

## EDUCATION REMAINS KEY TO CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND SUSTAINING PARTNERSHIP WITHIN IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

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**H**ead of Corporate Communications Unit of the Volta River Authority, Mrs. Gertrude Koomson has stated, “The Authority believes that education is the backbone on which efforts to create opportunities and partnership with its impacted communities can be achieved”.

Mrs. Koomson made the remark when she, on behalf of the Management of the Volta River Authority (VRA), presented educational materials to communities impacted by its



*Beneficiaries in a photograph with the VRA officials*

operations within the Lower Volta Basin and upstream of the Akosombo Dam.

Addressing the gathering, Mrs. Koomson noted, “Our frantic efforts to partner with our impacted communities by creating opportunities via developmental projects cannot be sustained if we do not express the greatest interest and

desire in educating the children.” She urged the pupils from the communities to study hard in order to become good citizens not only for their communities but also for the nation at large. “The only way you can become responsible citizens like the people gathered here today is through education, so, I advise you all to take your studies seriously,” she said.

Presentation of the one hundred and sixty-nine thousand (169,000) VRA branded exercise books, one thousand six hundred and twenty (1,620) story books, eighty-two thousand five hundred VRA branded pens (82,500) and fifty (50) HIV/AIDS game according to her forms part of the Authority's support to impacted communities under the Community Development Programme (CDP) framework.

The Framework makes provision for



*Items donated*



*Mrs. Koomson addressing the media*

the distribution of learning materials, to facilitate learning as well as provide scholarship to brilliant but needy students at the secondary and tertiary levels.

Directors of the various Municipal/District Education Services and representatives of the various Traditional Authorities expressed their gratitude to the VRA for the support.

The beneficiary Municipal and District Education Services that benefitted include; Central Tongu, Ada East, South Tongu, Upper Manya, Shai Osudoku, Kpando, Keta and Lower Manya Krobo respectively.