADJEI – KOJO           | ADJEI – KOJO             |

The Unit Committees are at the lowest level and form the basic unit of the Local Government Structure.

The General Assembly is headed by a Presiding Member.

The Municipality has one constituency called the Tema West Constituency

The Assembly is headed by the Municipal Chief Executive (MCE) who is nominated by the President and approved by two-third majority of the Assembly. The MCE is also the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Assembly which reviews the sub-committee reports.

The Municipal Co-ordinating Director (MCD) co-ordinates all the activities of the various departments and is also the Secretary to the General Assembly.

One other significant actor in Tema West is the TDC Company Limited, which was established to ensure appropriate development of the Acquisition Area. To date the TDC manages a total land area of 180 square kilometers.

## 7. ADMINISTRATION

The decentralization policy of the Government has given rise to the establishment of the District Assembly Concept. It is the highest political and administrative authority. It is composed of:

- The Municipal Chief Executive
- Hon. Assembly Members of which two-thirds are directly elected by universal adult suffrage and 1 / 3 approved by the President of the Republic of Ghana in consultation with Chiefs and other interested groups in the Municipality.

The Assembly has a Presiding Member who presides over the General Assembly meetings. The Municipality Co-ordinating Director who is a Career Civil Servant is the Secretary to the Assembly and performs administrative functions and policies which are implemented by the Municipal Authority.

The Municipal Authority has seven (7) sub-committees which are responsible for collating and deliberating on issues relevant to its deliberative, executive and legislative functions. They submit their recommendations to the Municipal authority for consideration which are later ratified by the General Assembly.

- The assembly has a Public Relations and Complaints Committee chaired by the Presiding Member

## Functions / Responsibilities of Tema West Municipal Assembly

1. Be responsible for the overall development of the district.
2. Formulate and execute plans, programmes and strategies for the effective mobilization of the resources necessary for the overall development of the district;
3. Promote and support productive activity and social development in the district and remove any obstacles to initiate and development.
4. Sponsor the education of students from the district to fill particular manpower needs of the district especially in the social sectors of education and health, making sure that the sponsorship is fairly and equitably balanced between male female students;
5. Initiate programmes for the development of basic infrastructure and provide municipal works and services in the district;

6. Be responsible for the development, improvement and management of human settlements and the environment in the district;
7. In co-operation with the appropriate national and local security agencies, be responsible for the maintenance of security and public safety in the district;
8. Ensure ready access to courts in the district for the promotion of justice;
9. Act to preserve and promote the cultural heritage within the district;
10. Initiate, sponsor or carry out studies that may be necessary for the discharge of any of the duties conferred by this Act or any other enactment; and
11. Perform any other functions that may be provided under another enactment. Some of these are:

| No. | Service  | Time frame (months/days)  |
|-----|--|---|
| 1.  | Issuance of Building Permit                          | 1-90 days depending on the submission of all relevant documents |
| 2.  | Preparation and approval of planning schemes/layouts | Three (3) months  |
| 3.  | Issuance of Business Operating Permit (BOP)          | Within one working day  |

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|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4. | Waste Management                      | Twice weekly collection |
| 5. | Issuance of food vendors certificate  | Three (3) months        |
| 6. | Public education on Hygiene Practices | Daily                   |

#### Information Transparency and Convenience

1. We have a Municipal Information Department that will generate positive Publicity for the Assembly and enhance our reputation.
2. The public will be duly informed about the activities of government and the Assembly in addition to drafting the press releases and contact people in the media who will print or broadcast Assembly's programmes and activities regularly.

3. Lock and key notice boards will be made available at our offices and Zonal Council offices.
4. Clients of the Municipal Assembly will be provided with all necessary information they need to access our services.
5. Town Hall meetings for the public will be organized by the Assembly to keep the public informed about developmental projects undertaken in the Municipality.
6. Client Service Desk has been provided at the Assembly as the first point of call for our clients who visit our offices.
7. Suggestion boxes will be erected at vantage points to solicit public views on our service delivery.

**We strive for**

1. Continuous improvement in our service delivery.
2. The creation of an enabling environment for socio-economic development
3. Empowerment of women and other vulnerable groups to participate in government and Assembly's development agenda.
4. The protection and promotion of health and the prevention of diseases.
5. Provision of information in an open and transparent manner.
6. Creation of conducive environment for Public Private Partnership (PPP) in our delivery to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.

**WHAT THE ASSEMBLY EXPECTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Assembly expects full co-operation and compliance with its rules, regulations and procedures to ensure smooth service delivery.

To access any of the services provided by Assembly;

1. 1. Business should be fully registered with the Registrar General's Department
2. 2. Business address and location including street names should be made available to the Assembly immediately
3. 3. Registered indenture (Land Title Certificate) and four (4) copies of Architectural drawings for the issuance of building/development permits.
4. 4. A child has weighing card and in the case of persons above one (1) year, provision of baptismal certificate and ID cards are required.
5. 5. The public will participate in the various community level education programmes on sanitation, hygiene, revenue collection and others.
6. 6. The bye-laws of the Assembly will be complied to ensure effective administration of the Municipality.

### **Other Collaborating Agencies**

Tema West Municipal Assembly shall collaborate with the following departments and agencies among several others

1. Ghana Revenue Authority
2. The Internal Audit Agency
3. The Ghana Police Service
4. Electricity Company of Ghana
5. Land Commission
6. Land Valuation Board
7. Community Water and Sanitation Agency
8. Ghana Aids Commission
9. The Private sector is also a major collaborating agent that we cherish most and are always welcome to do business with us.

### **COMPLAINTS**

TWMA welcomes complaints from the public, clients and customers. Complaints against the Assembly as an Institution, Assembly members and staff should be addressed to:

**THE CHAIRMAN**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (PRCC)**

**TEMA WEST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**

**TEMA**

In case you are not satisfied, you can visit the Head Office of the Assembly at Baatsona, Community 17 Junction or write to:

**CO-ORDINATING DIRECTOR**

**TEMA WEST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**

**P.O.BOX SK 1957**

**SAKUMONO, TEMA.**

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