

VRA supports schools to improve reading, sanitation

Forty-two schools in VRA Communities to improve reading skills

A total of 42 basic schools in nine districts have received 300 copies of Anasesem, a book authored by Abynna-Ansah Adjei, to increase their library book stock as part of efforts to promote reading skills among pupils in the Volta River Authority's impacted communities.

The donation, which was at the instance of Ing Kirk Koffi, Chief Executive of the Authority, was distributed to the schools through the district education offices in fulfilment of the VRA's commitment to support the development of education in its areas of operation.



Mr. Kotoku receiving the books from VRA GSD Director on behalf of the schools.

Anasesem, is a collection of tales of the legendary "Kweku Ananse, the most cunning spider that ever lived. The 46-page hard-cover blue-designed book provides an insight of who Kweku Ananse is; the history of how Ananse stories became known as "Anasesem"; and the many other



Ms. Fiadjoe (2nd left) looking through the book with officials of the District

stories told about Ananse and his family.

The books were presented to primary schools that have library facilities.

The first batch of 60 books went to six schools in the Asuogyaman District namely Tortibo LA Primary, Boso Presby Primary, Gyakiti Primary, Adjena United Primary, Adomi LA Primary and South-Senchi LA Primary. The remaining 240 books went to schools in Ada East, Yilo Krobo, Lower Manya Krobo, Upper Manya Krobo, North Tongu, South Tongu, Central Tongu and Shama District.

"We have seen that there is no consistency in the performance of schools in our communities. There are years when schools in our communities do well and sometimes a year or two after, their performance drops. So we (VRA) are looking at ways we can support our communities to improve the quality of education," Ms Abia Fiadjoe, Director, General Services said during the presentation at Akrade.

She said under the VRA's Community Development Programme, the Authority has been donating exercise books to newly enrolled pupils in the communities with the aim to motivate the children to stay in school.

"VRA also has more than 100 scholarship beneficiaries in Senior High Schools. We are doing this to assure our communities that we are with them as they undertake the journey of development. Whatever little we can do, we will go ahead and do it," Ms Fiadjoe said.

Mr Fred Kotoku, the Human Resources Manager of the Asuogyaman Education Service, who received the books on behalf of the schools in the Asuogyaman district, expressed gratitude to the Authority, saying the donation would motivate pupils to improve their reading skills.

The district, he said, currently has a reading skill programme whereby every child's ability to read is tested adding that the books would help to further raise their interest.

VRA supports Akwamuman SHS to build 32-Seater Water Closet

The Volta River Authority has responded favourably to an appeal by the Akwamuman Senior High School near Akosombo to support construction of a 32-seater Water Closet toilet facility following the sudden collapse of the female students' KVIP facility.

The Authority's quick response with a total of 200 bags of cement totalling GH464,000 was to enable the school authorities to begin construction of the facility at a new site for the over 1,000 female students who are to resume the new academic year September this year.



Mr. Tawiah (in smock) expressing appreciation to the VRA during the donation

The school's KVIP facility caved-in after a heavy downpour when class was in session and few minutes after a student had visited the facility on June 20th this year.

Ms Abia Fiadjoe, Director, General Services Department, who presented the cement bags at the school in August, said VRA treated the request with the urgency it deserves given the seriousness of the calamity and the short time left for the students to resume academic work.



Work on 32-seater WC starts



The School's collapsed KVIP

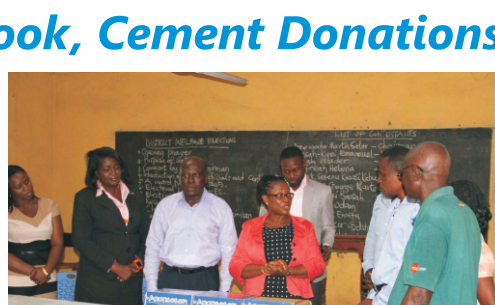
Mr Emmanuel Kwadjo Tawiah, the Headmaster, expressed gratitude to the VRA for the assistance and appealed to other corporate organisations for more support saying, "Our school is big with over 3,000 student's population and we are facing so many problems."

The new toilet facility is expected to be completed in 30 working days. Under its Community Development Programme, VRA recognises the need to support the development of education in its communities through partnership with the district assemblies and other development agencies.

More Pictures on the Book, Cement Donations



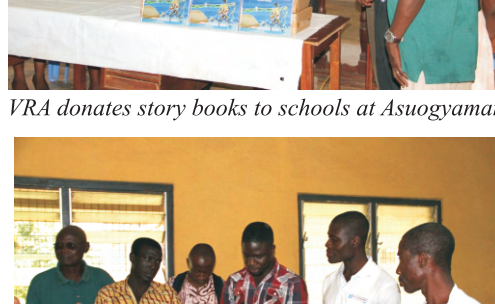
VRA takes Ananse stories to its communities



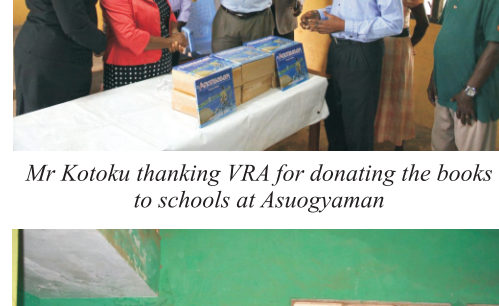
VRA donates story books to schools at Asuogyaman



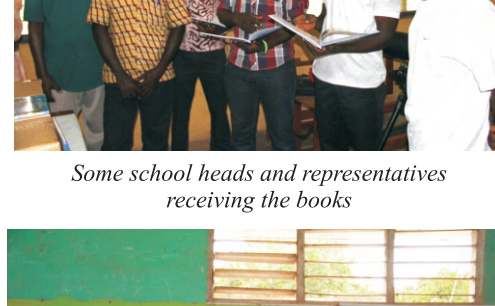
Mr Kotoku thanking VRA for donating the books to schools at Asuogyaman



Some school heads and representatives receiving the books



VRA donates cement bags to Akwamuman SHS to construct Water Closet toilet facility



Teachers of Akwamuman SHS at the presentation of the cement bags



Journalists talking to Ms Fiadjoe after the donation

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