

## **Keegan Community Development Committee**

### **Background and Purpose**

Keegan Resources (Ghana) Ltd. established the Keegan Community Development Committee (KCDC) in July 2007.

The KCDC helps disseminate information to local communities and, by considering proposals for local community projects, provides opportunities and funding for those in its project catchment area to enjoy sustainable improvements to their quality of life.

### **Committee Structure**

The KCDC meets on a quarterly basis and is comprised of representatives from the communities within Keegan's project catchment area: Esaase, Manhyia; Aboabo, Tetekaso; Tetrem; Mpatoam; Gyeninso, Akataniase and Bonteso.

Other participants include the local Member of Parliament and representatives of the District Assembly, police and Environmental Protection Agency, among others.

### **Funding Criteria**

All requests for community development project funding are centralized through the KCDC. Generally speaking, proposals that enjoy broad support within their respective communities are recommended to Keegan for funding.

Specifically, the criteria for projects sponsored by the KCDC are:

- must be within the project catchment area (i.e. the communities listed above);
- focused on sanitation, health, education, and community infrastructure (future projects may also include training and capacity building);
- must have community acceptance and support;
- must include a contribution by the community, generally in the form of communal labour; and
- must be sustainable beyond the presence of exploration and/or mining activities.

### **Contributions to Date**

#### **Projects Sponsored to Date by the KCDC**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status as of Dec. 2009</b>
Akataniase	Electrification system extension.	Commissioned Nov 2008
Manhyia	KVIP* (11 seat).	Completed, but not commissioned
Tetrem	KVIP (5 seat).	Completed, but not commissioned
Mpatoam	KVIP (2 each of 6 seats).	60% complete
Aboabo	KVIP (5 seat).	40% complete
Tetekaso	KVIP (5 seat).	40% complete

Gyeninso	Community market.	40% complete
Esaase	KVIP (2 each of 5 seats).	20% complete
Bonteso	KVIP (10 seat).	20% complete
Central Project: Mother of God Clinic (near Esaase)	KVIP (2 seat) and bath house.	Commissioned Dec 2008
Central Project Mother of God Clinic	TV and benches for waiting room.	Pending
Central Project: Mother of God Clinic	Water supply pipeline from Esaase pump station.	20% complete
Central Project: Ahwerewa Police Station	KVIP (1 seat), furniture and building repairs.	Commissioned Dec 2008
Central Project: Esaase High School Girls' Dormitory	Site preparation and levelling, and provision of sand for block molding.	Completed Dec 2009
Central Project: Project catchment area	Health Needs Assessment by Intl. SOS.	Literature review and field visit complete, report pending

\*Kumasi Ventilated Improved Pit Latrine (KVIP)

Other activities that have received KCDC contributions include:

- repairs of roads, school buildings and community hand pumps
- donations to Divisional Police for vehicle purchase, and to Ahwerewa police for a motorcycle
- contributions to the Amansie-West District Assembly to support for Farmers' Day, Independence Day, Ghana @ 50 Day, Education Day, National Service Week, District Health Directorate, and District Health immunization and education programmes
- donations to traditional activities of the Manso-Nkwanta Paramountcy and Akwesidea celebrations with community chiefs

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