

VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY

RIGHT TO INFORMATION REPORT

Implementation of Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989)

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

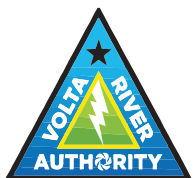


TABLE OF CONTENTS

VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY	0
INTRODUCTION	2
About <i>Volta River Authority</i>	2
RTI Annual Report Overview	2
APPLICATION FOR ACCESS AND DECISIONS	3
Reviews	5
SENSITISATIONS, CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS	6
Sensitisations/Trainings/Meetings	6
Challenges	7
Recommendations	7

INTRODUCTION

About *Volta River Authority*

The ***Volta River Authority*** recognises the importance of the RTI law to foster a culture of transparency and accountability in public affairs, particularly in a democratic society like Ghana. Pursuant to Act 989, the ***Volta River Authority*** has established an Information Unit headed by an Information Officer/Designated Officer.

RTI Annual Report Overview

This report serves as a means of giving direct, regular, and prompt feedback on activities relative to the implementation of the RTI Act (Act 989) in the Institution. It provides detailed information on RTI activities in the Institution.

APPLICATION FOR ACCESS AND DECISIONS

[Indicate, where appropriate, the responses to these indicators]

App No. (E.g., Year/RTI-Institution/number)	Name of Applicant/ Organisation & Contacts (E-mail, Tel. No.)	Gender of Applicant	Type of Applicant	Mode of application	Date of Receipt	Decision Date	A summary of each request in application	Decision
2023/RTI-VRA/01	Ernest Dansa Appiah, on behalf of Centre for Democratic Empowerment 0302937156 info@cdeghana.org	✓ Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual ✓ Organisation	✓ Letter <input type="checkbox"/> RTI Standard Form <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic (E-mail, ORMS)	23/10/2023	06/11/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement Plans of VRA for the years 2022 and 2023 	Access Granted
						11/12/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement Contract Details using the single source procurement method, the restricted tendering method and the competitive tendering method from January 1, 2022 to date. 	Access Granted
2023/RTI-VRA/02	Honourable Ernest Henry Norgbey 0244454073 norg20@yahoo.com	✓ Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	✓ Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation	✓ Letter <input type="checkbox"/> RTI Standard Form	07/12/2023	Sent a request for an extension notice to the applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audited financial reports of VRA for the past ten years 	Pending
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment into the VRA Resettlement Trust Fund for the last ten years 	Pending

				<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic (E-mail, ORMS)		on December 22, 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trend analysis of water levels in the Akosombo and Kpong Dams between May and October for the immediate five years 	Pending
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production cost of both Thermal and Hydro sent to PURC for the last five years 	Pending
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trend generation mix between VRA Thermal plants and Hydro 	Pending
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The years in which loans used in the construction of the two Dams were fully settled 	Pending
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Capital injection into the two dams 	Pending
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How much funds were released to NADMO to cater for the Disaster victims as a result of the 	Pending

								Akosombo and Kpong Dams spillage	
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-------------------------------------	--

If access is denied, provide the reason(s) for the denial below.

App No.	Reasons for denying access
	No applicant was denied access to information, during the year under consideration.

Reviews

App No.	Type of Review	Date of receipt	Date of Decision	Decision by Head of Institution	Remarks
	<input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input type="checkbox"/> RTI Commission <input type="checkbox"/> High Court	Click or tap to enter a date.	Click or tap to enter a date.	Select	No request for review of decision was made, during the year under review.

SENSITISATIONS, CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Sensitisations/Trainings/Meetings

[Indicate any RTI sensitisation organised in your institution]

Publics sensitised. (Publics include internal staff, staff at regional/district offices, stakeholders, clients, individual, etc.)	Date	Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • External Stakeholders 	1 st Quarter	Provided sensitisation to Staff through the VRA Corporate Newsletter. Topic discussed for Quarter one is <i>'the Role of the Volta River Authority under the Right to Information'</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • External Stakeholders 	2 nd Quarter	In Quarter two, sensitisation was provided on the <i>'Offences and Sanctions under the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989)'</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • External Stakeholders 	3 rd Quarter	For the 3 rd Quarter, Staff were sensitised on <i>'Refusal of Access to Information: The Appeal Process'</i>
Internal Staff (2023/2024 National Service Personnel)	02/11/2023	Organised an in-person sensitisation exercise on the provisions of the Right to Information Act at the Orientation for the 2023/2024 National Service Personnel
Internal Staff (Executive Committee)	20/11/2023	Delivered a presentation on the implementation of RTI to the Executives during the Executive Committee Meeting (ExCo).

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff• External Stakeholders	4 th Quarter	The RTI Office concluded its sensitisation efforts for the year, with a publication on <i>'Exemptions - What Cannot be Accessed'</i> .
---	-------------------------	---

Challenges

[What challenges did you face regarding your work?]

No challenge was encountered, during the year under review

Recommendations

[What would you recommend should be done to improve RTI implementation in your institution?]