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## *Council Sensitizes Members on Ghana's Oil*



**I**n pursuance of its commitment to ensure that the discovery of Oil

and Gas in large quantities at the Cape Three Point in the Western Region of Ghana is prudently managed to benefit every citizen, the Council developed, printed and distributed to member churches across the nation sensitization materials on the find.

The Council undertook this through a nation-wide visit to the various Local Council of Churches (LCC) in the nation. At every LCC that the Council got to, church leaders were educated on what the oil and gas sector is about and how to use the materials to also disseminate information to the congregation. The materials distributed included posters and brochures on the oil find and how expectations can be managed.

Rev. Adusei, the LCC Chairman for Kade expressed appreciation to the Council for sensitizing members on the sector to enable citizens to actively participate in fashioning out prudent policies for managing the sector to benefit all. He assured the Council that the LCC will use the materials provided to educate its members and the congregation on issues of the sector with the aim of managing expectations.

It will be recalled that the Council and the Ghana Pentecostal Council in July last year formed a Coalition to do advocacy on the oil find with support from the Ghana Research and Advocacy Programme (G-RAP). Since July last year, it has organized a number of forums, workshops and media briefings to ensure that government put in-place appropriate legislation and policies for the sector.

A key advocacy message of the Council was for the inclusion of the Transparency & Accountability Clause and, the establishment of a Public Interest & Accounta-

bility Committee with provision for Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) in the Revenue Management Bill. The General Secretary of the Council, Rev Dr. Fred Deegbe who also doubles as the Coordinator of the Coalition engaged with some members of the legislature and the media in ensuring that the above clauses were included in the Bill.

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## CCG Donates to 3 Hospitals



*UNHCR Rep. Madam Sharon Cooper hands over medical supplies to clinic administrator*

One of the core commitments of the Council is to support social institutions to improve on their service delivery to citizens especially the poor and marginalized. It is in this vein that the Council with assistance from the United Nation's High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has donated H1N1 materials to three health institutions in the Accra metropolis.

The beneficiary institutions were the La General Hospital, Mamobi and Dansoman Polyclinics. These hospitals were selected based on their continued provision of primary health care to urban refugees and asylum seekers in the country.

The items which were worth GH

12,000 included autoclaves, laboratory incubators, examination gloves, face masks and cotton swabs.

At a short ceremony to present the items, the General Secretary of the Council of Ghana, Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe acknowledged and appreciated the support of UNHCR to the Council in assisting refugees. He noted that the items are to enable the hospitals to enhance their capacity to diagnose and control any eventual outbreak of H1N1 among the urban population.



*The General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana, Rev. Dr. Fred Deegbe welcoming participants at the ceremony*

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- *Joint Meeting of CCG and Catholic Bishop's Conference*
- *Christian Home Week Celebration*
- *Refugees in Western Region and Brong Ahafo*
- *MDG in transition to hand over to another organization*

## VISION

Advocate and connect churches for a Christ-centered Ghana.

## MISSION

To facilitate the united mission of the Christian Church in Ghana in the proclamation and demonstration of the holistic witness of the Church through corporate activities and by enabling community programmes.

## AIM

Promote the unity of the church of Jesus Christ in Ghana, and thus further the realization of its oneness with the church throughout the world.

Foster and uphold the principle of fellowship among Churches whose efforts are directed towards the making of disciples for Jesus Christ.

Uphold the fellowship among Churches, namely that Churches must direct their energies to the conversion of non-Christians, and to the building up of their own members without opposing or undermining the work of other Churches.

Through consultation and discussion regarding their Christian witness and service in Ghana, to encourage

sound inter-Church relations, so that, led by the Holy Spirit, they shall boldly act and speak together in the service of God and the nation.

In the event of any significant changes in the social, economic, cultural or political situation in Ghana, to study and monitor the effect of such changes on the people of God, and to offer practical solutions thereto, so that the work of the Church may not be undermined or endangered.

Give guidance and counsel to Member Churches, Government, Chiefs and the people of Ghana whenever necessary, so that the Churches prophetic voice is heard in the promotion of peace, justice, unity and reconciliation.

Mobilize member churches and their constituencies for concerted ecumenical action for the spiritual, social, economic, and political transformation of Ghana.

Keep in constant touch with the World Council of Churches and the All Africa Council of Churches, and also with any local and international Ecumenical Bodies approved by the COUNCIL.